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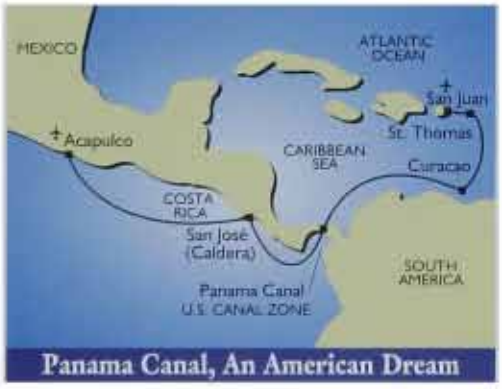

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Dear Graduates and Friends of USMA,

I have mentioned in my past letters in *ASSEMBLY* that upon my arrival at West Point, I committed myself to an early assessment of the existing cadet developmental and Academy support programs. And, as I have reported, I was pleased to conclude that the programs are sound, well balanced, and not in need of fundamental change. As a consequence, my general direction of advance for the future is to foster an atmosphere of stability and continuity at the Academy, implementing the existing programs effectively and making adjustments as necessary.

As a means toward that end, we will conduct annual reviews of our programs to identify needed adjustments. The first series of reviews, conducted this past spring, led to both some program adjustments and some directions for further study. For example, we reaffirmed that our academic program is well balanced, both in curricular relevance to Army needs and in the number of courses that are prescribed and elective. During this coming year, we shall examine the total faculty load to see if we have the optimal balance between quality of instruction and quantity of course offerings. We shall examine also the sum of institutional demands placed on our faculty.

Another example is our review of the physical program. Last spring our self-study of the Academy's intercollegiate sports for the NCAA confirmed the health of our program, but it also identified some areas that need further evaluation during this coming year. We reached similar conclusions after a review of our facilities long-range construction and maintenance priorities. We shall keep you informed as we make decisions from these evaluations in coordination with the Army leadership.

During the program reviews last spring, we recognized that MG Dave Bramlett, who had been a key figure in the implementation of the Cadet Leader Development System, would be departing this summer. To capitalize on his experience as Commandant, we focused special attention on the practical leadership aspects of the total cadet experience. Working with the Commandant and the tactical officers at all levels, we asked obvious questions about the elements of the program.

- What is the historical context? Why do we do it this way?
- What will it be like in the field Army?
- How does this achieve our goals for cadets?

From that review, our conclusions were very positive. The Cadet Leader Development System has been effective in getting cadets across all four classes constructively involved in progressive leadership development experiences, especially the yearlings and cows. As we proceeded, we found ourselves focused mostly on the First Class because of their unique challenges.

Cadets, as a group, are remarkably dedicated, talented, poised, self-assured young adults. Because they are so talented and self-confident, they also are among the most difficult groups to lead. The challenge to First Class cadet leaders is complicated further by the fact that college-age students are still reconciling the independent adoption of individual values with the acceptance of traditional, proven institutional values. At West Point, the conflicts between doing one's duties and the attraction of personal freedoms and privileges create a powerful dilemma for all cadets, but especially for the First Class, whose duties are greatest and whose privileges are most available. Admittedly few, if any, of us have mastered such conflicts completely, but we want to create at West Point an environment which will help the cadets form habits that will serve them well in the future.

Our goals for the First Class cadets include their practice of effective leadership as cadet officers in the Corps, as well as their transition to the lifestyle of commissioned officers in the Army. The objective of our development model is that all cadets, including those who are not in designated leadership positions, do not only the tasks specified by their jobs but also fulfill the implied tasks of leadership: maintaining a presence in the unit, setting the example, and enforcing standards. From the beginning, the transition to officer lifestyle was intended to proceed in step with the leadership of the Corps by the First Class; and so it is to further the achievement of these original objectives that we are making modest revisions within the model. By these refinements, we believe cadets will better learn to balance duties, authority, the personal responsibilities of leadership, and privileges. We also expect to foster personal accountability and an obligation to the larger organization in which they serve. Lastly, we seek to strengthen the military culture within which cadets are immersed for four years. Specifically, some of the modifications we implemented this summer are as follows:

- The First Class cadets' rooms are integrated throughout their company barracks areas, and those First Class cadets who are not in the chain of command are assigned uniformly throughout their companies by platoons.
- First Class cadets' off-post privileges (OPPs) begin after 1800 on weekdays and on those Saturdays on which there are football games.
- First Class cadets are authorized a generous but finite number of weekend passes, with Tacs empowered to give more based on excellence in performance of duties.
- The wear of civilian clothes is limited for upperclass cadets to departing from or returning to West Point and, for First Class cadets on post at West Point, to the First Class Club or officers' homes. Civilian clothes are not authorized in the barracks. Of course, civilian clothing is not authorized at all for the Fourth Class while at West Point.
- The Corps eats mandatory supper together in the Dining Hall one night each week.

In making adjustments such as these, we are faced as always with tradeoffs between competing objectives, tradeoffs that simply cannot be avoided. Finding the "golden mean" always will be a challenge. Whether we have achieved it yet or not, I am confident that we are working with a model that is fundamentally sound for satisfying the Army's and the Nation's need for young leaders of character. One recent evidence of that fact came to me in the message of Cadet Jim Isenhower, Class of '92, to his class at their Graduation Banquet on May 29th. Here is what he said:

> Recently a travel magazine published a brief description of West Point. As could be expected, the author described the beauty of the region and the impressive nature of the Academy. He then addressed its purpose and closed with an emotional argument defending the funding required to support the institution. He said, "How comforting it was to know that 1000 fresh lieutenants would be cut from such rich gray cloth. If only to keep alive the standard they defined, they seemed worth it to me."
>
> As our cadet careers come to a close we need to consider who we are, what responsibilities we must assume, and why we must inherit them.
>
> The fact remains clear: we must from this time forward assume the responsibility of a Graduate. Many of us have heard similar stories from old grads who weren't recognized as West Point lieutenants in their first unit. How proud they were not even to have been consid-

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ered a "typical," perhaps "arrogant" West Pointer. Once we leave here, no one will make us wear our rings to work, and no one will tell us we have to wear our USMA tie tack with Class A's. But we do have to represent the Corps … for the rest of our lives. To take pride in not being recognized as a West Pointer is an hypocrisy, simply because we must maintain the standard the Corps defines, whether it be uniforms, attitude, or ethics. That doesn't mean we are omnipotent second lieutenants. It means we have inherited a greater responsibility to those who will follow in our footsteps.

And that is precisely the reason we must consistently look and act as the public expects of West Point graduates. After tomorrow no one can ever take away from us the fact that we graduated from the United States Military Academy. Likewise, we may never, ever, relinquish the responsibility we are about to assume. We owe it to every old graduate who takes pride in his or her alma mater, every parent who has endured the same four years, and every citizen whose interests we'll defend.

So let us remind ourselves of who we are, the role we must play, and the responsibility it entails. We will all realize that we have accomplished our task when, in about twenty years, a member of the American public stands alone out by the Superintendent's box, looks across the Plain, and says to himself:

"If only to keep alive the standard they define, they seem worth it to me."

From Gracie and me, best wishes from West Point,

Howard D. Graves
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Superintendent

Letters to the Editor

LONG GRAY LINE

Although, in the more than 38 years since I left the Academy, I have given almost no thought as to whether I considered myself a member of the "Long Gray Line," if asked I would probably have answered in the affirmative. The recent letters in your publication on the subject have given me serious cause for reconsideration of the issue, since, under the conditions prescribed in many of the letters, I would be summarily—and somewhat mechanistically—excluded.

I left the Corps voluntarily and under entirely honorable circumstances six months before my class (1954) graduated. The motivation for one of the most difficult decisions I have ever made was the absolute certainty that I was not going to make a career of the Army. I was convinced that it was more honorable to leave the Army than to spend three years on active duty and then resign. I had twice requested the required parental permission to leave the Academy—in 1951 and 1952, while I was still a minor—but had it refused.

After graduating from a civilian college, I spent several years on active duty and in the reserves, serving honorably and even with distinction. I have been guided during my career by the principles of Duty, Honor and Country—not necessarily taught me, but certainly fortified, during my years in the Corps. Although I have never attempted to capitalize in any way by my past association with the Academy, those who know me and of that association would certainly attest that I am proud of it and that I have never dishonored it.

In view of the above, it was with some gratification that I read the brief letter on the subject in your July issue from MG C. Rodney Smith, a distinguished graduate and, quite coincidentally, the father of a close childhood friend and USMA graduate in the Class of 1953. I would hope that his comments can lay the matter to rest.

Stewart M. Manville x-'54

GRADUATE RETENTION

I must take issue with the letter of the Superintendent wherein he points with pride to the fact that 35% of our graduates are making a career of the Military. (I realize, of course, that he is not responsible for the Class of '72, but I believe that we should not be elated when only about a third of the graduates of the United States Military Academy follow the profession for which they have been trained and presumably inspired to be a part of. I wonder if the Dean of the Harvard Law School would point with pride if only 35% of his graduates followed the profession of Law as a career.)

There is something wrong with a system whose very name implies the need for MILITARY inspiration and MILITARY excellence, when the selected First Captain of the Corps of Cadets, after three years of military training, states that she has not decided whether or not to make a career of the Military.

With our record, it is not at all surprising that the Congress of the United States and the President have found it necessary to withdraw the automatic RA commissioning. We have not EARNED the right for any other judgment, and it is about time that our leaders begin to see the need for MILITARY EXCELLENCE among our graduates, instead of 65% not even choosing to pursue the military as a career.

Milian G. Weber, President, Class of '31

SCHWARZKOPF'S SPEECH ON CHARACTER

I want to thank General Palmer for his fine work in converting from videotape to writing General Schwarzkopf's great speech to the cadets on Competence and Character of 15 May 1991, as published in *ASSEMBLY*.

There are two aspects of character that interest me. For the past twenty-one years I have been serving the National Character Laboratory, Inc., as its president. Our job is to get people to use the results of prior research on character and to encourage more research.

This sounds simple enough, but, unfortunately, we have found our job almost impossible to accomplish. We discovered, beginning twenty years ago, that psychiatry, as head of mental health, which includes character, had abandoned morality in general, and that as part of that, they had removed the word "character" from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, the supreme written authority on everything having to do with mental health.

The practical effects of this were to remove the whole subject of character from all college level textbooks, thus creating a black hole in academia on character. All the valuable results from prior research are simply not reported in college texts. So none of our behavioral scientists know anything about the subject!

Thus, we do not use character theory in coping with our many serious behavior problems today, and of course, nobody is interested

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AOG ELECTION 1992

MEMBERS OF THE Association of Graduates at the annual meeting at West Point on 5 May elected a slate of graduates to serve as Class Trustees and Trustees-at-Large. Notice of the meeting was sent to all members of the Association.

Eleven Class Trustees representing the Classes of January '43, June '43, '47, '53, '57, '63, '67, '72, '77, '82 and '87 were selected for a one-year term. Twelve Trustees-at-Large were elected to serve three years. One Trustee-at-Large was elected to fill the one-year unexpired term of a Trustee-at-Large whose status was changed to Trustee-Emeritus.

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

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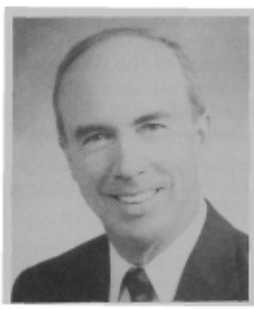

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Dear Fellow Graduates:

The July issue of ASSEMBLY told the story of the Association's new Distinguished Graduate Award and the presentations to four of our most illustrious alumni. In this issue we are publishing the remarks made by Andrew J. Goodpaster '39 and Thoralf M. Sundt, Jr. '52 at the Alumni Luncheon in Washington Hall on the day they received their awards. I hope you will read these two speeches.

Dr. Sundt followed General Goodpaster to the podium, and the audience of cadets, faculty and returning graduates from the classes of 1917, 1922, 1927, 1932, 1942 and 1952 sat spellbound as they listened to the deeply personal thoughts and inspiring words of these two great men. I know I speak for everyone in the Class of 1952 when I say that there wasn't a dry eye in the Mess Hall when Thor Sundt sat down.

Since its inception in 1958, the annual presentation of the Sylvanus Thayer Medal to a citizen of the United States whose record of service exemplifies the principles of the West Point motto has been the premier award ceremony held at the Military Academy. Three West Point graduates have received the Thayer Award: MacArthur '03, Eisenhower '15, and Bradley '15. Several years ago the Board of Trustees amended the rules so that USMA graduates are not eligible for the Thayer Award, thus avoiding the appearance of being self-serving.

Since that time, the Board has been concerned that the Association of Graduates had no means of honoring outstanding graduates whose service mirrors the ideals of West Point. Civilian universities award honorary degrees, but that option isn't open to the Military Academy. In 1991, following the recommendation of the Long Range Planning Conference of the previous year, the Association established the Distinguished Graduate Award.

General Graves, our Superintendent, graciously permitted the Association to present two of the 1992 awards at the Alumni Review that highlighted our May Reunion Week activities. I am convinced that, as the years pass, the Distinguished Graduate Award will equal the Thayer Award in importance and stature. Certainly the award gained lustre as the first four recipients, all outstanding Americans, were named.

Our other two recipients were General James A. Van Fleet '15 and General Matthew B. Ridgway, August '17. General Ridgway received his medal on 18 June at his home in Pittsburgh. It was presented by General Graves and the Association's Executive Vice-President, Colonel (Ret) Seth Hudgins. I presented General Van Fleet's medal at a ceremony marking his 100th birthday in March at Polk City, Florida. It was a wonderful affair, and the whole town turned out. General Van Fleet acknowledged the award with poignant recollections of West Point and his military service.

In addressing the Alumni Luncheon, General Goodpaster and Dr. Sundt each took as the subject of their remarks slightly different approaches to the same theme. That theme was: *The Meaning of West Point*.

General Goodpaster reminded us of the importance of West Point to our country, to our Army, and to each of us. He said, "And now, for just a moment, let us think of what West Point has meant to each of us—how it has burned within us the challenge to measure up to" duty, honor, country "in all we do ..."

He reminded us, too, of the pride we have in the Military Academy and the role it plays in the service of our country. He emphasized that with that pride goes a responsibility to see that the Academy holds true to its core values and that we must all be ready to take up the challenge of protecting West Point "... in its proper role, within the Army and for the nation, against all who—wittingly, unwittingly, sometimes witlessly, seek to ... damage or downgrade the Academy."

These are words to remember, particularly in today's climate where many Americans see the end of the Cold War as a time to emasculate our armed forces. We all must heed General Goodpaster's warning—and his challenge.

Dr. Sundt shared with us a few vignettes of his life as a plebe and yearling in the late '40's. We laughed as we recalled our own experiences—experiences that weren't all that funny at the time! Prominently featured in Thor Sundt's narration was then-LTC Arthur S. "Ace" Collins, a tactical officer whose very name was enough to terrorize the strongest cadet. As we chuckled at the impossible predicaments Cadet Sundt found himself in, we realized that "Ace" Collins had been teaching us *The Meaning of West Point*.

Dr. Sundt well remembers the words of LTC Collins: "the purpose of the plebe system is to mold your character and develop discipline ...", and: "Do not expect life to be fair, it is not; only with self-discipline can you endure and overcome its hardships and vicissitudes."

Just before graduation, Thor Sundt recalled that "The Ace" met with a small group of cadets who soon would be commissioned and on their way to the war in Korea. Among them were two of our classmates who did not return. LTC Collins' last words to those members of '52 were, "Make me proud!"

Dick Inman did. Richard Shea did. And so did Dr. Thoralf Sundt.

Sincerely,

Denis F. Mullane, President
Association of Graduates, USMA

PS: Let me not fail to say "thank you" to Colonel (Retired) Morris Herbert '50. Morris has served West Point, the Army and our Country for 46 years. His service to the AOG has been exemplary. He is a good friend to me; indeed, he has collaborated on each of these letters. Join me, please, in saluting his service.

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

Fellow Members of the Association of Graduates:

In June 1870, when the first annual meeting of the Association of Graduates was held, the Association's membership numbered 128, less than 10% of the living graduates of the Military Academy. At the same meeting, the Treasurer reported that the Association's assets consisted of $490.70 in cash, and one $500 U.S. Savings bond!

As we conclude the 123rd year of your Association's existence, I'm happy to report that we're in much better shape, both in membership and financial soundness. The actual numbers are shown in "A Brief Historical Summary of the Affairs of the Association," which I have attached to this report.

Our constitution states that the purpose of the Association of Graduates is to "further the ideals and promote the welfare of the Military Academy." Mindful of that charge, over the past year we have worked closely with our new Superintendent, Lieutenant General Howard D. Graves '61, to provide the support and the dollars the Military Academy needs to implement the projects and programs that cannot be financed through appropriated funding.

Here are some of the more significant events of the past year.

Design has been completed for the new James K. Herbert Alumni Center, which will occupy the site of old Smith Rink, just down the hill south of Michie Stadium. A bequest of $3 million from James K. Herbert '30 has enabled the Association to make this long-needed facility a reality. In February, the AOG Vice-President for Development initiated a fund raising campaign to complete financing for the building and the required maintenance endowment. The Alumni Center will be a focal point for graduates returning to West Point, with meeting rooms, assembly areas and private lounge areas. Construction is scheduled to begin in the late fall, and we expect to occupy the three-story building by the summer of 1994. I've seen the architect's drawings, and I know you will be as proud as I am of this beautiful and functional structure.

The West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program, which the Association manages and administers on behalf of the Military Academy, completed its twelfth year. A total of 350 cadets have entered West Point through our support and their own hard work, and the persistence rate of cadets who have passed through our program—the percent graduating—continues to be higher than that of cadets entering West Point from any other source.

Our Publications program completed its first full year of six issues for *ASSEMBLY* magazine. The change has proved to be beneficial for our readers and workable for our staff. In November 1991, we accepted tasteful and appropriate advertising in *ASSEMBLY* for the first time. A colorful cover featuring the Class of 1891 adorned the 1991 *REGISTER*, and an informative feature article on the 1891 class began what may be a tradition with future *REGISTER*s.

While the Association continues to be fiscally sound, the depressed economy has had an effect both on fund-raising and the cost of running the Association. Our net surplus is less this year than last, and the overall market value of the Association's assets showed an increase of only 3%.

In anticipation of increased requirements by the Military Academy for private funds, we have increased our Development staff and completed a very successful phonathon. The phonathon was directed only at cadet parents, with the resulting gifts to be used solely for cadet activities.

The 1992-93 Travel Program will feature six trips, including cruises and visits to the Mediterranean, Europe and Alaska. The Travel Program was established in 1979 and continues to be popular with our graduates and widows.

The West Point Societies Program is alive and well. Improved communication between the AOG and the societies is emphasized by the new West Point Societies Bulletin Board System which uses the latest in computer technology to upgrade information flow. The Sixth Annual Societies Presidents Conference was the best attended we have ever held; we are grateful to the Superintendent, Dean, Commandant and Director of Athletics for devoting so much of their time to briefing the conferees and answering many tough questions.

Your Association, together with the Military Academy, has several major concerns which will demand our close attention for the foreseeable future. Two of them are the six-year commitment for Academy graduates which takes effect with the Class of 1996, and the Congressional decision to eliminate the automatic regular commission for graduates of the service academies. I will keep you advised of progress in both areas. Another major concern is the number of graduates leaving the service, some involuntarily and some because of uncertainty. The AOG must actively assist these graduates as they make the transition to civilian life; that planning is underway with our Board of Trustees.

Two committees of the Association, appointed last year, are producing positive results. They are the *2002 Steering Group*, which is planning for the 200th anniversary of the Military Academy, and the *Strategic Planning Committee*, which is concerned with long-range planning for the Association.

I look forward to the coming year with confidence and with the expectation that our relationship with the Military Academy will grow and strengthen as together we confront the challenges of the next decade.

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

I. *Membership Program.* Membership increased during the year from 34,482 to 35,141. The current membership includes 465 associate members and 853 members of the Class of 1991, 90.1% of the class strength. Of all living graduates, including those of the Class of 1991, 96.7% are Association members. During the past year 194 members have been dropped from the rolls, all because of death.

II. *West Point Societies Program.* During the past year the number of organized West Point societies stabilized at 103. The Corpus Christi Society was dis-established because of low year-round membership. On the plus side, the program welcomed the West Point Society of West Palm Beach. Efforts continue to establish socie-

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ties in Vermont, Southwest Virginia and Hong Kong, China. Revitalization actions focused on those few societies experiencing organizational difficulties. The Capitol District (Albany), Inland Empire/Palm Springs, Central Florida, Toledo and West Virginia societies are once again viable organizations.

The Association continues to encourage societal USMA admissions, information and community relations programs. The Association and a number of the larger societies are reassessing their career advisory programs in light of the greatly increased numbers of graduates leaving active duty to enter the civilian sector. The AOG, in coordination with the societies, has initiated programs to enhance communication and support of graduates.

During 1991, the AOG published and distributed to each society the West Point Societies Handbook—a comprehensive compendium containing information, reference data and numerous examples of Society programs, rosters and newsletters. The AOG has established a Fax broadcast network which enables the AOG to simultaneously communicate with more than 75% of the societies. The AOG is working to establish an electronic bulletin board. Hardware and software have been acquired and a pilot system is under development.

The capstone of this year's West Point Societies Program was the Sixth Annual Presidents Conference conducted at West Point on 28 April 1992, attended by representatives of 57 societies. The conference provided invaluable opportunities to inform, exchange ideas and promote a coordinated program of support for the Academy and its graduates.

III. *Development Program*. The Association continued to raise funds for the benefit of West Point, the Corps of Cadets and AOG. This effort is coordinated by the West Point Fund Committee and the Development staff. During the year, $2,531,510.16 was received from 10,932 gifts; $1,651,170.41 was for the West Point Fund accounts and $880,339.75 for AOG accounts. Over $3,618,365.50, part of which came from prior years, was dispersed for projects and activities benefiting the Military Academy. Eight new life income gifts were added during the year. Their combined value was $4,284,496.33. We received 22 bequests with a total value of $980,094.17. The campaign to raise $10 million for the Herbert Alumni Center was launched on 1 January 1992 and will run for five years. The expansion of the fund raising program continued with the addition of a Director of Class Giving and a research assistant in Special Giving.

IV. *Publications Program*. During fiscal year 1992 the Association of Graduates initiated advertising in *ASSEMBLY* (November issue) and published the 1991 *REGISTER OF GRADUATES* (1891 Centennial Edition). LTC (Ret) Julian M. Olejniczak assumed the duties of Associate Vice-President for Publications upon the retirement of COL (Ret) Paul W. Child, Jr on 31 August 1991. The transfer of *REGISTER* files from WANG to DOS was begun, and the procurement of equipment to support desktop publishing was completed. *ASSEMBLY* had 22,866 subscribers and the *REGISTER* had 13,525. Of these, 882 were members of the Class of 1991 who received a free subscription to both publications as a membership benefit. There was no significant loss of subscribers due to the price increase other than the normal decline in *REGISTER* subscriptions during a non-decennial year. Currently only 58% of graduates subscribe, averaging 45% during the first 20 years after graduation and increasing thereafter.

V. *West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program*. The West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program completed its 12th year this spring, with a total of 47 candidates enrolled in the 1991-1992 Program. Of these, 12 were recruited athletes and 35 scholar/leader candidates. Ten of the 12 recruited athletes and 26 of the 36 scholar/leaders have been admitted to West Point. As of 15 April 1992, two candidates, one athlete and one scholar/leader, remain to be resolved. If neither is admitted, the final tabulation will be 36 of 47 candidates in the 1991-1992 Program admitted to West Point. This percentage—76.6%—is slightly below the average for the previous eleven years.

However, of those who completed the academic year (42 candidates), 36 have been admitted—a respectable 86%.

The lower percentage of admissions reflects the current tougher admissions policy as the Academy draws down the strength of each entering class. From a peak of 1,450 new cadets a few years ago, West Point plans to admit only 1,210 this year.

VI. *Travel Program*. The Association continued its alumni travel program with the objective of bringing together graduates and friends of West Point in an environment that would encourage their support of the Academy. For 1992, USMA Alumni have participated in a trip to the Galápagos Islands, Panama Canal and Mexican Riviera and will travel to the Canadian Rockies and Vancouver, British Isles and Ireland, America's National Parks and Latin America.

VII. *Finance and Services*. The report of the annual audit, to be performed by Urback, Kahn and Werlin, will be published in *ASSEMBLY* magazine. The financial statement for the year ending 31 March 1992 reflects that the Association's total assets increased from $29,049,855.00 to $29,983,049.00; the market value of the Endowment Fund increased from $12,005,785.00 to $13,014,327.00; and the Association's operating expenses increased from $2,404,408.00 to $2,876,325.00.

VIII. *Class Reunions*. The Classes of 1946, 1956, 1961 and 1966 held reunions at West Point during the fall. The Classes of 1971, 1976, 1981 and 1986 held reunions at Homecoming. During Graduation Week the Classes of 1926, 1931, 1936, 1941, and 1951 held their reunions.

IX. *Sylvanus Thayer Award*. The 1991 Sylvanus Thayer Award was presented to Ambassador Paul H. Nitze on 3 October 1991.

X. *Distinguished Graduate Awards*. Pursuant to the resolution of the Board of Trustees, the AOG initiated the Distinguished Graduate Award program during 1991. This award is given to those graduates whose distinguished service clearly emulates the principles embodied in the Academy's motto, Duty, Honor, Country. Four truly distinguished Americans were selected to receive the first awards: General James A. Van Fleet, Class of 1915; General Matthew B. Ridgway, Class of April, 1917; General Andrew J. Goodpaster, Class of 1939; and Dr. Thoralf M. Sundt, Jr., Class of 1952. General Van Fleet was recognized during the occasion of his 100th birthday celebration on 19 March 1992. The other recipients were recognized during the months of May and June 1992.

XI. *Oldest Graduate*. The oldest living graduate of the Military Academy is Colonel Edmund DeTreville Ellis, Class of 1915. Colonel Ellis celebrated his 102nd birthday on 12 March 1992.

XII. *Alumni Center*. The James K. Herbert Alumni Center reached 65% design completion by the end of the fiscal year. The 32,000 sq. ft. building will be constructed on the old Smith Rink site at an estimated cost of $10 million including construction, furnishing, and a maintenance and operations endowment. The contract will be awarded in October 1992 and the Center will be occupied by the summer of 1994.

XIII. *Alumni-Parents Welcome House*. The Alumni-Parents Welcome House

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USMA's Class of 1992 "The Brave and the Few"—Graduates 929 New Members of the Long Gray Line

On 30 May 1992, 929 new leaders of character, prepared during four years in the United States Corps of Cadets to serve the common defense, upheld the enduring 190-year United States Military Academy traditions of the Long Gray Line.

With the following oath, 827 men and 102 women were transformed into West Point's newest second lieutenants: *"I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, so help me God."*

General Gordon R. Sullivan, Chief of Staff of the Army, was commencement speaker and presented diplomas to the top 51 honor graduates. The remainder of the Class of 1992 graduated in alphabetical order within their companies. General Sullivan's speech marks the twelfth time since 1869 that a Chief of Staff of the Army has been commencement speaker at the Military Academy.

Class Of 1992 Top Ten Cadets

John R. Sadler, Knoxville, TN
Jeffrey P. Jagielski, Springfield, VA
Everrett S. Spain, Pensacola, FL
Omar J. Jones, Ellicott, MD
F. John Burpo, Danville, CA
John M. Miller, Fullerton, CA
Scott M. Ransom, Mansfield, OH
Jimmy L. Cooper, Aiea, HI
Ezra Abram Eckhardt, Spokane, WA
Alec C. Beekley, Toledo, OH

USMA Class of 1992 Branch Selections

Branch	
Infantry	170
Field Artillery	144
Armor	89
Engineers	109
Air Defense Artillery	42
Aviation	137
Military Intelligence	75
Signal Corps	46
Ordnance	32
Quartermaster	25
Transportation	10
Military Police	19
Medical Service	10
Adjutant General's Corps	20
Chemical	1
Finance	9

*Note: These figures are as of January 1992.

His speech (complete text follows) highlighted the major global changes since the Class of 1992 joined the Corps of Cadets in 1988: the end of the Cold War, Operations Just Cause and Desert Shield/Storm, force reductions and more. But he also warned that, in this changing and unpredictable world, "... we must train our soldiers with all of the intensity, creativity and realism we can muster. And we must do this in the face of increasingly stringent budgetary limits. We must stay the course. We must be prepared."

The traditional hat toss followed First Captain Omar Jones' final dismissal of the Class of 1992. The newly-commissioned second lieutenants returned to their barracks one last time and changed into their new officer uniforms. The first subordinates to salute them were rewarded with silver dollars.

The graduating Class of 1992 is rich in cultural diversity; included in its ranks are 72 African-Americans; 35 Hispanic-Americans; 55 Asian-Americans; 7 Native-Americans; and 8 foreign cadets, one each from Boliva, Malawi, the Philippines, Turkey, Liberia, Malaysia, Singapore and Zimbabwe.

Many of the '92 graduates entered West Point with a previous military background. Thirty-six members had fathers who attended the Academy, and 64 served in the military before joining the Class of 1992. In addition, 126 members attended the USMA Preparatory School prior to admittance.

Out of sixteen branch selections, once again Infantry was the top choice by the graduating class (170). This was followed, in descending order, by Field Artillery (144), Aviation (137), Engineers (109) and

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Armor (89). In smaller numbers, branches selected included Military Intelligence, Signal Corps, Air Defense Artillery, Ordnance, Quartermaster, Adjutant General's Corps, Military Police, Transportation, Medical Service, Finance and Chemical.

Several graduates distinguished themselves in the class, first and foremost being Brigade First Captain Omar J. Jones IV and Class President Craig M. Magerkurth. Marcia J. Geiger and Scott M. Ransom were named as Hertz Foundation Fellowship Winners; Charlie H. Kim was an East-West Center Graduate Fellowship Winner; and Amy Bratton was awarded the USMA NCAA "Woman of the Year" Award. Jacob Garcia and Myreon Williams both won the Army Athletic Association Award. (Williams also received the COL Thurston Hughes Memorial Award, and Garcia was one of eleven cadets to receive an Eastern College Athletic Conference Merit Medal.) First Captain and Brigade Commander Omar J. Jones IV received the Pershing Sword Award and the Knox Trophy Award, and John Randolph Sandler, Jr. received the General John J. Pershing Memorial Award as valedictorian of the class (he also received the highest rating in Military Science over the four years). In addition, 21 graduates have been accepted into medical school.

The ideals of West Point have been instilled in its youngest graduates, who, after graduation leave, will report to officer basic courses and specialty schools en route to their first permanent duty stations. General Sullivan concluded his speech, "... Duty, Honor, Country. Since 1802 these words have been the credo from which West Point graduates and great American leaders have sought strength and guidance. These words have never lost their meaning or significance. They have always provided a sharp, undistorted focus when other values have wavered."

As leaders of character capable of choosing the harder right over the easier wrong, the graduates of the Class of 1992 depart West Point with a strong sense of DUTY and a deeply ingrained code of HONOR, inspired to serve their COUNTRY—in its common defense, in peace and war, in whatever capacity the Nation requires.

Material for this article courtesy of Academy Relations Division, USMA.

FACTS ON GRADUATION AND THE CLASS OF 1992

— The U.S. Military Academy graduated 929 cadets with Bachelor of Science degrees on 30 May. There are 827 men and 102 women in the graduating class.

— Graduating cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

— There are 72 African-Americans in the Class of 1992; 35 are Hispanic-Americans, 55 are Asian-Americans and 7 are Native-Americans.

— This year, 51 of the graduating cadets, earned recognition as honor graduates. This recognition reflects overall excellence in cadet performance, academically, militarily and physically. As such, they will graduate in the order of their cadet performance rank within the class. Other cadets will graduate in alphabetical order within their companies.

— General Gordon R. Sullivan, the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, the commencement speaker, presented the diplomas to the top graduates. This is the twelfth time since 1869 that the Chief of Staff of the Army has been the commencement speaker at the U.S. Military Academy.

— The Class of 1992 has 36 cadets whose fathers graduated from the U.S. Military Academy.

— 126 of the members of the Class of 1992 attended the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; of those graduates, 114 are men and 12 are women.

— 64 of the 1992 graduates served in the military prior to attending West Point.

— There are 8 foreign cadets in the Class of 1992 from the following countries:

Bolivia	Liberia	Malawi
Malaysia	Philippines	Singapore
Turkey	Zimbabwe	

— The Brigade First Captain is Cadet Omar J. Jones IV of Baltimore, MD. The Class motto is "The Brave and the Few." The Class President is Cadet Craig M. Magerkurth of Granite Shoals, TX.

— There are 21 cadets from the Class of 1992 who have been accepted into medical school.

— Cadet Marcia J. Geiger of New Milford, CT and Scott M. Ransom of Mansfield, OH are the 31st and 32nd graduates to be named as Hertz Foundation Fellowship Winners since 1973.

— Cadet Charlie H. Kim of New York, NY was the winner of the East-West Center Graduate Fellowship. The Fellowship provides 100 grants for Masters Degree study and research to 66 Asians and 34 Americans annually. The students experience Asiatic communal living, study each other's languages and cultures, and earn a degree at the University of Hawaii in their individual field of study.

— Cadet Amy Bratton of Camp Hill, PA, was awarded the USMA NCAA "Woman of the Year" Award for her contribution as a female student/athlete. She was captain of the tennis team.

— Cadet Jacob Garcia of Honolulu, HI and Cadet Myreon Williams of Paterson, NJ were each presented with the Army Athletic Association Award for "most valuable service to athletics" during their careers as cadets at the US Military Academy. Williams also received the COL Thurston Hughes Memorial Award as the most valuable player on the football team, and Garcia was one of 11 cadets to receive an Eastern College Athletic Conference Merit Medal for Excellence in athletics and scholarship.

— Cadet Omar J. Jones IV received the Pershing Sword Award and the Knox Trophy Award for being First Captain and Brigade Commander for the Corps of Cadets.

— Cadet John Randolph Sadler, Jr. of Knoxville, TN is number one and overall top cadet in the Class of 1992. He also received the highest rating in Military Science over the four-year course. He received the General John J. Pershing Memorial Award.

— Joseph Gardner Swift was the first USMA graduate (1802), and he was also the first graduate to become Superintendent (1812-1814). Since the first class, the Academy has graduated 48,855 cadets (not including the Class of 1992).

— The Class of 1992 is West Point's 194th graduating class and the thirteenth class to include women as well as men. There were no classes in 1810 and 1816 and there were two graduating classes in 1861, 1917, 1918, 1922 and 1943.

— Twelve graduates of the U.S. Military Academy, Class of 1992, will be commissioned as officers in a branch of service other than the Army. Five graduates will enter the Air Force, four will enter the Navy, and three will enter the Marine Corps.

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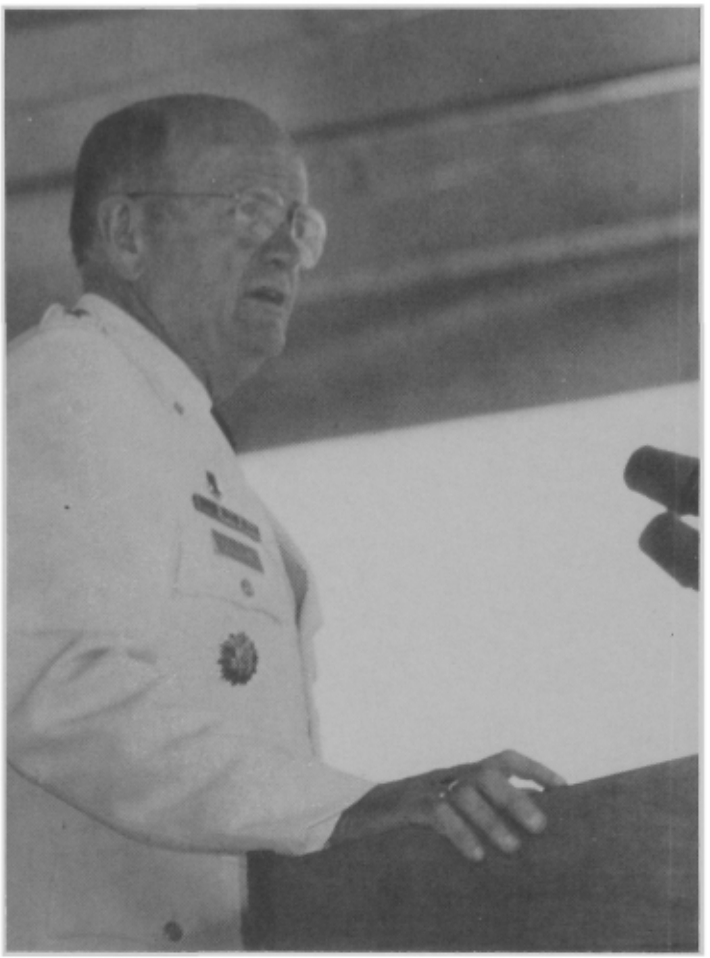
LEADING TOMORROW'S ARMY

By General Gordon R. Sullivan, Chief of Staff of the Army

Address to the 1992 Graduating Class—30 May 1992

What a great day this is, here in one of the most beautiful settings in America. I feel honored to be a part of this historic and glorious occasion—the culmination of your cadet experience as members of "The Brave and the Few." You stand at the threshold of your careers as commissioned officers—one of the noblest and most challenging professions you could have chosen.

At the end of his term as our country's first president, George Washington declared that America needed a Military Academy, convinced that it would be vital to America's future. The contributions of this institution in building our great country can be seen everywhere and are reflected in the lives of its graduates. Since 1802, in peace and war, West Point has held a treasured place in America. It has a role in America today, and it will continue to symbolize what is good about us as soldiers and Americans for years to come. America needs West Point; America needs young officer-leaders such as yourselves.



General Gordon R. Sullivan, Chief of Staff, US Army, giving Graduation address to the Class of 1992.

I would like to thank the Staff and Faculty of the Military Academy for the great job they have done. Along with their wives and husbands, they have provided a tremendous example to you in the classroom, on the athletic fields, and in life. I especially want to acknowledge MG and Mrs. Bramlett for the outstanding leadership they have brought to West Point and for the many contributions they have made to our country over the years. They, too, are leaving after today, and we wish them well. These are the people you should emulate every day, in every action.

I also want to turn to the families and friends of these young women and men we honor today—thank you.

You already have made a great contribution to your country. You have given us these fine young women and men, who, with your guidance, assistance, and love, have endured so much and traveled so far in such a breathtakingly quick period. You understand, perhaps more than any other Americans, right here, right now, that our nation's defense is a shared responsibility. I keenly am aware of the pride and honor you feel today as you sit watching your sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, friends and loved ones, accept their commissions. You have reason to be proud. Your country thanks you—your nation and your Army are grateful.

To you in the Class of 1992...

For the past four years, the leaders here at the United States Military Academy at West Point have seen you grow, have taught you how to lead, have given you the opportunity to learn new ideas and skills and have instilled in you the values we cherish as Army Officers—integrity, dedication, loyalty. Along with your fellow officers who gain their commissions through the Reserve Officer Training Corps and the Officer Candidates Schools, you are about to become leaders at the cutting edge of our Army. You are now an integral part of the United States Military Academy at West Point—The Long Gray Line—the living institution that has contributed to our nation and to its defense for 190 years. Many great leaders have come before you—Lee, Grant, and Sherman ...Pershing, MacArthur, and Eisenhower ...Abrams, Franks, and Schwarzkopf. And equally brave, selfless and dedicated men and women will follow you.

Your years here have enabled you to join the thousands like you who have fought and served with distinction, helping to build our nation, protecting it from foreign aggression, and ensuring that the ideals of Duty, Honor, and Country lived on.

They did what was right because it was right. They did their duty—offering selfless service to our nation.

When you began your journey as soldiers on 29 June 1988, the world was a much different place. We still were involved in the Cold War, committed in strength to Europe. The Army fielded 28 divisions with over a million-and-a-half troops in the Total Force. No one could have predicted that our forces would fight in Panama, or in Southwest Asia. We have added three battle streamers to the Army flag since you joined the Corps.

Today, we are in the process of drastically reducing our presence in Europe and

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the size of our Total Force. We are doing this intelligently, by careful consideration of the uncertainties of the future and determination of the best formula to provide for our nation's needs. When all is said and done, our Army will remain strong because of leaders such as you.

The Soviet threat is gone, and the international security environment continues to change in ways that seemed unimaginable only a few years ago. While the net result of these global changes is overwhelmingly positive, the high degree of uncertainty about the emerging international security environment and continuing threats to American interests should encourage us all to remain vigilant.

You needn't look very far to recognize where regional instability, renegade states, the proliferation of arms and technology, and ethnic, religious and cultural differences could threaten the peace which we now enjoy. Poverty, uneven economic development, terrorism and drug trafficking also threaten the stability of peace. The world is changing, but it remains a very unpredictable and dangerous place.

During times such as these—dangerous and uncertain times—we need men and women of character and vision in leadership positions.

America needs you.

You represent the future of our Army and our country. The Officer Corps you join today faces duty throughout a period of sweeping change in our Army and our world. You will see changes many of us can hardly imagine. Some change is simply unpredictable.

In a similarly uncertain world, speaking at the Graduation ceremony for West Point's Class of 1903, a class which had Douglas MacArthur for a First Captain, Secretary of War Elihu Root had this advice for the graduates:

"The peace, prosperity and honor of our country will one day lie in your hands ... Before you leave the Army, according to all precedents in history, you will be engaged in another war. It is bound to come and will come. Prepare your country for that war."

These words were spoken 89 years ago, but I could not define more concisely the challenge or describe your duty.

It is impossible for me to predict what will happen during your careers in the service of our nation. But I can tell you in all certainty that you will be called upon to summon every bit of moral and physical courage you possess. These are challenging times for us all.

We must train our soldiers with all of the intensity, creativity and realism that we can muster. And we must do this in the face of increasingly stringent budgetary limits. We must stay the course. We must be prepared.

Perhaps never before in our history has the need been so great for young, energetic, imaginative leaders such as yourselves. Your country needs you to fulfill your oath, "to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic," and your nation needs you to fulfill your potential. Ultimately, it will come down to this: You will be judged by one standard and one standard only. Did you, and those whom you touched, support and defend this republic? Did you give our nation victory?

You will see change, but you must accept that continuity of purpose of the values you have nurtured here.

I know you are up to the challenge. You have demonstrated a depth of commitment and the strength of character necessary to graduate from the United States Military Academy.

Four years ago you committed yourselves to a life of service to your country. Stretching out in front of you is the next part of the great journey you began four years ago. Along the way you will continue to learn, and you will continue to grow. Your career as an Army officers will be an exciting and demanding adventure. I would give anything to be one of you today. The things you are about to do, the places you will see, will be a part of your life forever, just as everything you do will become a part of the fabric of our Army.

I give you this charter today, to carry with your throughout your military career.

You know the standard! Success/Victory!

Be a caring leader.

Love your soldiers. They depend on you. You represent the Army leadership to them; they represent the best America has to offer. Cherish them; guide them; lead them; and protect them. Be there when it counts—be there for them. American soldiers are the finest soldiers in the world. Treat them as they deserve to be treated. Train them to standard. Set the pace. Lead the way.

THINK!

The challenges we face today—technologically, fiscally, tactically and strategically—demand innovation, initiative and imagination. Embrace these challenges as your own. Exercise your opinion and derive your own methods for attaining goals that will improve our Army and its ability to succeed in all arenas.

Be a part of the team.

Be a team player on a winning team! The recent lessons of Operations JUST CAUSE and DESERT STORM have reinforced what we have always known—teamwork succeeds. I need you to be a part of the Army team in everything you do. Think of the "team" first, "me" second. We can do great things together. We are greater than the sum of our parts.

Enjoy life.

Remember to smile and laugh. Your Army career will provide some of the happiest moments in your life. You will make friends from around the country and around the world. Take advantage of the opportunities to grow. Learn new skills. Expand your horizons.

Finally,

Never forget your roots, your lodestone, your formula for success:

Duty, Honor, Country.

Since 1802 these three words have been the credo from which West Point graduates and great American leaders have sought strength and guidance. These words have never lost their meaning or significance. They always have provided a sharp, undistorted focus when other values have wavered.

Do your duty. Do the right thing because it is the right thing to do.

Live with honor. Let integrity be your hallmark.

Serve your country. There is no higher calling than a lifetime of service to our nation.

Congratulations to you all. I am proud of you and what you have accomplished these last four years. I am proud to have you joining the Officer Corps. Do great things. God bless you, and God bless America.

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General Ridgway Presented with Distinguished Graduate Award

By Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Bell, Director of Academy Relations, USMA

General Ridgway's Distinguished Graduate Award.

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."

With these words, General Matthew B. Ridgway was presented with the 1992 Distinguished Graduate Award on 18 June 1992. Making the presentation was the superintendent, LTG Howard D. Graves, and Association of Graduates' executive vice-president, Colonel (Ret.) Seth Hudgins.

"The Distinguished Graduate Award recognizes those graduates of the Military Academy who, in war and peace, have served their country in a selfless way," said the superintendent. "Certainly General Ridgway epitomizes that service. He was a distinguished soldier in war, and he was an equally distinguished servant in peacetime."

Following his graduation from the Military Academy in April 1917, General Ridgway commanded a company of the 3rd U.S. Infantry during World War I.

Superintendent LTG Graves with General & Mrs. Ridgway.

Colonel (Ret.) Seth Hudgins, AOG Executive Vice-President, presents Distinguished Graduate Award to General Matthew Ridgway, as the USMA Superintendent, LTG Graves, and Mrs. Ridgway look on.

During World War II he served in the War Plans Division of the War Department General Staff, joining the 82d Infantry Division in 1942. He re-organized that unit as this country's first airborne division, remaining with them and commanding those soldiers and later the XVIII Airborne Corps. General Ridgway has been cited for his "dynamic and outstanding leadership" that led to victories in North Africa, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, The Ardennes and Central Europe.

General Ridgway's outstanding reputation as the Army's leading field commander led to his assignment in 1950 as Commanding General, Eighth U.S. Army, Korea. The following year, during heavy fighting in the Korean Conflict, he was named Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command, and Supreme Commander for Allied Powers.

In peacetime, General Ridgway served in South and Central America between the world wars, working with the American Electoral Mission to Nicaragua and the Secretary of the Nicaraguan National Board of Elections. He served as Secretary of the Commission of Inquiry and Conciliation for Bolivia and Paraguay, and accompanied Army chief of Staff-designate General George C. Marshall on a mission to Brazil in 1939.

Following his wartime service in Korea, General Ridgway was named Supreme Allied Commander in Europe and then completed his military career as Army Chief of Staff.

"He is very much a soldier, scholar and diplomat," LTG Graves said of the Military Academy's most recent distinguished graduate. "He is the kind of model which we like to show our cadets, demonstrating what they can be through a lifetime of service to the Army and to the Nation."

The medal from the Association of Graduates was presented to General Ridgway in a ceremony in the general's Pittsburgh home. LTG Graves spoke of General Ridgway's selfless service over an entire lifetime. Then he told General Ridgway of the Distinguished Graduate Award.

"Sir, we have a citation for you. It recalls your contributions to the Nation," LTG Graves said. "This is the first year this award has been presented, and it is for those who epitomize the motto 'Duty, Honor, Country,' service to the Nation, selfless service to our fellow man."

Seated erect in a room filled with mementoes that included autographed photos of Presidents Harry Truman and Ronald Reagan, General Ridgway spoke of his time at West Point as well as his service with the Inter-American Defense Board.

"He was very grateful that his alma mater would recognize him," said LTG Graves. "He's a humble man who has lived not only a lifetime of service, but also a lifetime of admirable humility. It was a wonderful experience for us."

This is the first year the Distinguished Graduate Award has been presented by the Association of Graduates. The other three recipients are General James Van Fleet '15; General Andrew Goodpaster '39; and Dr. Thor Sundt '52.

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West Point, The Soul of The Army

Remarks by General Andrew J. Goodpaster (Retired), USMA 1939 after receiving the Distinguished Graduate Award

General Andrew Goodpaster '39 accepts Distinguished Graduate Award.

It is with a special sense of honor and appreciation—combined, I must tell you, with considerable astonishment—that I join you here today and receive this award.

First, the astonishment. I'm reminded of the man who at the similar time wished his mother and father were there: his mother would have believed it, and his father would have been astounded. In my own family, my wife Dossy fulfills those functions, with ever-present support mixed with the occasional down-to-earth question, "Why you?"

I'm told that when Creighton Abrams, then serving in command of the V Corps in Germany, received a message informing him that he had been nominated for a fourth star to serve as Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, his immediate action was to call for every copy of that message to be brought to him because, as he said, "They've sent this to the wrong Abrams." The fact that he indeed proved to be the intended recipient gave me the encouragement to proceed with this ceremony.

AOG President Denis F. Mullane (Background) acknowledging Distinguished Graduate Award recipients Dr. Thor Sundt '52 (L) and General Andrew Goodpaster '39 (R), as General Frederick Irving Apr'17 and USMA Superintendent LTG Howard Graves applaud.

The honor that I feel comes in a special way from being associated in this award with General Van Fleet and General Ridgway—two outstanding military leaders for whom I have unbounded respect and admiration—and with Dr. Sundt, who gives us a superb example of the contribution that can be made in other fields by West Point's graduates.

But beyond this I fell great appreciation—first to all those with whom I have served along the way, and then to the Association of Graduates for the award itself; to West Point for what it teaches us about duty, honor, country; and to our country itself for the opportunity it has given me to try to be of service.

Gathered here as graduates we must be mindful of what West Point has meant in the past and must mean in the future to our country, to our Army, and to each of us.

To our country, West Point makes its primary contribution through its graduates and what they have done in war and peace. But it does more: It provides an example and a symbol that our countrymen deeply cherish and greatly admire. Others may neglect our country's security, or burn its flag, or evade our country's call, but our citizens are confident they can depend upon West Point and its graduates for leadership, character and devotion to duty when crisis comes. As a beacon to our people, West Point makes them "proud to be an American".

West Point, it is well said, is the soul of our Army—an Army that lives by the rule, "When we were needed, we were there." West Point serves both sides of the Army's basic two-fold task: to fight our country's wars, or be prepared to do so, providing security for our people, our homeland, and our way of life; and at the same time, to safeguard the lives and well-being of our troops. A few hundred yards from here, just off Mills Road on the way up to Michie Stadium, there is a statue to the American soldier, erected by the West Point classes of 1935 and 1936. I have often said that the statue itself (by Felix de Weldon) is quite inspiring, but the inscription on the base is even more so. It reads "To the Corps of Cadets: the lives and destinies of valiant Americans are entrusted to your care and leadership." That is the message West Pointers carry into the Army.

And now, for just a moment, let us think of what West Point has meant to each of us—how it has burned within us the challenge to measure up to "duty, honor, country" in all we do, how it has prepared us to respond to the opportunities to serve that come our way. We can not know what tasks, what needs our country will face in the turbulent, unpredictable but still dangerous new era we now are entering. But we may be sure of the need to keep an Army through years of peace that can, as in the past, act in a timely way to head off aggression or attack from occurring, but if war nevertheless does come, bring us to victory. The experience of Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf shows us what may have to be done, the right way of doing it, and the kind of Army that can meet the challenge.

We are proud—rightly so—of our Academy, of its role in the service of our country, and of our association with it and the role it plays. But with that pride goes a responsibility—a responsibility that rests in particular on us who know in a special way what West Point is and on what strengths it is founded. If it falls to any of us—as it happened to fall to me at a critical moment in West Point's history—to see that the Academy holds true to its core values, then we must stand ready to take up the challenge. We must protect West Point and its proper role, within the Army and for the nation, against all those who—wittingly, unwittingly, sometimes witlessly—seek to do things that would damage or downgrade the Academy itself or its place in the Army.

You have honored me and the things I believe in by this award. It will be my continuing goal to try to earn it.

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"You Are Here For Discipline—Not Justice" —*Lieutenant General "Ace" Collins '38*

Remarks by Doctor Thoralf M. Sundt, USMA 1952 after receipt of the Distinguished Graduate Award

Dr. Thoralf Sundt '52 accepting his Distinguished Graduate Award.

I am both honored and humbled to be named a Distinguished Graduate of the Military Academy. Lois, my O.A.O. since cow year, and I were reminiscing one evening early this year, and we decided that we had received far more honors and awards than we deserved from the neurosurgical and neuroscience communities—in fact there was essentially little else to be had. Then this came along, the second highest award of my life—the highest being my West Point Diploma and membership in the Long Gray Line. To the alumni, especially my classmates, my deep appreciation; to the new graduates, welcome to the Long Gray Line.

Today, let us share a few memories of a remarkable man. Memories which are, in the words of Douglas MacArthur, "Watered by tears and coaxed and caressed by the smiles of yesterday". My role model in life has not been another surgeon, as has been the case for every other surgeon I've ever met, but rather Lt. Col. Arthur Sylvester Collins, Jr., Assistant Commandant of Cadets when we were cadets. We called him "The Ace" and never was there a more appropriate nickname for an individual. "The Ace" later achieved the rank of Lieutenant General. He has now departed this world for the land of the warriors.

In 1948, when our class entered the Academy, the tactical staff was composed of an amazing group of young officers—all registered, certified war heroes. They had, along with other members of the Long Gray Line, just led this great nation of ours through a war of indescribable destruction and dimensions—and, for the most part, the leadership had been both courageous and brilliant. The strategic planning and tactical execution of the campaigns—exemplified by Operation Overlord—ranked with the best of Napoleon, Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. West Point had shed her blood unselfishly and copiously from the Pacific Islands to the Rhine. Yet, at the same time, her sons had used every means at their disposal to minimize friendly casualties. She could now bask in the total adulation of a grateful and adoring public. The Academy, like her sister to the South, never enjoyed a finer hour. It was a wonderful time to be a cadet. If not Camelot, it was very, very close.

Amongst all the tactical officers, "The Ace" had to be considered one of the finest of the fine, or in the words of Napoleon speaking of Marshall Ney, Bravest of the

"The Ace" in the early 50's.

Brave. In his late 20's he had been one of the youngest regimental commanders in World War II, leading a reinforced regiment of over 7,000 men through one engagement after another. This Bostonian was a bit less than average height—slim, trim and, in his "Ike Jacket" covered with multiple decorations, a handsome soldier from tip to toe. "The Ace" was a strict disciplinarian and was in charge of our beast barracks, euphemistically referred to as New Cadet Orientation.

Quite honestly this "Old Grad" does not recall a great deal of "Beast Barracks"—he does know that the youngster from Arizona fell in love with West Point at first sight, related undoubtedly in part to the fact that two of his uncles whom he idolized were graduates, Dan '29 and Harald '32. This is a love, parenthetically, that has never diminished, never wavered, never faltered through the passing years. Possibly he was too frightened or too busy thereafter to lay down memory engrams, the neuronal circuitry was simply on overload. However, pre-and post-operative records do document that he entered Beast Barracks as an insecure, 176 pound, corpulent, ill-postured teenager and emerged as a proud, 140 pound, wiry, ram-rod straight, new cadet with a near record accumulation of demerits and 28 punishment tours. This afforded him the first of many opportunities to meet personally with "The Ace". Only three possible statements were required from the plebe for these meetings: Yes, sir; No, sir; and No excuse, sir.

Let us now leap to Christmas vacation of our yearling year—we, of course, had spent Plebe Christmas at West Point. Transportation home for those of us living in the west was a problem. To the rescue on his white horse came Frank Borman, Class of 1950, a star man, cadet captain, company commander of H-1, fellow Tucsonian, already an entrepreneur and destined to be an astronaut and President of Eastern Airlines. For $60.00 one could buy a round trip ticket on "Borman Airways" from New York to Tucson or other western cities, and this included ground transportation from West Point to the airport and back.

The plane was a DC-3, a refugee from the Berlin Coal Airlift. Pieces of coal were strewn all over the cabin. Coal dust covered the windows, but there were enough holes in the fuselage to permit viewing of the countryside if one so chose. There were canvas seats on the sides of the fuselage, but most of us lay on the floor huddled together on multiple layers of newspaper which served the dual purpose of protecting our uniforms and offering some degree of insulation in the otherwise unheated cabin. There obviously was no need for seat belts, and none were on board.

The first take-off from Teterboro was aborted about 12' off the ground when the right engine failed. Frank, the pilot, and a mentally impaired mechanic armed with a short-handled sledge hammer worked on the engine all night, and by early morning we were in flight to Annapolis to recruit additional passengers. Thereafter, the flight home was long but uneventful.

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The return trip east was delayed by a heavy snowstorm that closed all airports on the East Coast. The ultimate result was our arrival back at West Point 30 hours *after* the termination of Christmas Leave, 2400 hours Monday night. I vividly remember looking at the clock in Central Area as Frank and I trudged through the deep snow. We had missed one full day of class. With a dull epigastric ache I said, "Oh Frank, we've had it". "No," came the reply, "There are simply too many of us. They would not dare to do anything to us."

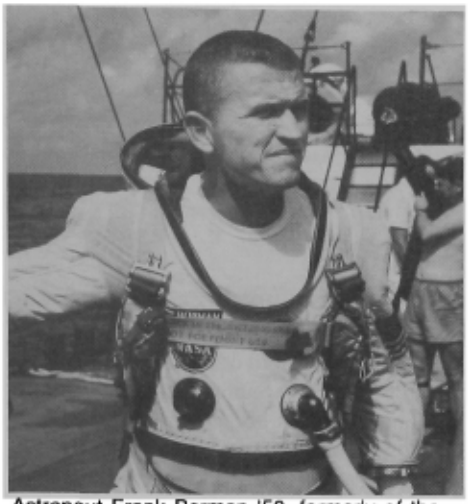
Two, three, four days passed and finally more than a week, and no action was taken. Unconfirmed reports from undisclosed but usually reliable sources indicated no disciplinary action was being considered against the midshipmen at "Crab Town". This was only a minor comfort. Nevertheless, the yearling started to stand a bit straighter, popped his chest back up, let his chin out a bit, and began to feel better about himself—even looking forward to the winter social events.

Then it happened; twelve days after our late arrival, Al Crawford, 2nd Regimental Cadet Commander, announced from this very podium following a Friday evening mess that "all members of the ill-fated 'Borman Flight' will assemble in front of Washington Hall after this formation and march to the Commandant's Office in a column of fours to meet with Colonel Collins."

Now were we to meet with Colonel Harkins, the Commandant, the punishment might have been light. The fact that we were going to meet with "The Ace" meant there would be no mercy; no prisoners would be taken.

I knew this from personal experience—having just completed the punishment tours I had collected for "an unsatisfactory performance" as Acting Officer of the Day the previous spring. The yellow Slug Slip read as follows: "Unsatisfactory performance as Acting Officer of the Day: attempting to awaken the Corps of Cadets at 0350 instead of 0550; thereafter failure to sound reveille, failure to sound mess call, failure to put up the raincoat flag in a pouring rain, and playing taps instead of assembly for class." Now if any of you think this was funny, you'd better work on your sense of humor—because I can promise you there was nothing funny about this. There were some extenuating circumstances, but obviously there was no need to bring these to the attention of "The Ace".

I had been unfortunate enough to be assigned that duty prior to some type of long weekend or special event which precluded upperclassmen from serving in that



Astronaut Frank Borman '50, formerly of the 'Borman Flight.'

post. Thus plebes became eligible for the duty. I received no orientation, as upperclassmen did not deign to directly communicate with a lowly plebe. It was during a time when the powers-to-be were testing a new record system for playing the various bugle calls that consisted of a complicated array of tapes that monitored and lowered the stylus arm on recessed 78 rpm records at appropriate places for the various calls. Once the tape system was disrupted, Lord only knew what bugle call was coming up next. It may be of interest to you to learn that this tape system was employed only about a month or six weeks. It was a predecessor to computers and the instructions related to the function of the tape and record systems seemed to be written in Japanese or some other type of foreign language.

It was the time of year to change the clocks—and I'll admit to a bit of confusion here in that I turned the clock back instead of ahead as one would ordinarily in the spring, I thought one hour but actually it was two, and missed the designated hour for the time change by one day.

I remember what "The Ace" said to me several days later when he concluded a 30 to 45 minute inquisition:

"I am going to be very lenient with you, Mr. Sundt—some of your classmates have recommended the death penalty, and the mess officer is inclined to agree. However, I am going to award you 18 demerits and 24 punishment tours—no, on second thought—it will be 24 demerits and 36 punishment tours."

Now let us return to the scene of action that fateful Friday night. Frank marched his contingent through the heavy snow—the yearling thought to himself that this was the way a German foot soldier felt on his way to Stalingrad—and assembled us in a wood-paneled meeting room adjacent to the Commandant's Office, where we took seats on rows of plain benches. After an appropriate period of waiting calculated to achieve maximal results, "The Ace" arrived, and Frank called us to attention and reported the detail as ordered.

"The Ace" moved swiftly to the podium and said "Please be seated, gentlemen. Now the rumor is going around the post that because so many of you are involved in this gross and deliberate infraction of the regulations that no disciplinary measures will be taken. That rumor is erroneous." Then, after a long pause—"However, we have decided not to try each case individually. All of you will receive 8 demerits and 14 punishment tours. Are there any questions?" That, of course, was a rhetorical question—no questions were expected.

Now I've seen some heroism in my lifetime, incredible acts of valor in Korea, brave patients facing high risk operations and fearless astronauts sitting on the equivalent of 3 box cars of TNT about to be propelled into space—but nothing has exceeded the display of sheer, raw, unbridled courage that I was about to observe. You guessed it; Frank raised his hand. I thought Frank had gone mad. The thought of raising my hand had never transiently crossed my mind—you would have had to break my arm in two places to get it up 5 degrees away from the straight down position. This was a true measure of the man.

"Yes, Mr. Borman, what is it?"

"Sir, I'd like to make a statement".

"The Ace" was astounded—nonplussed. He thought for a moment and then said, "Yes, Mr Borman; what is your statement?"

"Sir, I do not believe that is fair."

That did it; obviously it would be necessary to bust Frank—he'd be walking the area with the rest of us. Would he also be crucified?

"The Ace" looked at Frank for a long time—30 seconds to a minute—and then said in a condescending tone, "Mr. Borman, nobody said it was fair; you are here for discipline, not justice".

Now as you depart for the rocky road of life, remember what "The Ace" was telling us. Do not expect life to be fair, it is not; only with self-discipline can you endure and overcome its hardships and vicissitudes. I have had the gentle pleasure of recalling many communications with "The Ace", undoubtedly more than my share. Permit me to relate a few of his commentaries on leadership and life: "take care of the men and the men will take care of you"; "the purpose of the plebe system is to mold

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Teradata Gives Largest Corporate Gift in AOG History

by Sandra Dagele, Corporate Giving Researcher, Association of Graduates

The Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy was recently the recipient of a $3.5 million grant of a database system from the Teradata Corporation. The grant of computer hardware, software and an educational start-up package is made in support of the Association of Graduates, the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department and the Directorate of Information Management.

Instrumental in obtaining the gift for the Association of Graduates were Dr. James C. Castle '58, past President & CEO of the Teradata Corporation and Mr. Robin A. Walker, Sr. '67, Vice President of Manufacturing and Customer Support, both from the El Segundo, California office; Mr. Hugh C. MacDonald '71, Senior Account Executive from the Quincy, Massachusetts office; and Mr. James R. Heldman '62, Regional Vice President, now in the Munich, Germany office. Dr. Castle has been a member of the West Point Fund Committee since July 1991 and is currently Chairman & CEO of U.S. Computer Services in Sacramento, California.

"The Teradata gift is by far the largest corporate grant in AOG history," said COL (Ret) Robert A. Strati, Vice President for Development at the AOG. "We're happy to have the Teradata Corporation play a role in enhancing cadet education by giving them immediate access for database management."

Colonel Lanse M. Leach, Professor and Deputy Head of the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department, explained that the Teradata database computer will enable USMA to organize and store cadet and candidate information for state-of-the-art, high-speed access by all authorized users. The current Cadet Information Database was designed 15 years ago and has had little structural change since. The database computer will permit a complete restructuring so that faculty and staff using a "user friendly" database language, can access the massive amounts of data very quickly from their desktop personal computers. Cadets will be able to access the database computer to select and enroll in academic courses. Those cadets who major in computer science will learn how to program the database computer as well as applying it to help solve large data storage and retrieval problems.

"This grant is a wonderful example of West Point graduates taking care of West Point. Jim Castle and the other West Pointers at Teradata recognized an opportunity to make a significant impact on the educational process at the United States Military Academy and took appropriate action. They truly lead the way," said Mr. Denis F. Mullane, President of the Association of Graduates and Chairman & CEO of Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut.

The grant of computer equipment will include a donation of a DBC/1012 database computer, spares kit, associated software

(L-R) Denis F. Mullane, President of AOG; CPT (Ret.) Joan S. Grey, Past Director of Corporate Giving; Dr. James C. Castle, Past President & CEO of Teradata Corporation; and LTG Howard D. Graves, Superintendent of USMA.

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for the OS2200, personal computer, Sun4 workstation and ATT 3B2 workstation environments, installation of the DBC/1012 and OS2200 software and an educational start-up package. The educational start-up package will include classes to be held at a Teradata educational facility for four representatives of the United States Military Academy.

The Teradata Corporation, headquartered in El Segundo, California, designs, manufactures and markets high performance systems and related products and services for relational database management. Recently, the Teradata Corporation and the NCR Corporation jointly agreed to merge the companies in a stock-for-stock transaction. NCR and Teradata have agreed to develop parallel processing technologies to divide big tasks into smaller ones. The NCR Corporation develops, manufactures, markets, supports and services enterprise-wide information systems for worldwide markets. NCR is a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Telephone and Telegraph.

"Teradata has valued the relationship with the Association of Graduates and the Military Academy in the advancement and support of higher education," Dr. Castle stated regarding the recent grant.

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A Conversation With An Engineer Legend

Retired Major General Claude Henry Chorpening—Class of November 1918

By Wesley G. Jones, USMA '52

Wesley G. Jones '52 (WGJ): Sixty-two of the first 73 members of your class chose, as you did, a commission in the Corps of Engineers. In 1938 you were sent to speak to the first classmen at West Point on the advantages of being an engineer.

Claude H. Chorpening Nov '18 (CHC): There are many benefits to being in the Corps of Engineers. One of them, particularly in the 20s and 30s, was that my classmates in other branches were having rather routine assignments, while I was on large and important engineer construction jobs. Another advantage of the engineers is that, in most cases, when you retire, you are able to command very lucrative civilian positions. Number three—the traditional spirit, esprit de corps, for the Corps of Engineers is as high, or perhaps higher, than any other branch of the armed services.

WGJ: The fourth graduate of your class was Leslie Groves, who retired a lieutenant general and was a man that you knew quite well.

CHC: Groves and I were good friends. We served together in the 3rd Engineers in the early 20s. I could see tremendous ability and drive, as well as a keen intellect. I felt that if any member of my class would achieve great fame—notoriety—he would probably be the one. When he decided to get something done, his will was like steel. And he had no patience whatsoever with inefficiency or lack of drive on the part of his subordinates. Groves became well known in the Engineers as a very capable officer. During WWII, Leslie Groves became involved in the development and testing of the atomic bomb. Groves was given as much power in that position as any officer ever has had. If he wanted materials, if he wanted men, whatever he needed, it got number one priority.

WGJ: You were born in or near Waterloo, Iowa, on 14 October 1897. Your father was a tenant farmer. When you were about two years old, he bought a 160-acre farm near Treat, South Dakota. Due to the extremely harsh rural life, your mother died of pneumonia in 1901. Prior to West Point, most of your education came in one-room schoolhouses with three to four classes all going on at once. Did that experience help you at West Point?

CHC: Without a doubt it helped me at West Point, and later. I was able to concentrate. My wife used to become quite irate with me. If she were talking, and I was reading or whatever, I never heard a word she had said. However, in that primitive school, by today's standards, we learned. Even though there were four grades in a room, the teachers very properly insisted on discipline. They insisted that we have our homework done and that we knew our lessons. Also, I had something in me, I don't know what it was, but I was anxious to learn. I knew far more when I entered first grade than most at that time.

Trent High School, 1913

WGJ: Your entrance into the sallyport of the Military Academy reminds me of the similar arrival of George Custer. Is it true that you had a baseball glove in one hand and a tennis racquet in the other?

CHC: Absolutely true. Although I had read, and still possess, a novel about the life of a cadet at West Point, I actually knew very little about the place. But I was always interested in athletics—we had no teams, as such, back in the little old town where I grew up—I loved baseball, I loved football; in fact, I've always been very much involved in sports. I played when I could, but my ability was very mediocre. The only sport in which I became a bit capable was running. The upperclassmen in the sallyport had many comments. I had no comments at all.

Major General Claude Henry Chorpening

WGJ: Would you tell us about Lucius Clay?

Lucius was in the same company that I was at West Point. I never got to know him well there, but since he was later in the Corps of Engineers, I did see him quite frequently, and we became well acquainted. In 1939 he was the District Engineer in Denison, Texas, and my wife and I were his house guests. They had a party the evening we were there. After everybody else went to bed, Lucius and I were sitting out in the kitchen, kind of drowning our sorrows, so to speak. Thinking ahead, we finally agreed that both of us would likely end up as full colonels. Lucius, of course, became a four-star general. He was capable, very smart, and he was in command in Berlin at the time of the famous Berlin Airlift.

WGJ: In 1921 through 1924 you were on Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands in the 3rd Engineers at Schofield Barracks with Leslie Groves as you mentioned earlier. As the regimental adjutant, you once picked up three new lieutenants at the Honolulu pier and selected one of them to be Officer of the Day. Years later, when you were his subordinate, he reminded you of the incident. Who was this hapless officer?

CHC: His name was Maxwell Taylor, Commander of the 101st Airborne Division during the Normandy Invasion, later

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Superintendent of USMA and Chief of Staff of the US Army. I reported to him in Korea while he was in command of the Eighth Army ... No, he had not forgotten.

WGJ: In 1927 a major flooding of the lower Mississippi River occurred, and you were sent to the 2nd New Orleans Engineer District to construct and operate a concrete revetment plant and then supervise the installation of the revetments along the river. You witnessed Governor Huey Long of Louisiana participating in a conference in the district engineer offices. What did you think of that personality?

CHC: I found him to be a very interesting man. He was the first governor I'd ever met. And, at that time, he was number one in Louisiana. He was a very crude and lewd type of person. But he was smart; there was no question. I heard him make speeches later, and he could really turn it on, even in a civil manner if he so wished. He could appeal to the masses. And that was his secret; that made him governor of Louisiana. My opinion of Huey Long is that he had tremendous ability, and it's too bad that the ability he had was not turned toward more proper courses of action.

WGJ: In the early 1930s you were put on the captain's list and sent to Fort Peck, Montana. There is a dam there now forming Fort Peck Lake, which is approximately 120 miles long. This dam was a major project. There were to be seven or eight thousand workers on this job.

CHC: It was the largest earth dam constructed by dredging in the world at the time it was built, and it still is to this day. It was very important. At that time we were in the depths of the depression, and Franklin Roosevelt had just been elected President. He wanted large projects throughout the country that would put a lot of men to work and require machinery that factories would have to build. The benefits could be tremendous downstream—flood control, power production, recreation and irrigation.

WGJ: Although you were sent to Fort Peck to be the historical and public relations officer, you were given, as usual, other incidental duties—such as the officer in charge of building the dam. Your first major chore was to drive pilings at least 150 feet below ground into bedrock. Your knowledge was that the deepest this had ever been accomplished previously was about 110 feet down. How did you handle this?

CHC: I needed an engineer who had considerable experience along these lines. Remember that it was during the depression, so many, many men with high-paying jobs in the past were now looking for work. We advertised for a man with the necessary experience. We had a contract with a great construction firm from the midwest, but arguments started between my expert and the firm shortly after we started work. How could we tell when we had the pile buried into the shale bedrock? Finally we came to a solution to that problem: if we couldn't get over six inches of movement on the pile with so many blows with a hammer, then it was in bedrock. Never before had steel sheet piling been sunk deeper than 110 feet, as stated, but the maximum we attained was 160 feet.

MG Chorpening at Fort Peck Dam, 1934-39

WGJ: You were asked to bring in immense quantities of fill from a location forty miles to the east. No problem; you built and operated a railroad—every engineer lieutenant should have one. Then, to protect the upstream dam wall from wave water erosion, the dam needed an unusually heavy type of rock. You found it 150 miles west—in the center of an Indian reservation. The rock in Rattlesnake Butte weighted 176 pounds a cubic foot. You negotiated with the Indian tribe, built and operated a quarry, and added another railroad line fifteen miles long to tie in with the Great Northern tracks. You brought the rock to the dam, in temperatures averaging 20 below zero. Later, the thawing of the Milk River seriously threatened your railroad bridge across it.

CHC: We had to run long trains with very heavy equipment from the Butte, so we had to have a first class railroad. However, we had to cross a minor river—the Milk. In flood seasons it had been known to rise considerably. I was anxious to keep the cost of the whole operation down. So, after looking at the charts, we decided that we would drop the level of the bridge over the Milk lower than normally would have been the case for prudent engineering. We were only going to be using it for three or four years, so that reduced the chances that a flood would happen during the period.

With the quarry and railroad in full operation, I was brought back to the dam to be in charge of the building of the embankment. More than a year later we had an unusual runoff in early March due to the snow melting during an unexpected hot spell. The Milk River rose, endangering the bridge. The District Engineer said, "Are you that smart fellow that dropped the grade up there on that bridge so we'd save money?" I replied, "Yes, Sir!" "Well, we're about to lose it. You go up there immediately and save it!" I took three or four of my people who knew about those kinds of things, and away we went, arriving about nine o'clock at night. We were out there in the middle of nowhere in Montana; it was cold and raw, and the water was just a few inches below the girders of the bridge. In fact, some of the blocks of ice floating down the river had their tops shaved as they hit that steel. I had already phoned the quarry and told them to load up railcars with rock and get them down to the bridge to hold her down, if necessary. We had our best powderman there so we could blow up blockages of white ice that were forming upstream from the bridge. For several days and nights it was nip and tuck as to whether we would save the bridge or not. The District Engineer would call me several times every day, asking, "Has the bridge gone out yet?" I would reply, "No, Sir. You sent me out to save it and that's just what I am doing." And we did—luckily.

WGJ: The thousands of workers needed a place to live during construction. So the Corps of Engineers built and operated the town of Fort Peck. This included paved streets, barracks, town hall, theater, recreational building, hotel, hospital, school, stores, filling stations, mess hall, restaurants, along with police and fire departments; but no bars or bawdy houses. This task took six months, and an engineer

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captain was appointed as Mayor. That officer ultimately retired as a major general. By 1938 the dam was rising and Lake Fort Peck already contained four million acre-feet of water. You were at home recovering from minor surgery when sixteen million yards of dam fill started sliding, carrying 32 workers with it. Eight were killed, but only one body was recovered. You were given the restoration mission. The cover of one of the first issues of *Life* magazine carried a photograph of the Fort Peck dam spillway. The photographer was Margaret Bourke-White.

CHC: The District Engineer showed me a letter from the Chief of Engineers, which said we were going to have Margaret Bourke-White for about a week and that she wanted photographs of the operation. It was very obvious that we were to put out the red carpet, so that I did. She was able to see every part of the construction operations, but it soon became apparent that she was more interested in looking at the many little towns that had grown up outside of the reservation where the families of some of the workers, and some of the workers, too, lived, instead of using our barracks. Margaret didn't only want to visit those locations during the day, but also at night. I detailed my top photographer to go with her on forays out of town.

It is suspected that dam construction was only an excuse to dig around in the dirt of a more social nature. That issue of *Life* had only a picture of the spillway of Fort Peck Dam, only a part of that large dam, but the caption underneath said, "One of the dams at Fort Peck." Well, there was only one dam at Fort Peck. Most of the article was devoted to scenes shot in those little towns outside the reservation. The District Engineer sent for me and said, "This is terrible! You shouldn't have done all this!" I replied that my instructions from him were to give her the red carpet treatment, and that I did. We had no notion of what she was going to write, and we had no control of that anyway.

WGJ: In 1940 you were part of the Louisiana maneuvers. From the summer of 1940 through the spring of 1943, you were in the office of the Chief of Engineers where you were the chief of the research and development branch and later executive officer of the supply division, starting the tour as a captain and leaving as a full colonel. For the year 1941, would you evaluate the quality and quantity of engineer equipment?

CHC: The quantity was practically zero. The quality was generally OK. Now it's up to the engineers in the combat zones to build the bridges, our most important assignment. Pontoons have been used for this purpose since time immemorial. At the start of WWII we still had the old pontoon boats that were used in the Civil War, wooden jobs. The war in Europe had already been on for several years. We learned about the engineer equipment that the Germans had developed. When I hit the engineer R&D desk in Washington, I was absolutely frantic because I knew that we had to get the proper equipment developed and into the warehouses, available to the troops. The first year I was there our appropriation for R&D and the procurement of new supplies for the Corps of Engineers was around $80,000. I knew we had to get more money, so for the coming year I asked for $300,000, about a four-fold increase.

I had to appear before a board of general officers to justify my request. I presented it, talking generally along the way I am here. Then this old general says, "Chorpening, you're just trying to spend a lot of money. I want justification for every item! Every item! I want to know what it is and how much it's going to cost." I replied, "There is a war going on in Europe, and we are learning nearly every other day of new types of things that the Germans have developed, and I don't exactly know where we're going to put it all, but I can assure you that we need it." The answer was: "I will not approve it until you provide a list in detail with each item and its cost!" I swallowed and said, "Yes, Sir!"

I went back to my office and told my secretary, "I'm going to put my feet up on my desk, and you just get ready because I'm just going to dream a little bit." Then I dictated pontoon bridges, truss bridges, camouflage items, and on across the gambit of engineer supplies and equipment. And for each item I provided a figure for the cost right off the top of my head, such as $5,761.21. I returned to the board within two days with my list, item by item with the exact cost. "Now," the General says, "that's exactly what I wanted … Approved!" Old generals are stupid, you know.

WGJ: During this period, your main contact for the Supply Division within the War Department's G-4 office was Anthony McAuliffe '19, later the hero of Bastogne … However, in May of 1942 you went on a special mission to England.

CHC: We were then building up our forces in England, looking toward the eventual invasion of the Continent. It was decided that somebody in supply, who knew what was required, and what kind of arrangements ought to be made, would be sent over with General Somervell, then Chief of Logistics in the War Department—an engineer by the way. We spent our time talking about what we should ship over, what they could supply us with, in order that we could work together when the time came. I ran into several cases of duplication, so I got on the phone back to the States frantically, to tell my boss that he should stop buying this or that because it was not required, and do this instead. So, it was worthwhile.

WGJ: During 1943 and 1944 you were the Engineer Officer for the Services of Supply Western Base Section operating out of Chester, England with responsibility for western England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. What were you building?

CHC: We built a few airfields, a lot of depots, a lot of camps and a lot of field hospitals. We did some work on docks and POL installations—I was on the road most of the time—all of the sites necessary for the huge buildup of American military forces. My counterpart in the Eastern Section was Ewart (Eddie) Plank '20, former Mayor of Fort Peck.

WGJ: On D-Day plus 6 or so, you waded through waist-deep water onto Omaha Beach in Normandy to get the docks at Cherbourg ready as the principal port for incoming US supplies. While waiting you alertly seized control of a tunnel containing a German cache of thousands of cases of liquor, and you wisely rejected all pleas for access. You did release three truckloads to the 101st Airborne Division at the personal request of commanding officer Maxwell Taylor. Taylor responded by inviting you to lunch at his headquarters during a visit by General Omar Bradley '15.

CHC: I was greatly impressed with General Bradley. He knew his business and was not the pound-the-desk, hollering type. He was quiet, but firm. I thought he was capable in every respect. After the war he became Chief of the Veterans Administration, and I was back with the Chief of Engineers. At that time Congress had appropriated what seemed to be one big amount of money, about a billion dollars as I recall, for building veterans hospitals. Although the VA had engineers, I was sent to brief him on how the Corps of Engineers would execute the mission. The Corps was awarded this massive mission in one single day.

WGJ: Back to Normandy … It took so long to clear the mines in Cherbourg harbor, until 7 August, that the allied forces had to rely on forces and supplies passing across the Normandy beaches. For several key weeks in July and August you were given the task of taking over the operations

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at Utah and Omaha Beaches.

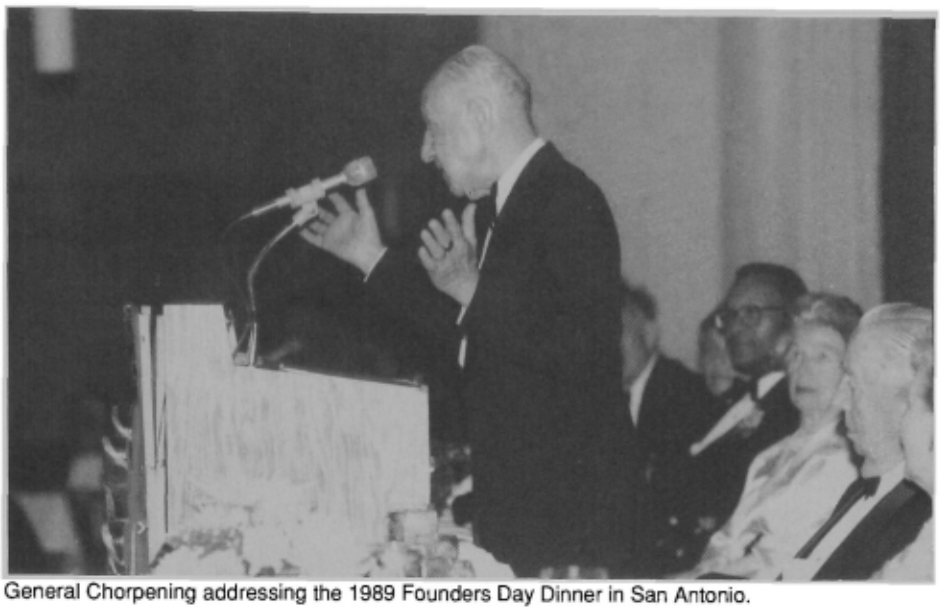
CHC: It was a tremendous operation! It involved enough supplies to take care of over a million men, I guess, on the Continent. All that was coming in over the beaches. In my case it was a matter of seeing that everybody was doing their job and knew what they were supposed to be doing. One day I escorted Winston Churchill for about a half hour. He was very pleasant and asked many intelligent operational questions. I was once a guest at Parliament on question day, during which the Prime Minister is closely interrogated. Winston easily handled every question. I consider him the Man of the Century. I even dated one of his daughters twice.

WGJ: After Normandy, you returned to England for eight months as the deputy commander and chief of staff of the United Kingdom Base which was established to command all US Army forces stationed or passing through the British Isles. In early 1945, you arrived in Hawaii as Engineer of the Pacific Base Command, which included a large segment of the Pacific as far out as Kwajalein. Your major task was the construction of a permanent hospital on the main island of Oahu, Tripler General, which still stands today. At the end of 1945 you went back to Washington, where you handled the already mentioned VA hospital briefing. In 1946 you were appointed District Engineer for the Tulsa District and were in regular contact with Sam Rayburn, the powerful Speaker of the House of Representatives. His job was to encourage civil works in north Texas, so you had many meetings, sometimes involving conflict, with this man.

CHC: Sam Rayburn was one of the most straight-forward and honest politicians that I have ever encountered. He never told me anything concerning his views of various construction programs that he didn't follow up exactly as he said. That aspect in our relationship, of course, helped me in my contacts later with the various committees of Congress in furtherance of the civil works program.

WGJ: In March of 1951, with a promotion to brigadier general, you were named Assistant Chief of Engineers for Civil Works. Your office provided the technical supervision of all projects connected with civil works and also approved plans for major structures and monitored the more expensive civil engineering contracts. A major part of your job was to appear before appropriations committees, and you were normally successful.

CHC: I prepared by becoming as familiar as I possibly could with the project involved, and I travelled considerably visiting the projects. When I appeared before a committee, I knew what I was talking about. Also, in my visits to the office of the Secretary of the Army and the Bureau of Budget, I made it my business to get to know the key civilians there. I succeeded in placing quite a few of our engineer civilians in instrumental offices, which often meant a promotion for them. They were, of course, inclined to be favorable to us. The last year I was in this job, I was provided the questions a day in advance.



General Chorpening addressing the 1989 Founders Day Dinner in San Antonio.

Generally speaking, I got along extremely well. I told them that I was going to tell the truth as near as I knew it, and what I didn't know I would get for them. They respected that. On the day I left Washington, they had a luncheon in my honor in the Speaker's dining room. The House Appropriations Committee members that had worked on our projects were all there.

WGJ: You have a photograph in your home of you and Gerald Ford alone in the oval office of the President of the United States.

CHC: Gerald Ford was a junior member of the House Appropriations Committee and defended me in connection with hostile questions being asked by another member. As the years went on, that action led to a very close relationship. I quite often took congressional committees on trips to various projects, and Gerald Ford was on quite a number of these expeditions. Gerry and his wife lived close to my home in Alexandria, so we mixed a bit socially. I kept that close relationship after I retired. Whenever I went to Washington, I would call at his office, and he would always see me. He had a wonderful trait—if you were his friend at one time or another, he didn't forget you. When he was President, I wrote him a letter. He called me and set up a visit in his office. When I left, who do you think was outside, cooling his heels? Henry Kissinger!

WGJ: Periodically during your military career, you were involved in that major US-Canadian project, the St. Lawrence Seaway. You were a member of the joint commission for the project at one time. We'll go on to your final assignment: In April of 1954 you reported to Camp Zama, Japan. You were number one of the promotion list, receiving your second star ten days later. You were now a G-4 (Logistics) of Army forces Far East. The Korean War had ended recently, and your major responsibility was to roll-up, disperse, the massive buildup, no longer necessary, of supplies, equipment, depots and ammunition. Six of the eight US divisions were returned to the States, so their equipment had to be processed. Three or four times you had to make trips to the Pentagon to sit down with the appropriate officers there and hammer out decisions. To what sources did you distribute this excess—who got what?

CHC: The normal equipment of the divisions, along with sensitive items, were returned to the mainland. At the same time we were equipping the Korean Army. We were also sending some items to Vietnam, because the French were fighting a war down there. Some was put into depots in Japan. It all had to be inventoried, which was difficult because there were ammunition dumps and supplies strung out from hell to breakfast.

Major General Claude Henry Chorpening retired on 30 June 1956 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, the same place where he had started his career as an engineering officer 37 years earlier.

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The Relief of Bastogne

adapted from the book,
Thunderbolt: General Creighton Abrams and the Army of His Times

By Lewis Sorley, USMA 1956

As Abrams had demonstrated in the campaigns of the summer and autumn of 1944, he had exceptional tactical acumen coupled with an unparalleled sense of pace, timing, and the use of terrain. He also had, and could communicate to his men, a sense of urgency, of the need to press on past the point of exhaustion in order to fully exploit successes against the enemy. He told his troops over and over again that the shortest route home was east.

The battalion was thus headed east, as usual, in early December. Then, without warning, the Germans launched one last great attack in the Ardennes, scene of so much bloody fighting over the course of history. What came to be popularly known as the "Battle of the Bulge" was underway. Much of the drama of the ensuing days focuses on Bastogne, where the 101st Airborne Division and elements of other U.S. units were cut off and surrounded by superior German forces. They held on gallantly while desperate efforts were made by the 4th Armored to punch through to them.

The 4th Armored was by now Patton's favorite division, a distinction it had earned in battle. But, for all its brilliant combat record, the 4th was on the eve of the Bulge hampered by a lack of replacement personnel and by a bunch of worn-out equipment. A lot of miles and a lot of wear and tear had been racked up since Normandy, and much of the equipment had been in constant use since then.

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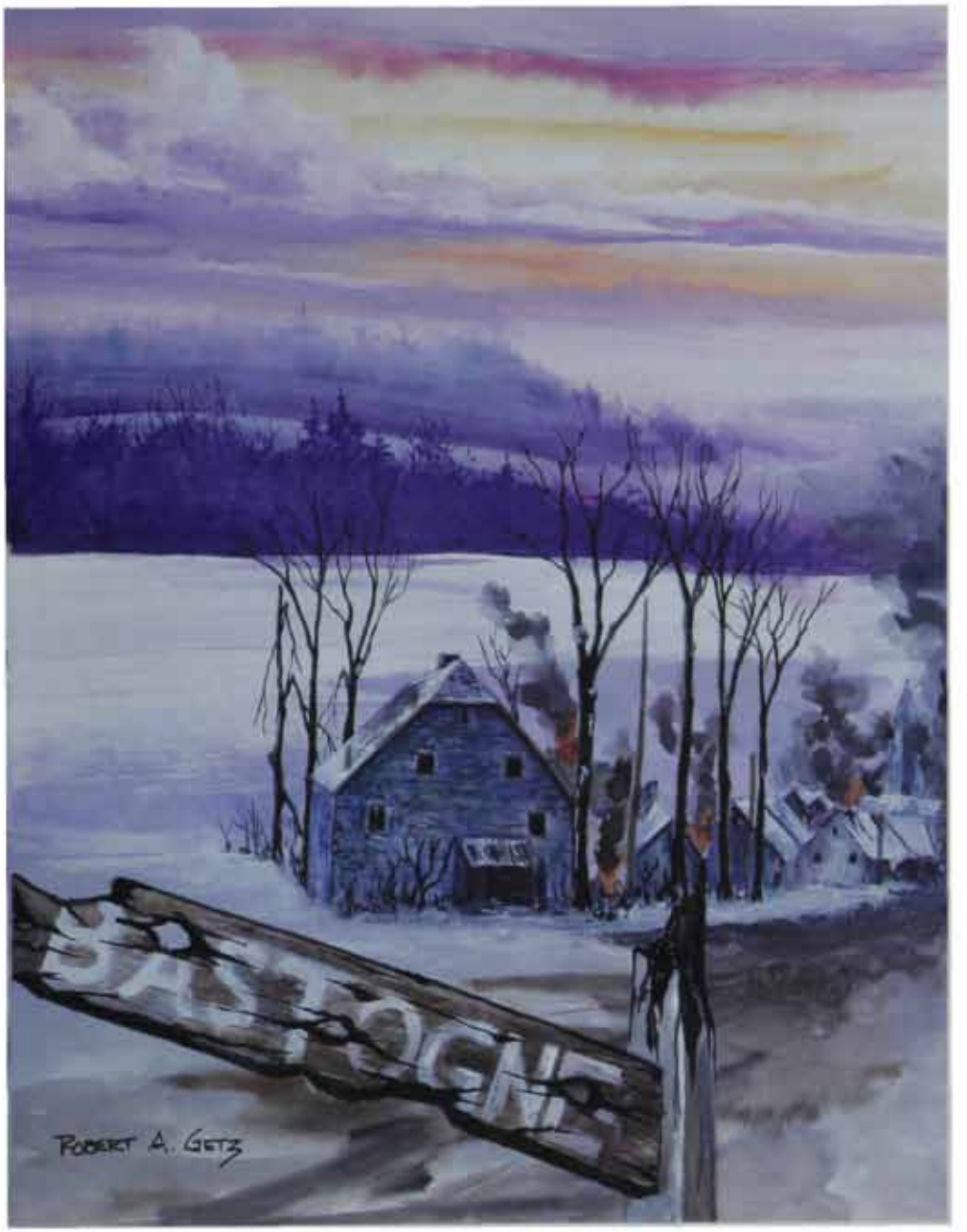

Abrams assembled his battalion at Mittersheim. A sense of urgency was routine in the 4th Armored, but it reached new heights in the next few days. Abrams told his men about the German assault in the north, saying: "This may provide us an opportunity to seriously defeat a major part of the German Army and shorten the war."

The drive north began on the morning of 20 December, when the battalion road marched some 120 miles—to an assembly area near Metz-le-Tige, Belgium—in about fifteen hours. It was extremely cold, snowy, foggy and icy: the crews had great difficulty keeping their tanks on the icy surfaces of the crowned roads.

The battalion remained where it was throughout the next day, repairing the ravages of the rapid and difficult move over winter roads. The following day it moved closer to contact, occupying a jumping-off point near Arlon. Then orders came down that the attack would commence the following morning, four days after word of the German attack in the Ardennes had been received.

Movement to contact began at 6:00 a.m. on 23 December. The 37th Tank, along with the 53rd Armored Infantry, formed the maneuver elements of the 4th Armored Division's Reserve Command (CCR).

Combat Command A and Combat Command B were attacking on parallel tracks, CCA on the right working along the main Arlon-Bastogne road and CCB on the left using secondary roads to keep abreast.

These two units got bogged down in the area around Martelange, in the depths of a deep defile. So Reserve Command was committed to help out the stalled units. An immediate concern was a large body of German armor reported moving on the exposed right flank of CCA. Major General Hugh Gaffey, now commanding 4th Armored Division, ordered Colonel Wendell Blanchard to deploy Reserve Command as a balanced task force (based on Abram's 37th Tank Battalion and the 53rd Armored Infantry Battalion under Lieutenant Colonel "Jigger" Jaques, supported by the 94th Armored Field Artillery). He pointed them toward the town of Bigonville. First, though, there was Flatzbourhof.

As they began the advance and moved out from behind the cavalry screen overlooking the village of Flatzbourhof, Abram's tankers knew that enemy contact was imminent. Nearing Flatzbourhof, the column received fire from the town, and Abrams ordered his lead company to attack under cover of supporting artillery.

Abrams closed his tank next to that of the lead company commander, Captain Jimmie Leach of B Company, telling him to keep the pressure on while he moved another company around to the right and on toward Bigonville, the next objective ahead. C Company under Captain Charlie Trover headed right but was soon halted when several tank commanders were killed by rifle and machine gun fire, including Trover, the company commander.

Abrams ordered A Company to pass through the center of B Company and into the town, but they ran into a minefield hidden under the snow. Then the Germans counterattacked with tanks. It looked like it was going to be a tough fight getting to Bastogne. Fortunately, B Company had gotten some superb positions behind the rail line running through Flatzbourhof and was able to destroy two of the German tanks and drive off the rest. The fog had never let up, an early darkness was falling, and the German attack faded away into the night.

In the course of the evening Task Force Abrams received a number of replacements, and these men were integrated into the tank crews. The extra help was extremely welcome, because even though the battalion was down to only twenty-one operational tanks at this point, it was still so short of crewmen that some of the tanks were without bow gunners. Colonel Abrams brought Lieutenant Boggess, the senior Lieutenant and executive officer of Company C, up to assume command in place of Captain Trover. Boggess was destined to be the first man into Bastogne—but not before a lot more very hard fighting.

On 23 December the weather cleared, and the sun came out. This put the invaluable tac air back up overhead, and more artillery support came up as well. Pushing on in the direction of Bigonville, two kilometers north of Flatzbourhof, Abrams sent

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his B Company out as the advance guard in what was to be a meeting engagement; they did not know where the enemy was then located. The company was by then down to only nine tanks.

Near Bigonville the battalion found the road extensively mined. Heavy artillery fire was called in, and the enemy was being forced to withdraw when darkness and the mines caused a halt. During the night the enemy tried to reinforce, but constant artillery fire frustrated these attempts.

Abrams and Jaques stood by the side of the road discussing their next move. Finally Abrams turned to Jaques: "Let's try a dash through Assenois straight into Bastogne."

That night the division received a message from the besieged 101st Airborne in Bastogne: "There is only one more shopping day before Christmas!"

Next morning the attack on Bigonville was renewed against stiff resistance from the 5th Parachute Division, which the 37th had decimated during the St. Lo breakthrough back in July. But the 5th Para, now fully reconstituted, was still a tough and determined outfit, surrendering only when it ran out of ammunition. Finally, 482 prisoners were taken, including the battalion commander of the German force.

Captain Leach, picking up the rest of his unit, continued pressing the attack. Leach had earlier received a bullet crease in his skull when an enemy round hit his helmet, knocking him unconscious to the bottom of his turret. Less than two hours later he was wounded again, this time taking a rifle bullet in the shoulder. Abrams more or less gave him the rest of the day off, putting another company in the lead. What with one thing and another, it took all day to clear the town, and it was nearly dark by the time tanks and infantry moved through to secure the high ground beyond. It was Christmas Eve.

Then, shortly before midnight, Abrams gave orders to get ready to move again. Reserve Command was to march around to the division's left flank for an attack on Bastogne from a different direction. That night Patton wrote in his diary: "This has been a very bad Christmas Eve. All along our line we have received violent counterattacks, one of which forced...the 4th Armored back some miles with the loss of ten tanks." The way things looked, it was going to be the 37th Tank that broke through to Bastogne or no one.

On the far side of Bigonville, CCR had been counting prisoners and (even though it was midnight) making plans for Christmas dinner when the orders came from division headquarters: move to Neufchâteau (southwest of Bastogne, and some sixty miles down and around the rest of the division and on the opposite flank) at once. CCR was underway an hour after midnight. As it approached Neufchâteau, further orders came: continue the attack around the left flank of the division to relieve Bastogne. Thus, in a matter of perhaps seventy-two hours, the elements of Reserve Command (the 37th Tank Battalion and the 53rd Armored Infantry Battalion, plus supporting artillery) had trailed along in reserve, attacked on the axis of one of the leading combat commands, moved to the extreme right flank of the division to ward off a heavy enemy armor formation, withdrawn from that position to the division rear, and swung all the way around to the left flank to attack again toward Bastogne. It was cold, it was wet, it was slippery, and (probably) by this time they were damned mad as well. So much the worse for the Germans. It was also Christmas Day.

The attack was planned along an axis defined by successive towns to be assaulted en route to Bastogne, beginning with Vauxles-Rosières, Petite Rosieres, Nives, and Cobreville. The force worked its way through this first set of objectives in only two hours. On the far side of Cobreville the column was held up by a blown bridge and a large crater. A bulldozer tank reduced the obstacle by pushing a nearby stone wall into the crater. In three-quarters of an hour the advance continued to the next objective, Remoiville, which was cleared in a rush as a tank company and an infantry company roared in with all guns firing, taking more than three hundred prisoners in the process. Outposting the town, the task force spent Christmas night in these positions.

"Christmas Day was a pig," later recalled a sergeant from the 101st Airborne Division. Inside the shrinking perimeter of the Bastogne defenses, Christmas night was just as bleak. It seemed to the men of the 101st Airborne, said the division history, "that the end was at hand. That night many of them shook hands with their comrades. They said to one another that it would probably be their last night together."

Christmas Day was a pig for Abrams, too. He had his closest call of the war, and he almost wasn't around for the push to Bastogne. Bautz had the command post set up in a house outside a village on the main road into Bastogne. Abrams stopped to check with Bautz, then got back in his jeep and headed out again in the direction of the attack. Almost immediately his jeep hit a mine, blowing the vehicle up and seriously wounding the driver.

Abrams was in a foul mood when he brought the driver back, but once the wounded man was seen to, Abrams took Bautz's jeep and headed out again as through nothing had happened. The attack went on.

By day's end CCR was only six miles from Bastogne. That night Abrams planned the next day's attack. First was to be an advance on Remichampagne. Clochimont would be next, then Sibret, which was thought to be full of Germans and the likely site of the main battle.

As it turned out, Remichampagne was easy. A large number of P-47s unexpectedly turned up and bombed hell out of it only a few hundred yards in front of the advancing tanks. Captain William Dwight, the 37th Tank's operations officer, thought "The coordination of tanks, infantry, artillery, and air was to perfection." On to Clochimont.

By noon, Abrams was on a ridge south of that town, a small Belgian hamlet three miles from Bastogne. Here he deployed his tanks with care, protecting the flanks and sending one company out to locate any enemy that might be in the vicinity of Sibret or Assenois.

Boggess quickly briefed his tank commanders, then "Colonel Abrams gave us the familiar hand signal, and we started to roll toward Bastogne."

By this time it was mid-afternoon, well after three o'clock. The orders were to continue the attack to seize Sibret. But that town was going to be well defended. The 37th had been seriously understrength in tanks when the battle began and now was down to only twenty Shermans left in the whole battalion, scarcely more than a company would normally have. In fact, CCB of the 10th Armored Division had about twice as many medium tanks inside Bastogne as Abrams had trying to break through to them. His accompanying armored infantry battalion was short more than two hundred men. It was going to be getting dark soon; the shortest day of the year had only just gone by, and sunset would occur at about 4:30 p.m., with dusk ending less than forty minutes later.

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Abrams and Jaques didn't check with anyone about this switch in plans. The CCR commander was weak, observed Hal Patti-

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son later, and if Abrams had called and asked for the change in mission he would probably have been denied. "Not too many...commanders over the course of history...," said Pattison, "have had the courage to make the right decision in the face of the wrong orders." Pattison thought there wasn't any question but that, tactically, Abrams did the right thing, demonstrating in the course of it the moral courage that so strongly marked him. Besides, "the combat commander hadn't been anywhere near the action all day long, and he [Abrams] was in a far better position to assess what should and shouldn't be done..."

"Obviously, (the Germans) were surprised by an entry on this road, as some were standing in a chow line. They fell like dominoes." Abrams had been right.

According to Harold Cohen, Abrams knew that he was taking a great personal risk in going in as he did, and that had the attack failed he would have been court-martialed for disobedience to orders. Abrams, he believed, "realized it was then or never. And he took the calculated risk."

Once the decision had been made, Abrams cranked up Captain Dwight. Get the tanks and infantry moving, he instructed, and contact the artillery. Let the 101st know we are coming, too. Dwight was given command of the two companies that were going to lead the way (C Company of each battalion, the 37th Tank and the 53rd Armored Infantry). Heavy artillery concentrations were laid on Assenois. "This is it!" Abrams told Dwight, and at 4:10 p.m. the column moved out, tanks in the lead.

Before they jumped off, Abrams had talked with Boggess. "I mounted his tank that afternoon, and we studied a well-worn battle map," Boggess recalled. Abrams pointed out to him the secondary road leading to Bastogne through Assenois, and "explained that there had been no recon work done on the road, but it was known that all this area was held by the enemy. If we could get through on this road, it might work for a surprise attack." Then "he gave me his familiar short and explicit order, which [in this case] was simply, 'Get to those men in Bastogne.'" Boggess quickly briefed his tank commanders, then "Colonel Abrams gave us the familiar hand signal, and we started to roll toward Bastogne."

Boggess, in the first tank, was thinking about all the Germans in Clochimont and in Assenois, both abutting the road into Bastogne. But then the charge began, and Boggess didn't have time to think about these things any more. He took them in fast, throttles open and all guns firing, trying to bust through before the enemy had time to react.

Artillery fire from thirteen batteries crashed down on Assenois. When he called for the artillery, said Boggess, "the town seemed to erupt." The tanks and half-tracks followed so closely in its wake that scarcely a shot was fired at them as they roared through the town.

The four lead tanks made it through safely. But a half-track right behind them took a direct hit from its own artillery support, and farther back a half-track was pinned by a falling telephone pole. Abrams and his crew leapt from their tank and wrestled the telephone pole aside, freeing the trapped half-track, as accompanying infantry exchanged fire with German snipers. Back in his tank, Abrams waved the column forward once more.

In the smoke and dust that now covered the town, two tanks made a wrong turn. A half-track got into the tank column by mistake. Under the still incoming artillery fire the infantry leapt from their vehicles to find shelter in nearby buildings, and a ferocious hand-to-hand fight with the German garrison was soon underway. Leaving the infantry to deal with Assenois, the tank column pressed on in the direction of Bastogne.

Driving through and beyond Assenois, the lead tanks were moving so fast the half-track just could not keep up. German troops alongside the road used this opportunity to toss out Teller mines after the first tanks had gone by. One of these knocked out the half-track, which burst into flames. Captain Dwight and his crew, in the following tank, leapt down and with some men from the half-track's crew tossed the remaining mines out of the road, then mounted up and took off after Boggess and the lead tanks.

Spraying machine-gun fire into the woods and across the road ahead, the relief column approached a square concrete blockhouse. Boggess had his gunner pump three shells into it (and later twelve dead Germans were found in and around the structure). Then, said Boggess, "I saw the enemy in confusion on both sides of the road. Obviously, they were surprised by an entry on this road, as some were standing in a chow line. They fell like dominoes." Abrams had been right.

Then Boggess spotted some foxholes with what looked like men in American uniforms. He called out to them, "Come on out, this is the Fourth Armored," but nobody moved. "I called again and again," said Boggess, "and finally an officer emerged from the nearest foxhole and approached the tank. He reached up a hand, and with a smile said, 'I'm LT Webster of the 326th Engineers, 101st Airborne Division. Glad to see you.'" It was 4:50 p.m., and getting dark, on the day after Christmas, 1944.

"And as dusk started to come down," a Yank magazine correspondent reported, "Colonel Abrams rode through—a short stocky man with sharp features—already a legendary figure in this war."

"It was a daring thing and well done," Patton told his diary. To his wife Beatrice he wrote that "the relief of Bastogne is the most brilliant operation we have thus far performed and is in my opinion the outstanding achievement of this war." Wrote Army historian Hugh Cole: "There was recognition in both camps that 26 December had been the day of decision." Even so, simply linking up was not, in itself, enough. Initially only four tanks had entered the Bastogne perimeter. Now the corridor had to be kept open, but the CCR commander ordered the whole combat command to move on into Bastogne. Abrams thought that was a bad idea, that the line from Remoiville to Remichampagne to Clochimont to Assenois ought to be manned to secure the corridor leading into Bastogne.

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When Colonel Blanchard passed the word he wanted everything moved into Bastogne to Bautz in Abrams' command post, Bautz replied, "We can't do that." But Blanchard insisted, so Bautz got Abrams on the radio and told him. "Hell, no," said Abrams. For the second time in a single battle he was ignoring orders and following his tactical instincts. "Just keep those units where they are."

So they did just that, Bautz taking the battalion's trains and the headquarters into Bastogne and leaving the tanks and infantry outposting the vital road for which they had fought so hard. As soon as the infantry finished the job in Assenois, a very tough fight, word was passed that the road was safe for administrative traffic. By then it was 3:00 a.m. Immediately there came, from the rear, a whole column of ambulances and supply trucks to replenish the besieged troops and evacuate the wounded. During the night the 37th Tank's light tank company escorted seventy am-

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DUTY, HONOR, COMPANY

Gil Dorland '59 and John Dorland '63

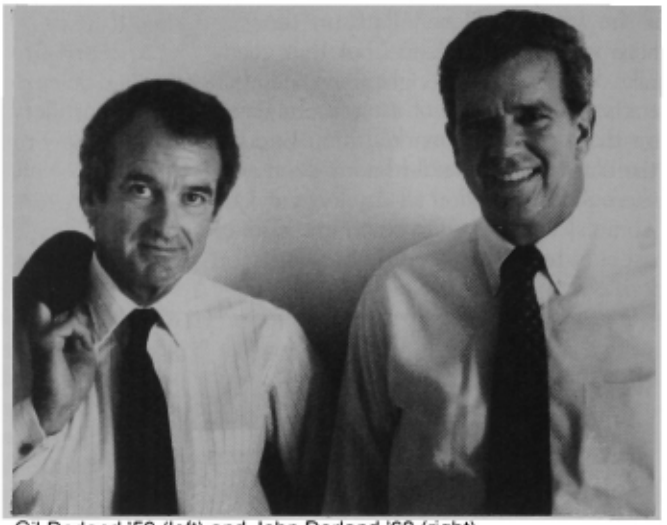
Early in the autumn of 1991, just a few months before he died, Major General Chester "Ted" Clifton, Jr., who had served as the military aide to President Kennedy and was a highly respected business executive in his own right, joined us in a discussion centered on military fundamentals taught at West Point and their applicability to business. The general, a distinguished graduate of the Academy, thought the subject had great merit, and he recalled an anecdote from his years with Kennedy. "How is it that when I ask you to do something," he quoted the president asking him, "or to get the Pentagon to do something, it gets done? Or you come back quickly and tell me why it isn't being done, or even how it is going to be done differently. But when I give one of the cabinet members an order or a directive, first it may never be given any attention whatsoever; and secondly, if it isn't acted upon, I may never hear of it."

President Kennedy asked General Clifton, "How is it that when I ask you to do something, . . . it gets done? . . . But when I give one of the cabinet members an order . . . I may never hear of it."

Obeying orders had been ingrained in us. West Point had prepared us to address promptly each directive when issued, even if the only possible response was the directive was being reviewed or that action had to be delayed until the timing was right or until all the facts were available.

Desert Storm

For nearly two decades prior to the Gulf War, the military's reputation was plagued by the stigma of Vietnam. The military and its leaders were perceived of in degrading stereotypes. All this changed when generals appeared on television in living rooms across the nation and articulated the unfolding strategies of Desert Storm, their language brimming with military terminology and four-syllable words. Except for their camouflage fatigue uniforms, they could have easily passed for top executives in major corporations. We became aware that many of the fundamentals elementary to the tactics and logistics employed on the Kuwaiti battlefield were in continual use in business. Military jargon had even become generic in the world of marketing and finance. It was while reflecting on these similarities that our book began to take form.



Gil Dorland '59 (left) and John Dorland '63 (right).

The influence of the military on business is not new. The large and complex business organizations of today have borrowed and refined military models developed by the United States forces in World War I and II. In many ways military models laid the foundation for modern business practices. Nonetheless, many contend that military models have little to offer business today. Business is profit motivated and must always attempt to cut unnecessary costs. The military, in contrast, is mission oriented and must spend all its allocated funds within the fiscal year or lose them, and the following year's budget will be reduced accordingly. This fact alone makes for diverse mentalities and discordant methods of achieving goals.

In a letter written by George Patton on 6 March 1944, to his Third Army subordinates, it is clear that Patton's instructions on how to command are thoroughly valid for business executives. As Colonel Roger Nye, the former Professor of History at the Academy, noted in a West Point Newsletter, Patton's letter was "peppered" with the following phrases: "lead in person; visit the front daily; observe, don't meddle; praise is more valuable than blame; make personal reconnaissance; issuing orders is 10%, execution is 90%; plans should be made by people who execute them; tell the troops what they are going to do and what they have done; visit the wounded personally; if you do not enforce discipline, you are potential murderers; do not take counsel of your fears."

West Point teaches that leadership demands a constant awareness of human behavior, including one's own as well as that of others. Cadets are taught to lead by example, which can mean digging one's own foxhole even when one could issue a simple command to demand that a soldier of lower rank do it. Leading by example sends a powerful message to the tens and hundreds of soldiers under one's command. Not only does it boost their confidence and the esprit de corps, it builds character within the leader.

Having been students ourselves of the sound leadership principles taught in the military and recognizing their positive impact on subordinates, we are continually dismayed at the pervasive absence of this quality throughout the business world. All too often corporate executives remain confined to their suites and seldom wander among the employees. The motivational energy that leaders inspire in their men on the military battlefields is sorely lacking in today's business environment. It is difficult to imagine how executives responsible for directing corporations can be effective leaders without human contact. Wars are not won by fax machines and interoffice memos. They are won, in the military and in business, by leaders leading.

Military Mind—Corporate Mind

When we first entered into corporate America, we initially found ourselves seduced by remarks that we were "new blood", exactly what the company wanted. We were different from the management trainees recently recruited from B-school. But from the very first day on the job, we confronted demands from middle management to conform to the company mold and to adopt a company loyalty that dis-

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couraged individuality. As we soon discovered, they didn't really want "new blood." Just as the military had required reprogramming of our minds to meet its demands, the corporate world demanded that the mental slate we had developed in the Army be washed clean.

Unlike the military, where employment had been virtually guaranteed prior to the recent build-down, in corporations the fear of termination is constant, and we saw many a corporate lieutenant fretting over it. Fear, we realized, was a major source of motivation. And it was fear that caused behavior that later would prove to be imprudent responses to short-term financial pressures. In many cases, adherence to standardized planning and decision-making guidelines like those used in the military would have caused greater attention to details and resulted in a much less haphazard outcome.

Honor—Ethics

Obviously, today's environment is not so ideal, presenting daily conditions where money is the prime motivation. Ironically, veterans who experienced the real bullets of military wars tend to be defenseless in the business world. Similarly, we found ourselves somewhat naive in the face of the manipulative words of less than truthful people upon first encountering them in business. We had assumed that everyone lived according to the same principles we had learned in the military. West Point had ingrained in us that "a cadet will not lie, cheat or steal, nor tolerate those who do." The Code is absolutely clear. There are no degrees of right or wrong. A lie is a lie; cheating is cheating, stealing is stealing, regardless of the magnitude and circumstances.

Some maintain that it would be absurd to impose these standards on society at large. Veracity is a matter of perspective, they contend, and one person's truth can be another person's lie. Opposing viewpoints is what litigation is all about.

Quickly we learned that in order to protect ourselves we first had to "qualify" those with whom we conducted business. The size of a person's office or the cut of his suit was no reflection of his intentions or honesty.

Upon entering West Point, we were issued *Bugle Notes*, a compact handbook for incoming plebes. Seven pages discussing the subject of honor are prefaced by a statement written in 1920 by Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, who summarized why an exact code of ethics was mandatory for the military.

> Men may be inexact or even untruthful, in ordinary matters, and suffer as a consequence only the disesteem of their associates, or even the inconvenience of unfavorable litigation, but the inexact or untruthful soldier trifles with the lives of his fellow men, and the honor of his government; and it is, therefore, no matter of idle pride but rather of stern disciplinary necessity that make West Point require of her students a character of trustworthiness which knows no evasions. In the final analysis of the West Point product, character is the most precious component.

We learned at the academy that the Code had no geographical boundaries or limits. It applied at all times, whether we were in or out of uniform. As young plebes, we were constantly aware of the need to live and act by the Code. At first it was rather intimidating. One slip could mean expulsion from the academy. Many of us came from less than ideal environments and naturally had on occasion done what was necessary to survive. But now there was no survival outside the parameters of the Code.

Following the ethical directive of the Cadet Prayer, "to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with the half truth when the whole can be won," the academy complements the Code with three basic Rules of Thumb. These are rules of fairness that anyone can use in evaluating the ethicality of their intentions.

1. Does this action attempt to deceive anyone or allow anyone to be deceived?
2. Does this action gain or allow the gain of a privilege or advantage to which I or someone else would not otherwise be entitled?
3. Would I be satisfied by the outcome if I were on the receiving end of the action?

Responding to this deterioration in ethical standards, many companies and professional organizations have established their own codes of conduct. Their guidelines serve as a notice that individual misconduct will not be tolerated—and that ignorance is not an acceptable excuse. Tailored to meet specific company needs, these policies become a standard for individual conduct and are often required to be acknowledged in writing.

Regardless of the stated ethical standards, such a program can only be effective with the complete endorsement and practice by all members of senior management, beginning at the top with the CEO. This support can not be merely in the form of lip-service, but must be visibly practiced and supported in daily activities and managerial decisions. An attitude that says "do what I say, not what I do" will be quickly discerned by the employees, and any attempts to create an ethical environment will seem a blatant hypocrisy. Senior managers must continually set the example, display an open and demonstrative intolerance for unethical acts, and reinforce and reward those who have the courage to stand up and point out improprieties.

Conclusion

In recent years, America's businesses have lost their cohesion and competitive edge, dismissing long-range goals and yielding to short-term financial pressures. Some critics contend that the nation has lost its work ethic. The public has grown undeniably skeptical about certain American-made products and extremely doubtful about corporate management's veracity and strength of character. The results of this situation are reflected in the marketplace, where foreign competition has beaten America's production forces on its own turf, providing reasonably priced products to a consumer who is more quality conscious than loyal to origin of manufacture.

This loss of ground was not necessary, nor is it irreparable. However, to regain strength, business must return to the fundamentals that made them the world's dominant industrial power. Leadership, discipline, high ethical standards, and investments in the distant future should become paramount priorities. Given that America's systematic problems are deeply rooted, the return to basics demands standardized systems, procedures, and decision-making models to hold management's focus on the mission and strategic objectives.

Lean, mean, and to the point, the techniques and formats taught at West Point and outlined in this book are specifically designed to create the discipline required to stay within well-defined guidelines. They leave little room for misinterpretation, and their logical sequencing leads directly to sound conclusions without wasting time. These techniques provide a no-nonsense approach to problem solving that can save lives, win wars and, applied to corporate situations, can contribute significantly to business victories.

Adapted from the book, *Duty, Honor Company: West Point Fundamentals for Business Success*, to be published by Henry Holt and Company, New York in September 1992.

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A Cold War Victory Lap—Once Around the World!

A sense of adventure remains a part of the human character. Consider, for instance, attempting to sail around the world in a 39-foot, single-masted boat, with an ever-changing crew comprised largely of landlubbers!

That is just what Ward LeHardy (USMA '56) and his wife Judy are doing.

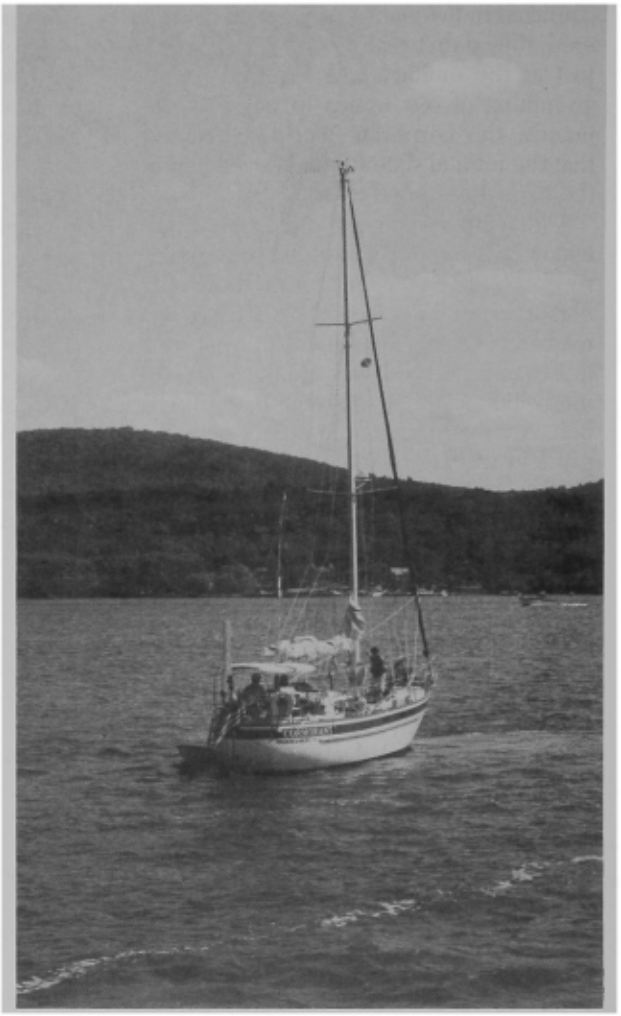
The LeHardys in 1991.

Launched with a rousing send-off by scores of well-wishers, they set sail in the *Cormorant*, pulling away from West Point's South Dock under brilliant autumn sunshine on 22 September 1991. As the first year expires, they are right on course.

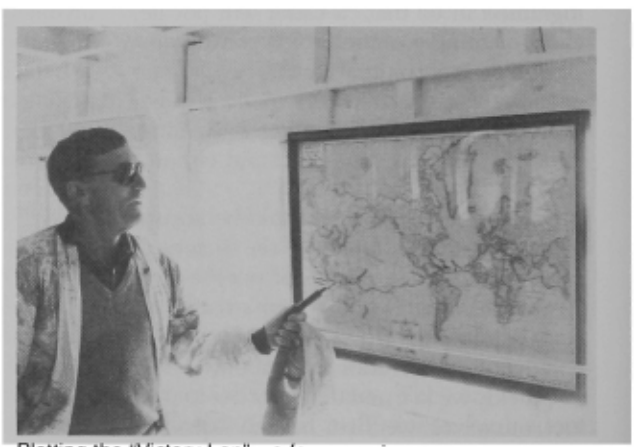
The LeHardy's have dedicated their voyage to honoring the personal sacrifices and global achievements of the men and women of America's Armed Forces who, over the last 40 and more years, made unprecedented history by waging and winning the Cold War. Ward and Judy have titled their effort, "A Victory Lap. . .Once Around the World."

Sailing in stages from East to West, they plan to take four years to complete the circumnavigation. There will be plenty of company; classmates and other friends will join them during different legs of the trip, usually a couple at a time. Classmate Norman Schwarzkopf and his wife Brenda intend to join the cruise—where else?—in the Persian Gulf.

LeHardy, a retired brigadier general who himself served in the Army during most of the Cold War, said he wanted to find some special way to express his pride and gratitude to the millions of other Americans who did their duty to our country by serving in uniform between the establishment of the Iron Curtain and the removal of the Berlin Wall. His voyage recognizes all who stood guard by watching borders in distant lands, by sitting lonely vigil on strip alert, by sailing sentry in every sea—all who trained and remained ready so that fellow citizens could enjoy a shield of security—and all who did not flinch from fighting on those several instances when the Cold War turned hot. In short, for all who had a hand in winning what may have been history's most unusual war and which was certainly the one posing the most danger to mankind.



The *Cormorant* departing South Dock a year ago.



Plotting the "Victory Lap"—a four-year journey.

BE INVOLVED! You do not have to be a sailor—or even go to sea. Anyone who would like to participate in this unique celebration of America's Cold War victory—particularly by marking the role played by sons and daughters of West Point—can do so by pledging a donation for each mile logged by the *Cormorant* as it circles the globe. No money is needed now, just a commitment to contribute later to a project at West Point designed by the Superintendent to commemorate our country's success in the Cold War. A pledge of a penny a mile, for instance, would amount to $270.00 if the voyage is completed entirely (the route planned will cover 27,000 miles). If you want to be a part of this adventure and commemoration, simply sign on. Contact the LeHardy's directly (they will be in touch throughout with Navy ships in the Military Affiliate Radio System, call sign: Charlie Yankee Sierra) or send a card with name, address, and amount you want to pledge to: Dave Palmer, 2201 Antelope Trail, Harker Heights, TX 76543.

Status reports on the Cormorant's progress will be posted every two months in the Class of 1956 column in *ASSEMBLY*.

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Brigadier General James H. Ramsden '58, Retired Chemistry Department Head, Still Battling Cancer

By Colonel David C. Allbee '70

BG James H. Ramsden

Brigadier General James H. Ramsden, who retired in September 1990 as the Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry, now resides in St. Augustine, Florida with his wife Rae. He continues to battle the bone marrow cancer first diagnosed in April 1990. His treatment with chemotherapy ended in December 1991, and he is now on interferon injections to prolong the partial remission phase from the multiple myeloma. He has responded very well to the medical treatment provided by Walter Reed Army Medical Center. BG James H. Ramsden became the 16th Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry following the retirement of BG Wilford J. Hoff, Jr.

In the summer of 1955, Jim had just completed his Plebe year at West Point. He went back to his high school, Saint Mary's, Annapolis, Maryland (his father was the Post Ordnance Officer at Fort Meade), to attend graduation. A particular St. Mary's High School senior, Rae Jean Lorenzen, caught the new Yearling's eye. The Ramsdens were married two weeks after Jim's graduation in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Annapolis.

"I really tried to do my best in everything that I did as a cadet," BG Ramsden recalled. He credits his older brother, Colonel (Retired) John J. Ramsden, who graduated in 1957, with helping him during his West Point experience.

Graduating 19th in his class of 573 underscores his understatement, "I tried to do well in academics." He played first string on the Army Lacrosse Team his junior and senior years and played in the annual North-South lacrosse game. He also found time for less strenuous pursuits. BG Ramsden said, "Of all extra-curricular activities, I really enjoyed singing with the members of the Glee Club."

What he enjoyed most was interacting with his classmates in Company I-2. "We had a great group in that company. . . General Michael Dugan, my Plebe roommate, was Chief of Staff of the Air Force." (General and Mrs. Dugan attended BG Ramsden's retirement ceremony.) Working hard and playing hard have characterized BG Ramsden's career. During the summer months, one could find BG Ramsden playing hard out on the Hudson River. "I'm an avid jet-skier," he said.

But playing hard was balanced by working hard. Typical of that work are the three major curricular changes that were made under BG Ramsden's tenure as Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry. The Environmental Chemistry Elective and the Chemical Engineering Field of Study were established while the Life Sciences Field of Study was revised into a separate field of study.

BG Ramsden emphasized professional development for the department's faculty through advanced graduate schooling—about a third of the faculty have doctorate degrees. BG Ramsden added, "I tried to emphasize the importance of research, but obviously teaching is our most important mission." In 1987, he spent a year on a research sabbatical at the University of Florida, concentrating on chemical decontamination methods.

But he is perhaps most proud of the relationship among all the members of the department. BG Ramsden added, "There is camaraderie and bonding that pervades this department going back to the sixties." Reflecting on his over-32 year career, the first thing he mentions is the support that he has received from his wife Rae and their four children. "She is truly the greatest 'blessing' in my life," he said. "She is the best wife, lover and mother any man could ask for. And to top it all off, she is also my best friend." Rae has been a West Point Tours guide, a substitute teacher in the Highland Falls Elementary School system and a floral designer. Of all those jobs, Rae feels that the highlight of her employment was working for the Brisman family West Point Tours. "Rae jokes that she can't believe that she was actually paid for being able to talk to 40 people held captive on a tour bus—for her, it was just fantastic."

Two of the Ramsden children, Mike and Linda, work and attend school in Gainesville, Florida. The eldest son, Jim Ramsden, is married to Deborah Heller, and they have one daughter, Sarah. Jim is a Systems Engineer with IBM in Manassas, Va. Their oldest daughter, Kim, works in the budget/financial office of the Pepsi Cola Co. in Baltimore, Md.

BG Ramsden was a distinguished graduate of the Class of 1958. His first assignment was as a Field Artillery Officer with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, where he served successively as a Fire Direction Officer in a 105mm battery and as a Platoon Leader in an Honest John battery. BG Ramsden's other assignments included Aide to the Chief, MAAG, Phnom Penh, Cambodia; instructor and assistant professor in the Department of Physics and Chemistry, USMA; combat duty in Vietnam with the 1st Cavalry Division; extensive combat development duties at the Artillery School, Fort Sill, OK; the CBR Agency, Fort McClellan, AL; and the Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD; and he was the Director of Technical Support, Edgewood Arsenal, MD. BG Ramsden is a graduate of the Command & General Staff College and the Army War College. He holds an MA and Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry from Johns Hopkins University. He was actively engaged in researching the areas of phosphite-sulfur reactions and decontamination studies involving phase transfer catalysis, two areas of interest to the Army.

His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, two awards of the Bronze Star Medal, four awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, three awards of the Army Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with four Bronze Service Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Silver Star, and the Republic of Vietnam Honor Medal (First Class).

Before departing the West Point community, BG Ramsden started a Cancer Support Group. He believes the open sharing of feelings at these support meetings is a vital part of the recovery process. He and Rae have started a similar group in St. Augustine, FL. The Ramsdens reside at 306 Raintree Trail, St. Augustine, Florida 32086. (Telephone (904) 797-5544).

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On the "Association" of Graduates

Lieutenant Sean Douglas Cleveland '92
Formerly, Brigade Publications Officer

On 30 May the Class of 1992 graduated from a very different United States Military Academy than it entered four years earlier as New Cadets. The Fourth Class System which molded us as Plebes has been replaced by the Cadet Leadership Development System (CLDS). Today's fourth class do not ping, nor do they walk on the walls. They are at fall-out in the Mess Hall and are recognized the day before Spring Break. Looking at the Plebes, many graduating Firsties remember their own personal experiences in the Corps and question the legitimacy of the underclasses' development as the future leaders of the Corps and the Army itself.

I wonder how many Firsties of the Corps past questioned the development of their underclass subordinates. Every cadet, professor and graduate has heard the phrase "The Corps Has." Coupled with "When I was a Plebe. . . ," these phrases represent the one, fundamental ideal which underscores the USMA experience: change. As society changes, the Academy changes, and the people who enter the Corps as New Cadets change. The academic program changes, the Plain takes on a new configuration and the Association of Graduates builds a new Alumni Center on West Point.

Ultimately, though, very little really changes in the Corps. Football season is still as exciting and colorful as ever. Regardless of whether or not the Army Team wins on the scoreboard, they do in Spirit, both on and off the field of friendly strife. Disappointment burned in our hearts in Philadelphia this year, leaving the Class of '92 2-2 against Navy in our four-year stay at USMA. But The Game will be there next year, and the Army Team will be ready. And the Class of 1993 will have the Corps ready. Next year my classmates and other graduates will watch The Game on television at Army/Navy parties around the world, exchanging stories about how "The Corps Has" and about "When I was a Plebe ..." Most importantly, though, the true "association" of graduates will be together, reliving the experiences and joining together in a living memorial of what West Point really means.

Duty, Honor, Country, the words we all live by, join Fellowship and Pride as the five pillars which make the Graduates and the Cadets of the United States Military Academy extraordinary today. All things considered, whether or not the Plebes ping on walls or get recognized prior to Spring Break makes very little difference. All cadets, regardless of their class, have made a commitment to embrace a lifestyle unique to this Academy. Though tradition surely plays a role in many institutions in America, the USMA tradition has no equal. The same things that affect the Corps in the '90s touched Cadets in the '40s and the '60s. Many experiences I remember are universal for all Academy graduates. Who can ever forget his or her first run-in with the Cadet-in-the-Red-Sash? Or the Gloom? What about the feeling inside after beating, or losing to, Navy? What about Physics or Juice? Who can hear the words "Take Boards" without immediately flashing back to Plebe Math? Though every person has a unique West Point experience, we all relate to one another through our memories and the continuing traditions which underscore Cadet Life as much as "change" does.

LT Sean Cleveland '92

Three memories stand above all others as I reflect today upon my four years. The first, chronologically, happened after the Graduation Parade for the Class of 1988. Plebe year had been hell. I barely escaped the Dean in Calculus and Chemistry, and, though I will never admit it to my Plebes, I was far from an exemplary Fourth Class Cadet. Thus, I was extremely glad to reach Recognition Day. After having my breast plate smashed by my squad leader and scratched by every Yearling and Cow in the Company, I shook the hand of each graduating cadet and joined the B-2 Bulldogs as a Recognized Plebe. Standing in Central Area, shaking the hands of my companymates and classmates, I felt better than I ever had felt before. Nothing, I remember thinking at the time, can beat this feeling.

I was wrong. Standing together as a class at Trophy Point under a setting August sun, we received our rings and passed yet another milestone towards Graduation. I remember seeing the Ring for the first time, opening the little blue box slowly. I did not cry or get overly emotional, but I did feel extremely proud as I placed the ring upon my finger. A simple ring of gold and black onyx, my Ring symbolizes everything for which my class had worked. My mind flashes back to the years of memories which make my time in the Corps so special.

The third, and most profound, memory I have is very painful for me and many of my classmates. Instead of the bright sunlight of Recognition, or the warm sunset of the Ring Presentation, this event took place in the black of the night as the Corps came together to mourn and give our final respects to First Class Cadets Joel Krafsig and Roger Herndon. Standing together on the apron with the USMA Bayonets providing the rifle salute and a lone bugler playing Taps, we were all reminded of just how fragile life truly is and how serious our commitment to each other and our nation is. Though nothing will ever bring Joel or Roger back to their families and classmates, the memory of the haunting notes of Taps floating across the Plain will live with the Corps forever. Together the Class welcomed the joy of success; together we experienced the pain of losing loved friends and comrades.

As the Class of 1992 matures and joins the ranks of the "Old Grads," I am sure that we will question some of the changes made at West Point in the future. Hopefully, though, we will view these changes in the proper perspective, placing our emphasis upon the most important component of the United States Military Academy—the people. Although I will never fully comprehend the nuances of Colonel George Pappas' (1944) cadet experience, I can relate to his stories about the history of the Corps. A few months ago, my classmates and I and were the Corps. Now, as graduates, we are eternal members of the Long Gray Line—a Line made up of people of both sexes and all races, a Line which has served its country extremely well and will always do so. This, not the Fourth Class System/CLDS debate, is what is significant about West Point today.

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West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program Begins 13th Year ... With A Change in Leadership

When the Class of 1996 arrived at West Point on Monday, 29 June 1992, their number included 36 cadets who had just completed an intensive year of study under the auspices of the Association's West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program (WPPSP). And as you read those words, the 1992-93 candidate class of 55 young men and women have already begun their work of preparing for admission to West Point at four year colleges and universities, military junior colleges and Eastern preparatory schools.

From tentative beginnings in the spring of 1980, when the AOG and USMA Admissions selected 18 candidates to attend colleges and prep schools for the 1980-81 school year, the program has gradually expanded to the 55 scholarships awarded for the academic year beginning this fall. During the intervening years, the AOG and the Military Academy worked to refine and improve the selection process. The program has been reviewed formally twice: in 1984 an ad hoc committee evaluated the first five years of the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program, found it to be successful and recommended it be continued on a permanent basis. And just last year, at the request of the Director of Admissions and the AOG, the USMA Office of Institutional Research compared cadets entering West Point through the WPPSP with all other cadets for the classes of 1985-91. Again, the conclusions confirmed the value of the program to the Military Academy.

COL (Ret.) Morris Herbert '50

Over the twelve years of its existence, the WPPSP has awarded scholarships to 460 candidates. All candidates are recommended to the AOG by the USMA Director of Admissions through a careful screening process. By NCAA rules, one-fourth of the candidates may be recruited athletes, and TABLE 1 shows that 111 of the scholarships (24%) were awarded to athletes recommended by the Office, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics. Of the candidates awarded scholarships, just under 90% completed the scholarship year. West Point offered admission to 366 candidates, 89% of those completing the scholarship year. A total of 302 cadets who entered West Point through the WPPSP have graduated or are still attending; this figure of 73.3% is higher than the retention rate for cadets entering the Military Academy from any other source.

The AOG scholarship program is comparable to that of the Naval Academy Foundation and the Falcon Foundation. Both of these programs award scholarships to approximately twice as many candidates each year as the WPPSP. Our program (and Navy's) normally places recruited athletes in private preparatory schools. The AOG program depends heavily on military junior colleges and recommends that scholar/leader candidates select an MJC rather than a four year college for the preparatory year. For 1992-93, 15 candidates will attend New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, New Mexico. The NMMI Superintendent is LTG (Ret) Winfield W. Scott, USMA '50. MG (Ret) Joseph L. Fant, III, USMA '51 is the President at Marion Military Institute in Marion, Alabama, where 10 WPPSP candidates will matriculate. Two candidates will attend Valley Forge Military Academy and Junior College in Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Eighteen candidates will attend these universities and colleges:

U. of Houston
Penn State
U. of North Texas
Tulane
Richmond
U. of South Carolina
U. of Virginia
Arizona State
Rutgers
Southern Methodist
Mississippi College

COL Roseborough, COL Herbert and Linda Giacoio

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TABLE 1
WEST POINT PREPARATORY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
1980 - 1992

Total Scholarships Awarded to Candidates	- 460	(111)*
Candidates Completed Scholarship Year	- 412	(99)
Candidates Offered Admission to USMA	- 366	(87)
Candidates Accepted Admission to USMA	- 350	(82)
Graduated or Still Attending USMA	- 302	(65)

* - Parentheses indicate number of recruited athletes included in total

TABLE 2
WPPSP SAT SCORES

Candidate Year	SAT Math	SAT Verbal	SAT Total
1980-81	573	481	1054
1983-84	584	518	1102
1990-91	603	530	1133
1991-92	633	538	1171
1992-93	617	531	1148

U. of Washington
R.P.I.
Cal State (Pomona)
W.P.I.
Texas A.& M.
Wake Forest
U. of Maryland

Among the WPPSP cadets admitted to West Point with the Class of 1996 were five women. Six women (including two athletes) have been awarded scholarships for the 1992-93 academic year.

Athletes in the WPPSP have fared well at West Point, both in the classroom and on the playing fields. In the 1991-92 athletic year, ten WPPSP cadets played varsity hockey, including two of the top four scorers on the team. Senior Scott Tardiff won the Beukema Award as the team's "Outstanding Player." Three WPPSP cadets lettered in lacrosse; Second Classman Phil Mandry (Paul, '60) was a leading scorer. Three WPPSP cadets wrestled on the varsity, and two lettered, including plebe heavyweight Joe Hogan. Second Classman Phil Wilson lettered in swimming for a third year; he holds several Army swimming records. The swim teams also include WPPSP divers on both the men's and women's squads. In tennis, Third Classman Marty Whelan lettered for a second time and won both his singles and doubles match against Navy. The captain of the league champion women's soccer team was Jennifer Cahill, a WPPSP cadet. And apart from recruited athletes, two "walk-ons", Corbett Leatherwood and Chance Mercure, played varsity football. Leatherwood, a senior, lettered for the second year. Two other WPPSP cadets lettered in Lightweight Football, and three members of the USMA National Championship Parachute Team were WPPSP cadets.

Selecting the 1992-93 candidates and arranging their placement and scholarships signaled the completion of 12 years of service as Director of the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program for Col (Ret) Morris J. Herbert '50. Herbert, whose primary responsibility for the AOG has been Vice-President for Communications, retired on 31 July. Col (Ret) Morgan G. Roseborough, Jr., '66 replaces him as Program Director.

"The Military Academy asked the AOG to establish this scholarship program in 1979," Herbert said, "And overall, I'm pleased with the results we've achieved. I've had great support from West Point Admissions and from the AOG Scholarship Committee that supervises the execution of the program. Without the interest, enthusiasm, and guidance of our four committee chairmen over these 12 years, we would not have been successful. Denis Mullane, '52, Doug Kenna, '45, Rollie Stichweh, '65, and Bill Willoughby, '60, have provided great leadership and deserve the credit for our continued improvement over the years."

The academic quality of WPPSP candidates has steadily improved since the first class of 18 was awarded scholarships in 1980. TABLE 2 shows the gradual improvement in SAT scores for five typical candidates years, including the last three.

A little-known accomplishment of the WPPSP is that it assists the USMA Admissions program in "leveling the playing field". Each year, there is a surfeit of well qualified candidates from a few dozen congressional districts. These districts routinely have more qualified candidates than they have vacancies. Thus, a candidate who may stand 4th or 5th on the congressional slate in New York state might well have been first—and won an appointment—in another district. The WPPSP, by providing scholarships to many of these candidates, permits them to compete a second time for an appointment, and under an Admissions policy that gives them an excellent opportunity to be admitted the following year.

Finally, it is worthwhile to review the results of the survey conducted by the Office of Institutional Research when they examined program statistics for the graduating classes of 1985-91. These statistics showed that:

A significantly higher percentage of WPPSP cadets graduate than cadets entering USMA from any other source;

A higher percentage of WPPSP athletes letter in their sport, and graduate, than recruited athletes entering USMA from any other source; and

There is so significant difference in the leadership grades and academic grades between WPPSP cadets and the average for each graduating class (1985-91).

The Association looks forward to the next twelve years—and the opportunity to offer many more outstanding young men and women a chance to attend the Military Academy and embark on a military career.

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opened on 3 February 1992. It is located at South Post beside the Visitor Information Center and will serve as a reception area for visits to West Point by special guests—USMA graduates and cadet parents. The Welcome House will provide a venue from which to interact with graduates and parents seven days a week. The House will be jointly staffed by the AOG and USMA.

XIV. *Summary*. During the year just completed, the focus of all Association actions continued to be support and assistance to the Military Academy. While traditional programs such as West Point Societies and Preparatory Scholarship continued to prosper, a number of new initiatives bode well for the future. The Alumni Center, scheduled for completion in 1994, is well into the design phase. The Distinguished Graduate Award is established and its first recipient, General Van Fleet, has been honored. The Association is beginning to grapple with the problem of providing guidance and assistance for the unprecedented numbers of graduates leaving the service, a problem which will require a major effort in years to come. Overall, the Association looks to the future with confidence and the expectation of continued growth and success.

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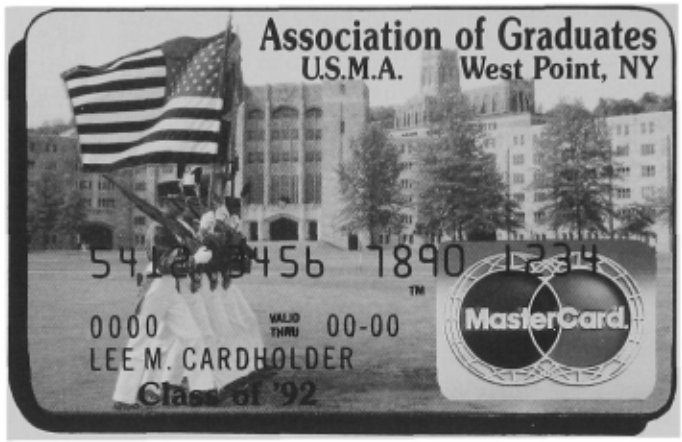

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AOG Travel Program for 1993

The Association of Graduates has planned six attractive and exciting trips for calendar year 1993. Each will be announced by a full page advertisement in ASSEMBLY magazine 6-8 months prior to the actual trip; in addition, most of our readers will receive a brochure and application through the mail.

Here are the planned trips for 1993:

Dates	*Company*	*Trip (No. of Days)*
15-26 March	Royal Cruise Line	Panama Canal Transit: San Juan, Puerto Rico to Acapulco (10) Ship is *Crown Odyssey*
8-18 April	Gohagan	Mississippi River Cruise: New Orleans to Memphis (11)
26 June-8 July	INTRAV	Alaska: Cruise Inside Passage plus Fairbanks, Denali National Park, Dome Train, Whittier Glaciers (13)
20 July 3 Aug	Vantage Travel	Scandinavia: Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Fjords (14)
8-21 Aug	INTRAV	Great Rivers of Europe: Rhine, Danube Cruise plus Vienna (14)
29 Oct-10 Nov	Royal Cruise Line	Greek Isles & Ancient Civilizations: Rome, Naples, Cyprus, Rhodes, Cairo, Istanbul, Athens (12) Ship is *Royal Odyssey*

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MORE TO THE POINT

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

Summer Camp" means different things to those who wear or have worn the gray of the Corps. To younger grads and today's cadets, summer camp means Camp Buckner or Popolopen, with its barracks, mess hall, other facilities and modern, intensive military training. To older grads—those who graduated from 1944 back, summer camp means the old encampment on the northeast corner of the Plain. From June until the end of August, the Corps—less the furlough class—slept and lived in tents, took part in more primitive military training and "welcomed" the new plebe class after Beast Barracks. But most of us knew little about the origins of that camp and probably weren't even interested in such old-hat information.

Firsties in Camp, 1891. Jervey and Dickson, 1892, graduated 2nd and 6th, respectively.

Summer Camp formation, c. 1890.

The first summer camp for the Corps was established during the War of 1812, when Alden Partridge was the only officer at the Academy. A camp guard roster for 1 September 1813 lists a guard of one sergeant, one corporal, and nine privates. One of the charges which resulted in a Court of Inquiry concerning Patridge's administration of Academy affairs was that he had curtailed the required three-month summer camp. The 1813 guard roster, which is in the Partridge Papers in the Library Special Collections, may have been used as part of his defense during the inquiry. Very little is known about summer camp during this period.

After Sylvanus Thayer became superintendent in 1817, summer camp became a more organized activity. In 1817 and 1818, camp was on the western edge of the Plain, across the road from the old Academic Building, which was on the site of the present Superintendent's Quarters. Camp was moved to the Fort Clinton area when construction started on quarters for the Superintendent and the Commandant. Here it remained until its last summer in 1943.

Camp was geometrically arranged for four cadet companies—Thayer had the Corps divided into four companies for summer training although it returned to its two-company organization at the end of August—and a row of tents for the commandant and the tactical officers. Latrines were dug north of the camp site; water was hauled in until conduits were extended from the Long Barracks then used by enlisted men. There were no cots or any other furniture. Cadets slept on the floor or on a comforter. Each cadet was permitted to have a trunk very similar to a latter-day footlocker. This he used as a chair or a desk. Each tent had two pails of water and two wash basins. The first year—1818—there were no floors. The next year, Thayer had wooden floors put in place before the tents were erected.

After the West Point Hotel was built on Trophy Point and the number of visitors increased greatly, a hedge was planted around the camp site to shield it from the view of visitors. It was customary to stack arms at the west edge of camp near the guard tent during the day; the Colors were furled and placed on top of the stacked arms. The line of stacked arms and Colors was called the Color Line, the origin of the

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phrase used for the informal summer entertainment in later years. Wooden sentry boxes were placed at the center of each sentinel's post; these same sentry boxes—or their replacements—were still in use in 1943. From Thayer's time until Robert E. Lee's superintendency, continued work gradually cleared the Plain of the many rocks, small boulders and scrub pine that had been there since before the Academy was established. Lee finished laying sod on the Plain from the western edge of the camp to the row of officers quarters. The ground from camp south to the Library was left unsodded; it was used for artillery and cavalry drill. Little physical change took place from Lee's time until 1943. About the only significant difference between these camps was the increased size. Instead of tents for four companies, there were tents for twelve companies in 1943. Sinks were installed beneath the Fort Clinton parapet. The guard tent was still at the west entrance to camp, but the Color Line had been discontinued. Major Edward Boyton's 1867 West Point Guidebook included a map of the camp that year; by adding additional company areas, the map would be a good representation of camp in 1943.

After the early 1900s, cots were provided, but no other furniture was authorized. Wrought-iron stands for the wash basins stood in front of each tent. Water was carried from faucets near the sinks—usually by plebes. From the A and B Company areas on the west edge of camp, flanker plebes had to run a gauntlet of runt upperclassmen to get to and return from the sinks, much to their discomfort. Plebes were marched to Cullum Hall through the east hedge to attend dancing classes, carrying hop shoes in one hand and white hop gloves in the other. They also marched to Cullum the first week after they moved to camp to be "interviewed" by Fritz Mayer to determine their qualifications for joining the Chapel Choir. More than one sang out only "Glorrrr" of Mayer's "Glory to God" scale rendering before they were dismissed.

There were many enjoyable activities connected with summer camp. First and foremost were the three hops each week. Before Cullum Hall was built, hops were held in either Grant Hall, the old mess hall, or in the Academic Building. At times, both were used: one for waltzes, polkas, and other dances; the other for the German, a series of intricate figures danced by a specified number of couples. Included was the Grand March so often seen in the western military movies of John Ford and others. In early years, before many young ladies were available for hops, cadets held periodic stag dances west of the Color Line. The area was lighted by hundred of candles stuck in the ground; cadets danced reels and other country dances. Camp Illumination became a tradition within a short time after the first camp was established, the name being taken from the Illumination Festivities ordered by George Washington to celebrate the birthday of the Dauphin of France on 30 May 1782. Camp was decorated in fanciful and fantastic ways. Each cadet company competed for the best decorated company area. One year, a runt company area was transformed into an Arabian camp scene. Another company had "color transparencies" to provide "authentic" scenery for its decorations—no description of these transparencies was provided in the cadet letter describing that adornment. Were they drawings on thin paper? On glass? We only can be certain that the drawings were not made on plastic.

In the post-WWI years, another tradition developed: Color Line entertainments were held at the western edge of the camp. A stage would be erected against the west hedge on Saturday afternoons and the presentation made after supper that night. Skits, songs, and dances were presented by more "talented" cadets. Despite a lack of rehearsal time, some extremely fine—and comical—Color Line shows were held over the years.

Both erecting tents and razing them were colorful formations in the early years. The Corps would march to the campsite, take their places by their respective tents, and, at the command "Raise tents," all tents would go up simultaneously—or almost so. On the last day of camp, the area was crowded with spectators come to watch the tents come down. Cadets in full dress uniform took position at the front and back of each tent. After loosening the guy ropes holding tent poles in place and at the command "Strike tents," they would push the poles over. Companies south of the central street pushed their poles to the south; those on the north side, to the north. The Corps then formed and marched back to barracks. Eventually, the two cadet formations were eliminated, and tents were erected or razed by post details.

Formal guard mount was a daily formation, held west of the guard tent. The old guard turned out of its tent and formed facing the old Officer of the Day. The new guard, led by the Band, marched out of camp and took its place alongside the old guard. The old Officer in Charge, accom-

1818	Fort Clinton	1853	Camp Jeff Davis	1886	Camp Hancock
1819	Camp Clinton	1854	Camp Bliss	1887	Camp Sanders
1820	Camp Clinton	1855	Camp Calhoun	1888	Camp Gillmore
1821	Camp Clinton	1856	Camp Walker	1889	Camp Mackenzie
1922	Camp Calhoun	1857	Camp Quitman	1890	Camp Weir
1923	Camp Scott	1858	Camp Jeff Davis	1891	Camp Sherman
1824	Camp Gaines	1859	Camp R.E. Lee	1892	Camp Kendrick
1825	Camp Hitchcock	1860	Camp Pierce	1893	Camp Sheridan
1826	Camp Jackson	1861	Camp Anderson	1894	Camp Cullum
1827	Camp Wood	1862	Camp McRae	1895	Camp McDowell
1828	Camp Brown	1863	Camp Bayard	1896	Camp Hooker
1830	Camp Eaton	1864	Camp Buford	1897	Camp Warren
1831	Camp Carroll	1865	Camp Lincoln	1898	Camp Humphries
1832	Camp Cass	1866	Camp Reynolds	1899	Camp W.H. Smith
1833	Camp Rensselaer	1867	Camp Sedgwick	1900	Camp Wansboro
1834	Camp Macomb	1868	Camp Russell	1901	Camp Stotsenberg
1835	Camp Atkinson	1869	Camp McPherson	1902	Camp Churchman
1836	Camp Jones	1870	Camp Thomas	1903	Camp Shipp
1837	Camp Poinsett	1871	Camp Belknap	1904	Camp Forse
1838	Camp Fowler	1872	Camp Thayer	1905	Camp Edgerton
1839	Camp Fenwick	1873	Camp Swift	1906	Camp Schofield
1840	Camp Biddle	1874	Camp Gardiner	1907	Camp Michie
1841	Camp Tyler	1875	Camp Williams	1908	Camp Ruger
1842	Camp Spencer	1876	Camp Washington	1909	Camp Delafield
1843	Camp Totten	1877	Camp Mead	1910	Camp Hawkins
1844	Camp Wilkins	1878	Camp Mansfield	1911	Camp Merritt
1845	Camp Marcy	1879	Camp Canby	1912	Camp Hasbrouch
1846	Camp Taylor	1880	Camp Heintzelman	1913	Camp Larned
1847	Camp Scott	1881	Camp Grant	1914	Camp Joe Wheeler
1848	Camp Doniphan	1882	Camp Garfield	1915	Camp G.B. Davis
1849	Camp Kearny	1883	Camp Mahan	1916	Camp Story
1850	Camp Gaines	1884	Camp Church	1917	Camp W.S. Mills
1851	Camp Brady	1885	Camp B.F. Davis	1918	Camp M.S. Smith
1852	Camp Brooke			1919	Camp F.S. Sibley

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panied by his Officer of the Day, casually inspected his guard, a rather quick once-over rather than an inspection. The new OD carefully inspected his guard, all of whom had shined shoes and brass and cleaned rifles in competition for being selected amanuensis. That fortunate cadet did not walk post but served as the commandant's orderly for 24 hours and was able to sleep in his own tent.

Formations for parade began with each company forming in its own street, usually in white uniforms. In the old "squads right" days, A Company would move down its street in squad front—four men abreast—execute a column left, and march through the west entrance to camp, following the Band to the parade area where it formed platoon front facing west. Other companies followed A Company. After the mass formation became standard in 1940, companies formed in a column of fours, marched to the parade area, and massed in a company front. After passing in review, companies formed a column of fours by executing "squads left" to march back to camp.

Until 1919, summer camp was named in honor of a different individual; after WWI, it was always just "summer camp" or Camp Clinton. There was another reason for applying a different name each year: it was a soft-sell way to teach history to cadets, especially plebes who had to learn why the individual for whom camp was named had been selected. Above is a list of names of the summer camps from 1818 through 1919.

Summer Camp was called Camp Clinton from 1920 until it passed from existence in 1943. That year the Class of 1944 moved to camp as usual. After six weeks of training—their *Howitzer* described "machine guns, grenades, assault courses, Field Artillery, and M1 qualification"—the Class boarded a train for Pine Camp (now Fort Drum) for five days of training with an armored division preparing for overseas movement. On returning to West Point, the Class found the tents had been struck; Camp Clinton was no more. The remainder of the summer was spent at the Popolopen Firing Center, now Camp Buckner, ending with another convoy trip to Pine Camp for maneuvers.

Most the old grads who survived the "rigors" of old summer camp retain only pleasant memories of the weeks spent on Fort Clinton parapet. When the tents were struck for the last time, one hundred twenty-five years of tradition ended. Gone forever were the water fights and Chapel services at Battle Monument. Gone were the all-white, formal hops at Cullum and the midnight shout "Corporal of the Guard, Post Number Five." Gone were hop cards and formal invitations. Gone were full-field inspections with equipment displayed in geometric order in company formations on the Plain. Gone was the command, "Pitch shelter tents to the left." Gone was the rush to roll tent flaps up or down at the command of the OC, whose weather predicting capabilities were often miserable. Gone was "running" the guard, waiting until he had reached a remote point on his post to dash across into the bushes and darkness for an unauthorized foray into forbidden areas. Old summer camp disappeared, to exist only in the memories of old grads.

A future column will be devoted to "old" summer camp activities. Any memories you may be able to put down on paper would be much appreciated. There are few diaries and letters from the 30s on; you can help document this period.

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Blueprint for Success

The Class of 1946 Fund Raising Plan Provides a Model for Other Classes

By LTC (Ret.) Michael W. Mahan '70

The Class of 1946 has its eyes set on a record! The current record for a class gift is the Thayer Gate project done by the Class of June 1943 at a cost of approximately $920,000. To mark the occasion of their fiftieth reunion in 1996, the Class of 1946 plans to present $1 million to the Association of Graduates toward funding of the James K. Herbert Alumni Center. To accomplish such an ambitious goal, the class has carefully mapped out a strategy that may interest other classes about to embark on fund raising campaigns to support their alma mater.

During the summer of 1992, class leaders met with LTC Michael Mahan, USA (Ret), the AOG's Director of Class Giving, to discuss in general terms the process of raising funds to present a reunion gift. This discussion provided focus for the leaders. During their 45th Reunion in September 1991, class leaders invited LTC Mahan to discuss, with their assembled classmates, a 50th Reunion gift project. The first topic discussed was what amount was realistic for the class to raise before the 50th Reunion. An analysis of past giving records provided a starting point. If the class continued fund raising as it had in the past, about $350,000 could be collected before the 50th reunion. The class realized that to reach a $1 million goal the number of donations from their class and the average donation amount would both have to double! Segmenting their class by ability to give would be an essential ingredient in a more aggressive campaign. While broad-based support makes the project truly a CLASS project, "thoughtful, proportionate giving based on ability to give" became a key element in '46's campaign philosophy.

The second element discussed was that a need of West Point should be met by the gift. Private funding is essential to support current and future needs of the Military Academy in these days of shrinking defense budgets. One such need was the James K. Herbert Alumni Center, a place for returning graduates, widows and friends to receive appropriate hospitality beyond that afforded to the general public and a facility that allows expansion and enhancement of services to the Military Academy and to AOG members world-wide.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the members present voted to recommend pursuit of a $1 million gift dedicated to the Alumni Center as one of the options presented for class consensus. Class consensus was sought by mailing ballots outlining several proposals of varying costs selected by the class leadership as worthwhile projects. The class response was overwhelmingly in favor of donating $1 million dollars to the Alumni Center in return for the recognition afforded by claiming the Great Hall of the Alumni Center as a naming opportunity for the class.

Next, class leaders identified classmates who might be capable of making leadership gifts to the project. Just as the class had individuals who led the way in academics or athletics as cadets, after fifty years the class had certain individuals who were in financial positions to make significant, leadership gifts to their class project. COL Dick Gruenther was appointed by MG Cal Benedict, the Class President, to prepare and forward materials on the project with a letter proposing a specific size of gift to these individuals and, if needed, to arrange visits to further discuss the project. In almost every case, after receiving the materials, these class members rose to the challenge by supporting the project with donations and leadership pledges ranging from $5,000 to $50,000 to be given over the five years of the campaign.

After securing a total commitment of about $300,000 from these leadership gifts, all other members of the class were solicited by mail. The solicitation included pledge cards that encouraged annual donations pledged over five years. Pledges and donations were returned to the Association of Graduates, where they were recorded and acknowledged. As pledges become due, the AOG forwards reminders to the individuals involved. The class leaders receive periodic and special reports from the AOG on the pledges and outright donations received. The Class account earns tax exempt interest while the donations accrue in the AOG Fund.

To broaden the base of the campaign, a volunteer from each cadet company was solicited to manage the fund raising campaign for his company and to gain 100% participation in the effort, so that it could truly be classified a CLASS project. MG Benedict provided each company representative the information necessary to manage the campaign in his company.

The class leaders have several means to keep everyone informed of the status of the fund raising. Company representatives will provide reports to their companymates, the class column in the *ASSEMBLY* will print periodic updates on the status of the campaign and, finally, the class leaders will summarize the results for the year in an annual class mailing.

Currently the Class of 1946 has exceeded $700,000 in pledges and donations! The class foresees raising sufficient funds by May 1996 to cover all fund raising expenses, to purchase accouterments for the Great Hall that provide recognition for the class and to present a check for the Alumni Center Fund totaling $1 million. Most importantly, reports from class members indicate that working together again as a class to reach a worthwhile and challenging goal may be the most rewarding part of the entire project.

If you would like to discuss formulating a successful campaign strategy for your class, please contact LTC Mike Mahan, USA (Ret), Director of Class Giving, at the Association of Graduates: (914) 446-1054.

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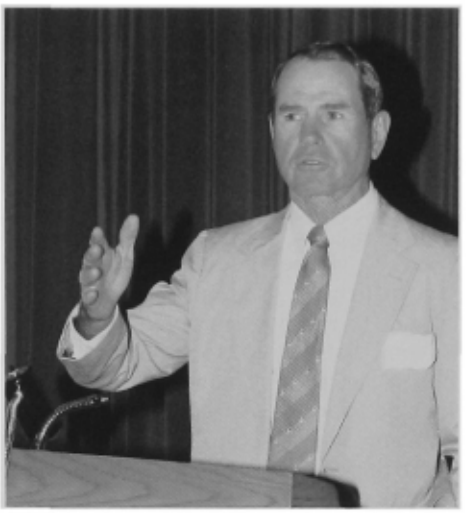
West Point Societies Presidents Conference

By Colonel John C. Snodgrass '56 (Retired)

On 28 April 1992, 60 delegates representing 57 West Point Societies met at West Point for the Sixth Annual West Point Societies Presidents Conference, sponsored by the Association's West Point Societies Program.

Conferees and their spouses arrived at Hotel Thayer on Monday, the day prior to the conference. That evening, General Arthur (Art) Brown, Jr. (Ret) '53, Trustee of the Association of Graduates, welcomed the delegates during the "Get Acquainted" reception.

On Tuesday, the conferees met for a full day's work while the Association hosted an equally full day of activities for their spouses. Escorted by Mrs. Betsy Snodgrass, 35 spouses and guests visited New York City, gathering for luncheon at the "Tavern of the Green" restaurant in Central Park and later touring the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



GEN Art Brown '53, AOG Trustee and Conference Chair welcomes the Society Presidents.

Jim McHone '70 representing Columbia, SC

Ted Voorhees '57, representing Florida, West Coast and Jeff Van Keuren '75 representing Minnesota

The business agenda was conducted in two sessions on Tuesday. General Art Brown '53 chaired the conference and stressed that the agenda was designed to update the society presidents on the critical challenges facing the Academy and, more importantly, to provide ample opportunity for the delegates to discuss the issues and present their views.

The principal focus of the morning session was the presentation by the Superintendent, LTG Howard D. Graves '61. He began by briefing the current USMA academic, military and physical development programs. He then followed with an update of on-going actions to reverse recent legislation concerning West Point—specifically, the six year Active Duty Service Obligation (ADSO) and Reserve Commissions for all accessing lieutenants. The Superintendent, the Dean, the Commandant, the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and the Director of Admissions then participated in a lively question and answer period.

The delegates then turned to the major agenda items of the conference—the Reserve Commission issue; the impact of Army downsizing programs; the intensified need for career transition assistance; Admissions and the athlete recruitment interface; the new Alumni Center and related fund raising objectives; the relation-

Joe Volpe '53 representing Richmond (Lee-Grant).

The Superintendent, LTG Howard Graves '61, addressing the assembled Presidents.

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ship between the AOG and the Societies; new AOG-Society communication initiatives; and new member recruiting issues.

The Reserve Commission issue was the most pressing topic of the Conference. After extensive discussion, the conferees reached the following consensus: First, the impact of this legislation is Army wide. It affects not only USMA grads; it also affects ROTC DMG's. Fully 50% of all ROTC active Army accessions receive RA commissions. Second, under existing law (DOPMA), the Army treats RA and Other Than RA (OTRA) officers evenly in matters of assignment choices and career enhancing opportunities. Third, the effect of the legislation is principally one of perception—that is, it raises questions concerning why one would attend a Service Academy when other, less rigorous alternatives achieve the same end. Fourth, the AOG must maintain close surveillance of Congressional and Executive Branch activities and must keep the societies informed. The Societies, for the present, should closely monitor events and await developments as the Congressional hearing process unfolds.

The delegates then received a detailed briefing on the USMA Admissions program from Colonel Geoff Louis, its associate director. Some delegates expressed concerns that the athletic recruiting efforts needed closer integration with the Admissions program. Delegates were cautioned about interacting with recruited athletes, as such activities could lead to unintended NCAA recruiting violations. Several delegates commented that the USMA athletic recruiting program is less effective than similar programs of the Naval and Air Force Academies. Further it was observed that USMA Preparatory School policies appeared to emphasize "selecting out" lesser performing students rather than emphasizing efforts to raise recruited athlete SAT scores to facilitate admission and subsequent academic success.

The delegates discussed at length the intensifying need to assist the greatly increased numbers of graduates leaving active military service and seeking jobs in the civilian sector. Delegates stated that society programs can help but are unable to cope with the increased requests for help. Conferees uniformly voiced the view that the AOG should take the lead and upgrade its program of assistance. The AOG should provide a comprehensive information booklet incorporating information about job search preparation, networking and related referral data. Many delegates urged action to get "professional" out placement and automated job placement firms more closely involved with the AOG program. Finally, the AOG should complement the networking capabilities of the societies.

The delegates then were briefed on the status of the new AOG Alumni Center. The societies were encouraged to participate in "fund raising actions" to help meet the funding requirements of the Alumni Center. This appeal was met with spirited commentary. It was explained that "fund raising actions" was not meant to imply a direct member assessment program. Rather, other actions, such as cultivating corporate giving and so on were suggested. One society president commented that unless the societies were directly represented as AOG trustees, some societies would be reluctant to more actively support AOG projects and activities. In response, it was emphasized that—by presidential instruction to the AOG nominating committee—five of the twelve candidates for positions as AOG Trustees at Large had to be nominees from the Societies.

The last agenda briefing provided an update of AOG communications support. The AOG has established a FAX broadcast system whereby simultaneously all participating societies (80+) can receive time sensitive information from the AOG. The newly established West Point Society (electronic) Bulletin Board System (WPSBBS) was briefed. The Bulletin Board is to be fully operational in early September 1992. The societies indicated broad support for both initiatives. The briefing, however, did raise a critical communications problem with the societies. On president commented that "I might be the brigade commander, but I have no battalions." Internal society communication is a major obstacle to rapid response.

Following the specific agenda item discussion, General Brown led an open discussion period. He then summarized the conference discussions, asking for delegate input and conference consensus concerning the major issues, their implications and recommendations for follow-on AOG and society actions.

In the evening, the delegates, their spouses and guests, members of the USMA staff and faculty and members of the AOG joined for the Presidents Dinner at the Hotel Thayer. Following the dinner meal, the conferees united with the leadership of the AOG in honoring Colonel (Ret) Morris J. Herbert, AOG Vice President for Communications, who retires this summer following 12 years with the AOG staff. Herbert was presented with a framed certificate which outlined his many invaluable contributions to the Association, its graduates and the Academy.

The Relief of Bastogne

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bulances and forty supply trucks into the perimeter.

The American press made an instant hero of Abrams. He was not impressed. Having received a copy of *Time* magazine purporting to tell the story of the relief of Bastogne, he set the record straight for Julie: "Hopeless dribble, so much of it is inaccurate that I haven't room to cover it all—I shall cover only the sentence dealing with me—I hadn't had a shiner since being overseas—I haven't had a bandage on my head since I had the wreck at Fort Knox—I was not in the leading tank—the supply route was not closed that night nor for one single instant after it was open to this day—the supplies came in that night over our route—escorted by us. The rest is no more accurate."

Later someone observed that the 4th Armored Division had a much greater reputation than any other armored division in the war, and Brigadier General William L. Roberts (who served in the division, after commanding some of the armored elements that were bottled up in Bastogne with the 101st) was asked what made the difference. "Abrams," he replied. "Abrams when he got into combat knew everything that was going on. How he knew it, nobody knew, but he did. He knew where every tank was. He knew where every piece of equipment was, and he was able to command and move his outfit and always defeated the enemy in front of him. It was just that simple."

Adapted from *Thunderbolt: General Creighton Abrams and the Army of his Times* by Lewis Sorley, Simon and Schuster, New York, 1992. A Military Book Club Main Selection. Also available from "Books on Tape." A similar adaptation appears in the September/October issue of *ARMOR* Magazine.

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Annual Giving Program Donors

This article salutes all individual donors to our recently completed Annual Giving Program for the period 1 April 1991-31 March 1992. A more comprehensive report on other aspects of the West Point Fund program will appear in the November 1992 issue. In the July 1992 issue, an article, "Grant Aid: Business Help for West Point," listed corporation and foundation donors. For this recently completed fiscal year (1 Apr 91-31 Mar 92), there were 10,932 donations by 8,594 individual, corporate, and foundation donors totaling $2,531,510. These donations support a wide variety of programs and projects which enhance the cadet experience and the Military Academy. Additionally, they assist the Association of Graduates in its effort to further the mission of West Point. A four year comparison reflecting contributions to the West Point Fund (all categories except planned giving) is shown at Table 1.

Table 2 details FY'92 giving activity by category of donor. This data reflects a participation rate of 18% of all graduates solicited.

Table 1
Annual Giving Program Comparison

	No. of Donations	Dollars Received
1992	10,932	$2,531,510
1991	11,001	$3,910,552
1990	11,109	$3,710,684

Table 2
FY '92 Category of Givers

	No. of Donors	Dollars Received
Graduates	6,308	$1,509,349
Widows	428	$ 67,873
Parents	1,109	$ 99,360
Friends	390	$ 66,588
Corporations Foundations	92	$ 493,312
Matching Company Gifts	267	$ 295,028
Total	8,594	$2,531,510

Table 3
Frequency of Level of Giving

	No. of Donor	Dollars Received
Under $25	655	$ 9,245
$25-$49	1,442	$ 38,547
$50-$99	2,351	$ 125,891
$100-$249	2,689	$ 339,100
$250-$499	583	$ 170,573
$500-$999	432	$ 234,343
$1,000-$4,999	386	$ 589,318
$5000 Over	56	$1,024,493
Total	8,594	$2,531,510

Table 3 reflects levels of giving for FY '92. The mean value of all donor giving in FY '92 was $294.56, compared to $465.37 in FY '91.

Table 4 is a listing of individual donors of $250 or more during this past year. A special thanks is extended to these individuals and to all individuals who contributed to the West Point Fund this past year. Your confidence in the programs of the Military Academy and the Association of Graduates is greatly appreciated.

TABLE 4
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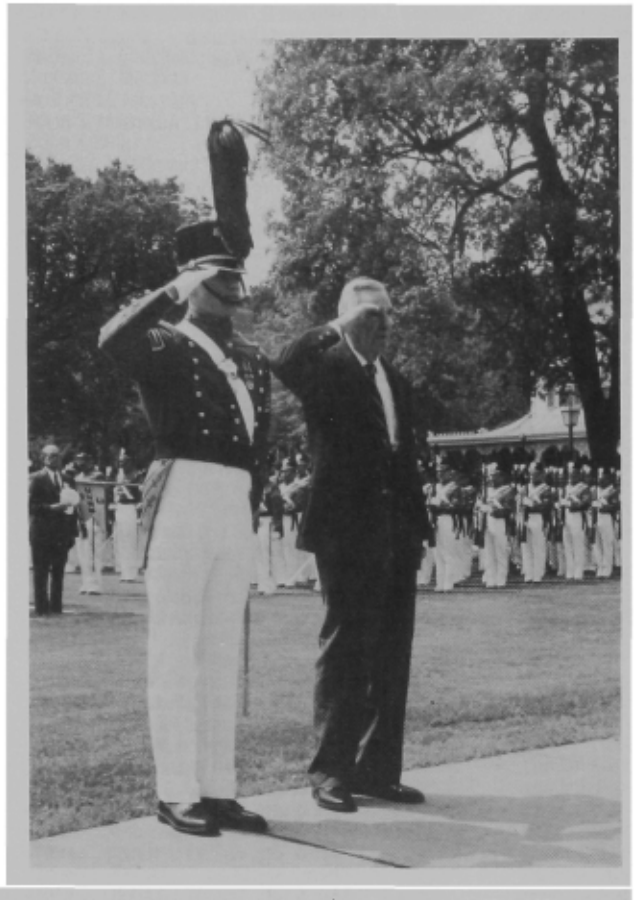
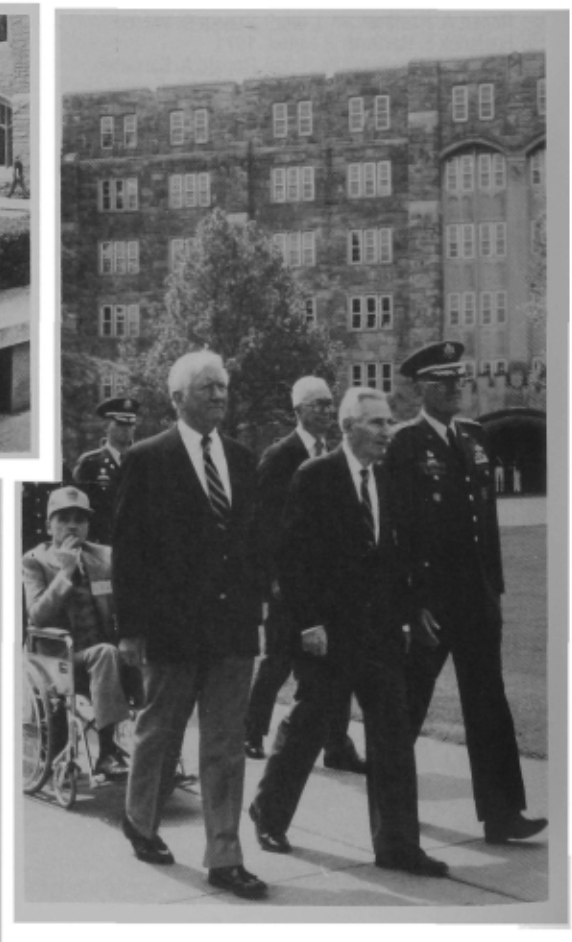


Approximately 500 graduates returned to West Point 24-27 May for class reunions. Classes holding reunions were 1921/22, 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942 and 1952. Major General Frederick A. Irving, Class of April 1917, the oldest graduate present and former Superintendent, assisted by First Captain Omar Jones, placed a wreath at Colonel Thayer's statue during the Alumni ceremony on a beautiful, spring day.



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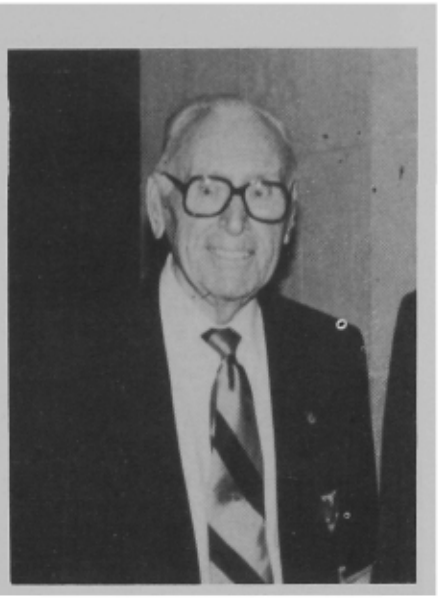
1921-22 Homecoming



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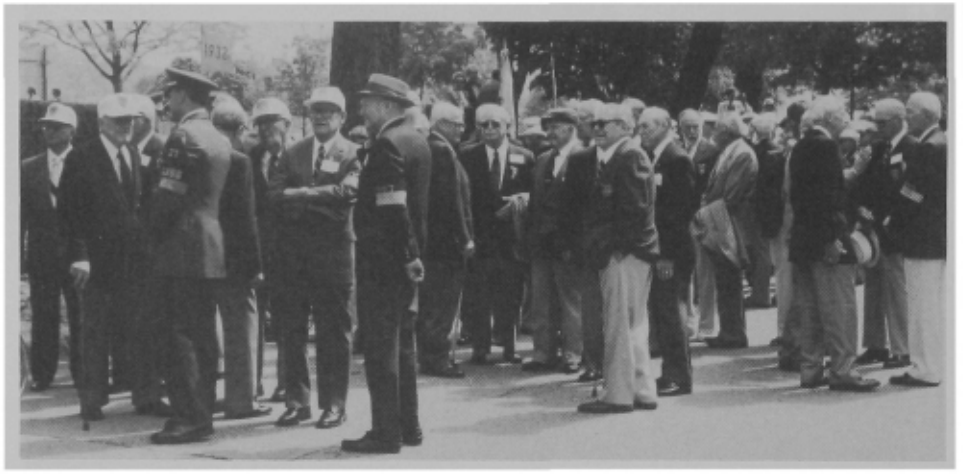
1927 Homecoming

For the 65th anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1927, 12 of the 43 surviving members were happy to be able to return to their Alma Mater to refresh fond memories and to pay homage to those who have joined the Long Gray Line. It was difficult to believe the passage of these years until one puts into focus the many earth-shaking events within that time frame. A few days before we graduated, Charles Lindbergh made the flight that was to alter the concept of global travel. Political and human events too numerous to mention have altered life throughout the world, hopefully for the better.

Within that same time frame, West Point has undergone many changes, but, consistent with its enduring tradition, it continues to produce quality leadership not only in the military but in political and civilian life at the highest levels.

The Class of 1927 is proud to honor our Home on the Hudson.



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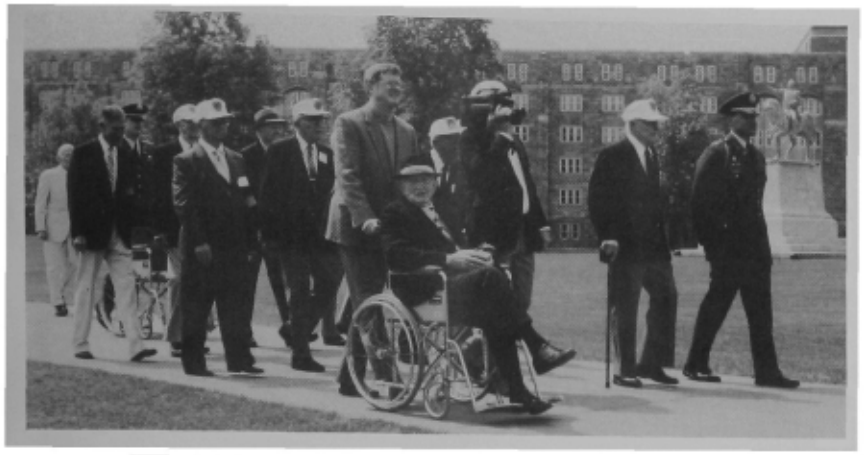

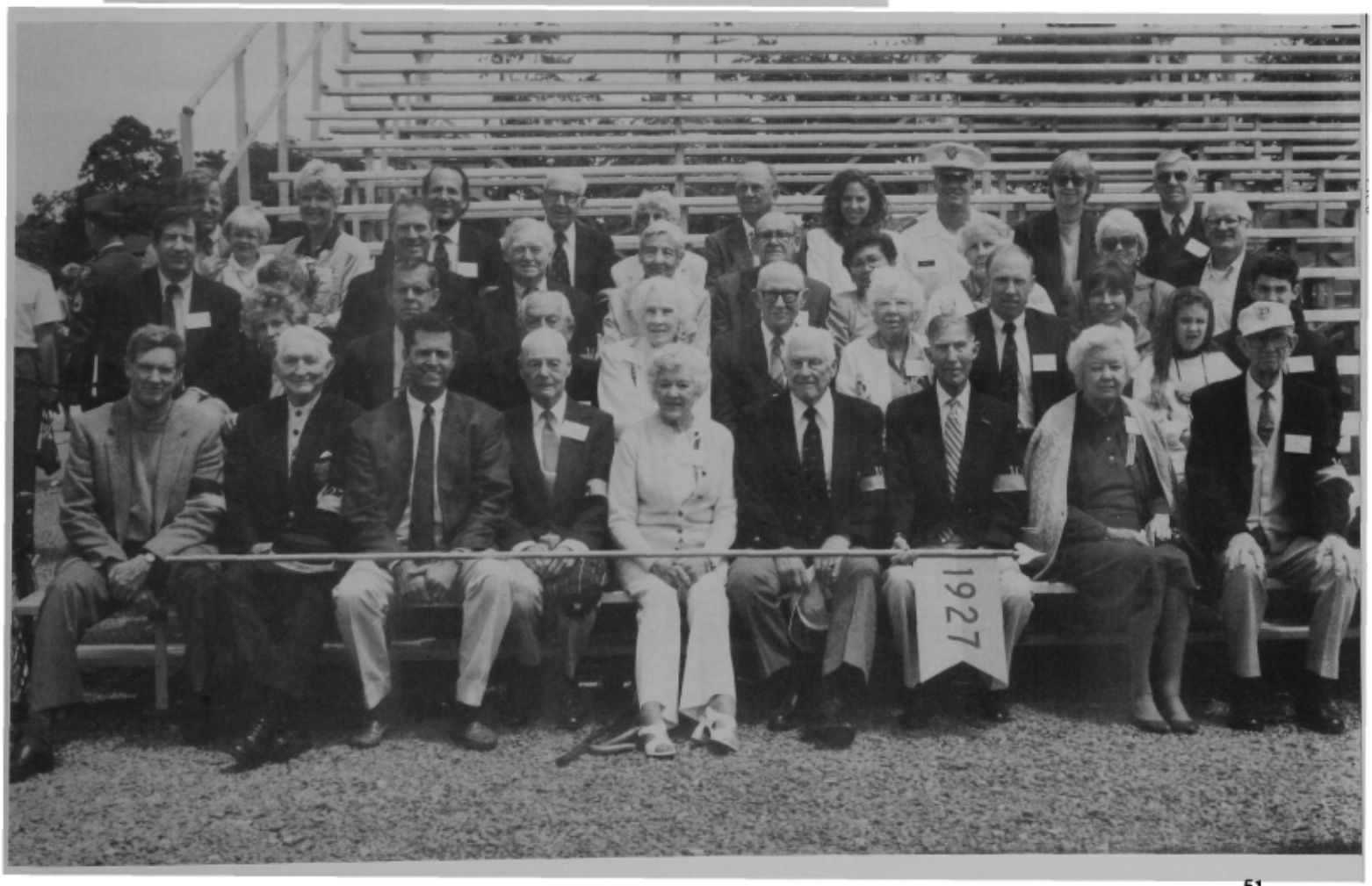

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1932 Homecoming

Of the 262 classmates who graduated in 1932, 69 are still alive 60 years later, and 30 of us were at our 60th Reunion.

But that does not tell the complete story.

Fifty-seven wives, widows, children, grandchildren, sons and daughters-in-laws reminded us of the guys who are no longer with us. One good looking grandson gave us the latest on his progress towards becoming a cadet.

Most of our classmates who were not at our 60th simply couldn't travel. Some of the widows who had been to many reunions with their husbands, "just couldn't go without him."

Those of us who went understand the feelings of those "classmates" (in the broadest sense) around the country who were not at our 60th.

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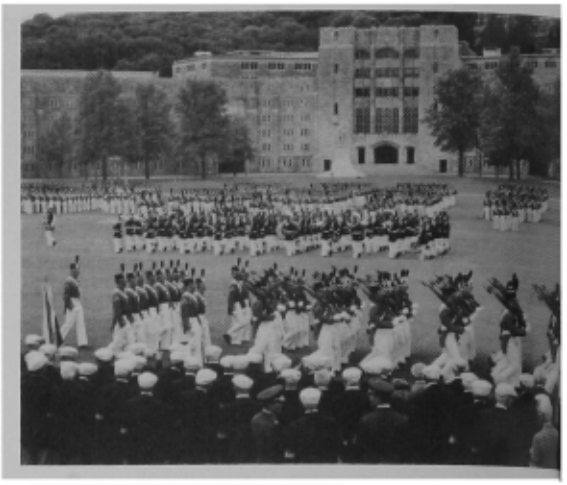
1937 Homecoming

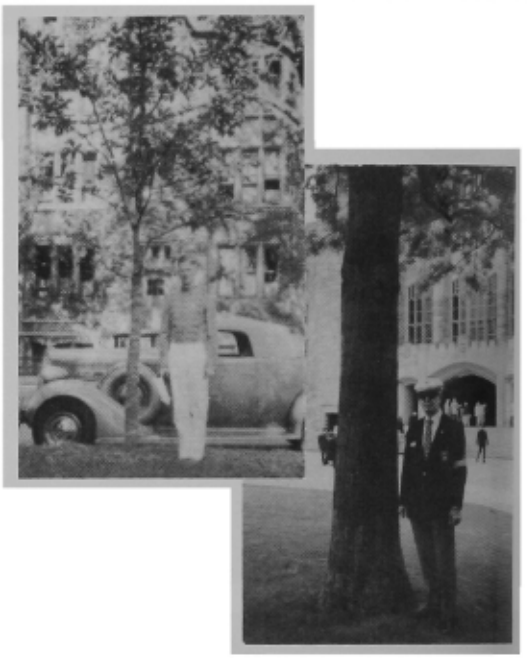


Fifty-nine members of the Class of 1937, out of 123 living, together with wives, relatives and friends, for a total of 141, gathered on 22 May 1992 to celebrate 55 years since Graduation on 12 June 1937. From around the globe they converged—Ken Wade from Hawaii, Woody Stromberg and Bill Dodds from France—and from diverse locations in between. All were billeted at the Hotel Thayer.

Highlights of the three-day gathering included a tour of the expanded Academy, a well-prepared luncheon at the Ski Lodge and a Memorial Service in the Old Cadet Chapel conducted by the Reunion Committee Chairman, George McDowell, in remembrance of our 175 deceased members. Other "Room 1321" committee members, Bob Gildart and Howard Smalley, assisted. Bob gave a short talk on the origin of the Alma Mater prior to its rendition by the Cadet Glee Club.

Under fortuitous, continuing, cool, clear weather, classmates trod with other alumni to the traditional ceremony at Thayer Monument, after which we received many compliments from the spectators for our uniform appearance, especially the '37 caps. After the Alumni Parade, Class picture and luncheon in Washington Hall, the Class traveled by bus under a light rain to the shelter of the Holleder Sports Center where Class President Fred Clarke presented to LTG Graves, the Superintendent, the portrait of Tom Truxtun painted by one of our class wives, Claudine Evans. Peggy Truxtun Dyer and family were present at the unveiling. The portrait will hang in the Truxtun Lacrosse Center. Later in the day, a framed photograph of the portrait was given to each of Tom's two daughters, Julie Truxtun Neal and Mary Truxtun Lalli.

At the Dinner Dance, gifts were presented to our Class Aides, MAJ Schwartzman, CPT Taylor and CPT Crocoll, for their outstanding assistance throughout the reunion. The Committee then presented USMA chair cushions to Gus Prentiss, Class Treasurer; Don Shive, Class Scribe; and Scott Hall, Class Historian, for their many years of service to the Class. The special cushions should provide comfortable support as they continue their good work for the Class. Finn Unger, although unable to be present because of an official function in the Far East, was honored with the title of Class President Emeritus for his twenty years of service as Class President.



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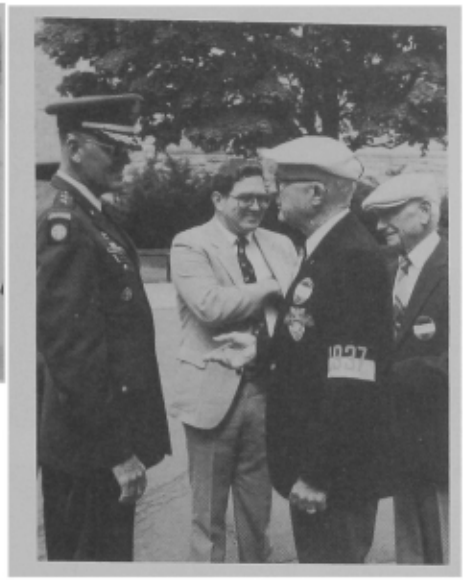

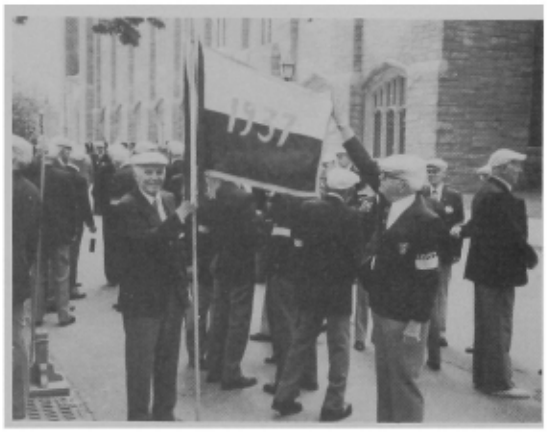

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1942 Homecoming

We came, we saw, and though we may not have conquered, we held our own—not bad after 50 years! The weatherman let us—and the temperature—down, but the chill was ignored in the excitement of the occasion. The Plain was never greener, the Hudson never more majestic, the Corps never spoonier and the grip never firmer!

There were 150 of us on hand for at least a part of the festivities, two-thirds of our remaining number, with 11 widows and a handsome addition of spouses, kids and friends. The total of more than 300 warm, caring participants made the 50th a gathering worthy of the special occasion and the special efforts of the Committee and the Class Aides.

The Memorial Service in the Old Chapel resurrected memories of friendships past. The dedication of the splendid addition to the Eisenhower Patio and the dedication of the Maffry Columbarium gave us welcome opportunities to express to West Point our gratitude for the education, the character and the inspiration given us.

Hail, Alma Mater, and the family of '42!

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1952 Homecoming

We used the Marriott in Tarrytown as our base and welcomed back 204 graduates, 176 wives, 3 widows and 27 guests. Malone's murals, laced with humor reminiscent of his *Pointer* cartoons, got everyone off to a festive start.

The Sunday evening banquet was highlighted by a presentation to Vince and Ruth Bailey expressing the appreciation of the Class for their support of Metz Seebach. A Stueben bowl was presented as a token of our regard for their dedicated and loving care of a roommate for 25 years.

Monday's business meeting was brisk and gave us an early start for a river cruise, golf, local tours, or just being with old friends—an unstructured day by popular demand.

Tuesday brought us together at the Cadet Chapel for a moment of memory for deceased cadets and graduates, then down to the Plain for the Alumni Review, photos, luncheon at Washington Hall and a tour of the Post. We finished the day back at Tarrytown with a picnic, reflections by Ashton, humor by Malone, dancing and the savoring of an emotional day.

Thor Sundt, who received the Distinguished Graduate Award on the Plain, responded at the luncheon with an eloquent and moving acceptance speech that will stand among the most memorable delivered in Washington Hall.

A Class breakfast Wednesday provided all survivors with an opportunity for last farewells and assurances that we will meet again in '97. Thanks to Rehm and his committee and the special help of Wiles, Brisman, Ulmer and Malone.

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Academic Limits

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

No Typewriters ... Just Computers

Over past columns, I have mentioned cadet use of computers, but I've never given much detail. Many of you have asked for some specifics on what cadets are using and how their computers are tied together.

Since August 1986 (the Class of 1990), we have been issuing (selling) cadets desk-top computers. The first was a Zenith 248 with 512 kilobytes of random access memory (RAM), two 5-1/4-inch disc drives and a monochrome monitor. From 1986 to 1989, we issued Zenith computers, moving from the Z248 to Z286 (1 megabytes [mb] RAM and 3.5-inch floppy drive). In 1990, we shifted to Unisys, with the Class of 1994 model providing 2 mb RAM, 40 mb hard drive and a color monitor. The Class of 1995 model included a 52-mb hard drive. The package included, in addition to the hardware, software that cadets will use in core courses. This year, cadets were provided Turbo Pascal (a programming language) by Borland, Microsoft Word for Windows (the word processor), Windows 3.1, and the spreadsheet, Quattro Pro. The Windows package includes desk accessories such as clocks, calculators, a paint program, notepads and file cards.

All cadet computers and those of the faculty and the staff are linked by an Academy-wide computer network.

The amazing part is the cost. We have gone to great effort to hold the price down. Since 1986, we have seen the amount charged to cadet accounts move from $1,400 to only $1,067, and this includes four years of maintenance.

While the cadets get the primary use from their computers in terms of their word-processing, spreadsheet and graphics capabilities, they also find them most useful as communications devices. All cadet computers and those of the faculty and the staff are linked by an Academy-wide computer network. Cadets sitting in their rooms can access the automated card file at the USMA Library to do searches, reserve books and check listings. They can send messages to anyone on the network and can create files to group addresses so that they can send messages simultaneously to a number of people—the Rugby Team, yearlings in A-2, or their class. Messages can be registered so that the sender gets a receipt whenever the message is read. (As a "P", I can do the same thing and know that the cadets in my class got my instructions.) With approval, cadets can access the Defense Data Network and "talk" with other posts and universities.

Cadets also have access to over a hundred bulletin boards. The post and cadet daily bulletins are passed electronically. Every company, every department, every class and most extracurricular activities and special groups have bulletins boards. There are cadet spirit boards (to talk about raising spirit), honor boards (for honor issues) and leader development boards (to discuss leadership applications).

Information travels fast with these information sources, and there are no secrets. All messages must be sent using an individual's identification, so cadets cannot post anonymous statements. In using this communication system, cadets are growing up in the new information-rich world. They, like all of us, must struggle to cope with information overload.

For the "techies," the network is a combination of hard wire and fiber optics, with a capacity of 10 megabits (mbits). Right now, we are slowly upgrading to a fiber backbone system which will provide 100-mbit band width. The 18 minicomputers which act as servers for academic departments and cadets are AT&T 3B2s and Unisys 5000/95s.

... We would like to get cadets into the laptop/notepad-type computers so that they could take the computers with them to class.

Cadets are not issued printers, but many buy their own. The principal means of printing is through the use of a networked printer system. Initially, a document prepared on the computer had to be hand-carried to dot-matrix print stations in each of the companies. We now have moved to laser printers located at battalion, which can be accessed by the network. Users simply "send" their document files over the network to the printer and walk down the hall to pick up the output. Next year, we will have 12 more printers. By AY 1993-94, we will have networked laser printers in every company. On a typical day, the current 12 printers handles over 1200 jobs (3600 pages). On a big day, they will process over 1800 jobs and 5400 pages.

Where do we go from here? Obviously, we would like to get cadets into the laptop/notepad-type computers so that they could take the computers with them to class. These computers would be stored in "docking stations" in the cadet rooms and tied into color monitors. We also are exploring placing videocards in the cadet machines so that we could use these computers as TV monitors. Educational films, news and special events could be channeled directly to cadet rooms.

As they pack up to leave at graduation, members of the graduating class carefully load their computers into their original boxes to carry them with them to their first assignments. They know—they have been in the field—that they will soon need to put this automation experience to work in their new units.

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The COM Reports

By BG ROBERT F. FOLEY, *Commandant of Cadets*

On 22 June, MG Dave Bramlett and I passed the colors of the Corps of Cadets. I am indeed fortunate to follow in the footsteps of such a magnificent professional soldier. The policies and programs he instituted will long serve the development of leaders for our nation. He has made a tremendous contribution to the Corps of Cadets, the Military Academy and the U.S. Army. The Bramletts departed West Point en route to Alaska, where he has been assigned as the Commanding General of the 6th Infantry Division (Light). We wish them Godspeed and a great tour of duty.

Julie and I are excited to return to West Point. Our daughter Sara begins her sophomore year of high school this fall, and our son David begins his Cow year with the Class of '94. He is currently at Ft. Benning going through Airborne School and the Drill Cadet Leader Training program. Our son Mark completed Dooley year at the Air Force Academy and is attending the Survival, Escape, Resistance and Evasion course after earning his Glider Wings.

While it occurs every year, it is terrific to observe the dramatic transition that takes place in just one day—from candidates reporting . . . in civilian clothes to New Cadets marching out of the sallyports for the Oath Ceremony and, subsequently, passing in review after retreat.

On 29 June the Class of '96, 1193 strong, reported in for Reception Day, the first day of Beast Barracks. It was a picture perfect summer day, with Cadet Cadre, staff and faculty at their finest—a huge operation smoothly and professionally accomplished. While it occurs every year, it is terrific to observe the dramatic transition that takes place in just one day—from candidates reporting early in the morning to the Holleder Center in civilian clothes to New Cadets marching out of the sallyports for the Oath Ceremony and, subsequently, passing in review after retreat.

Cadet Basic Training (CBT) is well underway, with the First and Second Class Cadre led by Cadet Regimental Commander Mike McElrath and Regimental Executive Officer Eugenia Gilmartin. Colonel John Bolger '69, the Regimental Tactical Officer, has set high standards of leadership development, and the Mission of CBT is being accomplished in a first class manner.

At Camp Buckner, Cadet Field Training (CFT) is fast approaching its midway point. Spirits run high among the Class of '95 as they experience "the best summer of their lives." The CFT cadre is led by Cadet Shawn Daniel and Regimental Executive Officer Steven Hartman. The Regimental Tactical Officer, LTC Neno Easter, has established a strong team of Tactical Officers, Tactical Noncommissioned officers and Platoon trainers. The Task Force supporting training comes from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). LTC John Innes '73, the Task Force Commander, has his soldiers upholding the highest standards of performance.

The Corps is in great shape and, in this soldier's estimation, absolutely on the right track to provide leaders of character for our nation.

Cadets not involved with either CBT or CFT are participating in Cadet Advanced Training. There are 513 Second Class Cadets participating in Drill Cadet Leader Training (DCLT) at six different training centers in CONUS. The cadets I have talked to give high praise not only to the Drill Sergeant program but to the professionalism of the noncommissioned officer corps. The 464 First Class Cadets participating in the Cadet Troop Leader Training Program (CTLT) also are getting outstanding experience as junior officers in many units, both in CONUS and overseas. In addition, there are 1108 First and Second Class Cadets participating in Individual Advanced Development (IAD) courses. While the majority of cadets attend Air Assault and Airborne training, we do have some enrolled in Mountain Warfare, Northern Warfare, Rigger and Survival, Escape, Resistance and Evasion courses. I am very impressed with the number and variety of leadership opportunities available to the Corps. Just the other day, I talked to a member of the Class of '93 who opted to go to Airborne, Air Assault, work the second detail of CFT, and not take leave—HOO-AAH!

One word describes what I have seen in the past two weeks—PROFESSIONALISM. Cadets are enthusiastic, proactive, positive and committed. The staff and faculty provide the vision and are dedicated to the purpose and mission of USMA. All classes—the First and Second Class in leadership positions, the Yearlings at Buckner and the Plebes in Beast—are challenged mentally, physically and psychologically. The institution is demanding the highest of standards. The Corps is in great shape and, in this soldier's estimation, absolutely on the right track to provide leaders of character for our nation.

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Farewell from Former Commandant, MG David A. Bramlett

This is really an open letter to the Alumni after 2 1/2 years as the Commandant of Cadets.

To the degree that I have been involved with you individually and collectively, I have come away rewarded and reassured by your commitment to the values and essence of our Alma Mater.

The past years have been exciting, rewarding and reassuring beyond any expectation. I have served two Superintendents, both brilliant men of clear vision and strong purpose. Because of their qualities, our Military Academy has been strengthened and prepared for the challenges that it faces today, as well as in the decades to come. The vast majority of you have supported these leaders and their leadership, and your involvement has been important to our success. Many of you have voiced reservation, if not concern, and have served occasionally as the loyal opposition. There has been room and need for all, and I have been gratified to see that those with concerns have been willing to listen, to see, and usually grow in appreciation for what direction the Academy is heading. To the degree that I have been involved with you individually and collectively, I have come away rewarded and reassured by your commitment to the values and essence of our Alma Mater.

The direction in which we are heading is correct. I leave convinced more than ever that we have built on the strengths and traditions of our past to provide a model for cadet development that retains our history and incorporates the best of our current experience. We constantly have sought to better our graduates, and our current posture reflects this institutional practice. We recently concluded our annual review of the current development model and made some refinements in the military program. The refinements are modest adjustments, to be sure, but they were made in the context of a careful scrutiny of the last four years' experience, of a general review over the last 35 years' history, and of a variety of input from the Tactical Department and the Corps of Cadets. I think the process is as noteworthy as the product, part of a continuum of constant review and analysis.

The Corps is as strong as we ever were. They are distinctive as we were distinctive . . . they are young, willing and committed to making you proud of them, to fulfilling their potential, and to joining the Long Gray Line.

The Corps is as strong as we ever were. They are distinctive as we were distinctive. They can make you proud beyond reason, but they can break your heart with an indiscretion or untoward action. However, they are young, willing and committed to making you proud of them, to fulfilling their potential, and to joining the Long Gray Line. I believe they truly want to be part of a tough, demanding organization that does not compromise its high standards.

I have been honored and blessed to have been the Commandant of Cadets. Only you, the Alumni, can understand the depth of that statement.

We are well served by the staff and faculty. Their professionalism and dedication have been an inspiration to me, and also to many of you; you have told me so. The Tacs and Tac NCOs do so much more than most, and their efforts are paying dividends. Built on tradition and experience, the results are what you would expect. The "P's" not only establish themselves in the classroom but are key figures in summer military training and in an extensive extracurricular program. It's a team effort.

I have been honored and blessed to have been the Commandant of Cadets. Only you, the Alumni, can understand the depth of that statement. Many of you have personally touched me, Judi and Robert with your interest, concern and kindness. I am forever grateful.

MG David A. Bramlett '64

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Admissions Update

By COL Pierce A. Rushton, Jr., *Director of Admissions*

SOLDIERING WITH THE CLASS OF 1996

The Plebe class, now one month removed from Cadet Basic Training and decisively engaged with academics, is, as are all West Point classes, a collection of the nation's finest young people. What sets this class apart is Army experience—soldiering will not be new to the class of 1996. Many members of this class took a route to West Point which included stops in Polk and Panama, or Campbell and Kuwait. Not often does a cadet have the opportunity to add academic stars to a Combat Infantry Badge, but that is exactly what I expect several members of this class to do in the next four years.

This update provides a look at the Class of 1996, discusses some important admissions trends and highlights four plebes who represent the Army experience—the seasoning—present in the newest West Point class.

R-Day for the Class of 1996

The early morning June sun signaled the closing of one chapter and the beginning of another in the lives of the anxious young men and women of the Class of 1996 who walked into the Holleder Center to begin Reception Day activities at the United States Military Academy.

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

Soldiering with the Class of 1996

In addition to these strong feelings, 185 of the New Cadets would probably add a sense of *déjà vu*. For the Class of 1996 is seasoned by a strong contingent of soldiers, all of whom have been through basic training and many of whom are already combat veterans of Operations Just Cause and Desert Storm. The phrase "soldiering" will have a special significance for the Class of 1996.

To Be Chosen for the Class of 1996

The Class of 1996 came from every state in the nation, some of the best and the brightest of our future leaders. In the next few hours they began the unique transition from civilian to military life, an unforgettable experience they will talk about for many years to come.

These 1,195 exceptional students and leaders were chosen from among 13,742 applicants. They succeeded in one of the most highly competitive admissions cycles in USMA history. The difficult contest for a place in the Class of 1996 was primarily the result of two factors.

Interest this year in attending the Military Academy is unrivaled, despite the fact that the Class of 1996 was selected during a period when the pool of high school graduates continued to decline. Nonetheless, applications increased twelve percent over those for the Class of 1995. Exacerbating the effect of this increased interest is the continuing effort by the Army to reach the Congressionally mandated class size of 4000. The Class of 1996 is about fifty fewer than the previous class and one hundred smaller than the Class of 1994. We do expect future entering classes to be about this size until the Academy reaches an authorized strength of 4,000, so we have ramped down to meet Congressional intent within two years.

Class of 1996 Credentials

The combination of increased applications and a smaller class brought the fewest New Cadets to West Point since 1968. Coincidentally, the class has very strong credentials. There are 64 class valedictorians and 61 salutatorians. National Honor Society recognition was achieved by 62 percent during their high school career and 19 received National Merit Scholarship recognition.

A closer look at the profile of the Class of 1996 demonstrates the overall quality of this group of students. The mean Scholastic Aptitude Test score was 1,207. The verbal portion of the SAT had a mean of 561 while the math portion was 646. Eighty-three percent ranked in the top fifth of their class.

Class of 1996 New Cadets also presented impressive leadership credentials. Twenty-four percent of the class participated in Boys and Girls State programs and 25 percent were high school senior class president or student council president. Forty-two percent of the class participated in scouting programs, and among those, 19 percent earned the Eagle Scout or Gold Award, the highest rank a scout can attain.

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

A Quality Class

The Class of 1996 is another very strong class, comparing West Point classes. A decline in the applicant pool was expected because of the dynamics of the high school population demographics, yet this was one of our best ever for applications. I attribute this increase to the high regard in which

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the Army is held by Americans, an economy which is less robust than once was the case, hard work by West Point admissions officers and the dedication of the field force.

The arrest of the decline in nominated candidates is another bright spot in this past admissions cycle. Part of the reason was that we worked hard to make sure our applicants fully understood the requirements for obtaining a nomination. We will face continuing declines in the high school applicant pool until 1994, according to demographic projections. That makes our task more difficult, but I am confident we will continue to fulfill our goals to enroll the most qualified students in the nation.

Soldiering with the Class of 1996

Every West Point class is talented in terms of scholarship, leadership and experience. Most West Point classes have a strong soldier component, including those applying directly from the Army and those who enter from the United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS) at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. This year we enrolled about 185 soldiers—or 16 percent of the class—including 17 who served in Operation Desert Storm. This class may be unique because of the recent and extensive deployment of our Army to Panama and the Persian Gulf. Here are four cameos on soldiers who took a variety of paths through the Army to earn a place in the USMA Class of 1996.

The USMAPS Route

In 1988 the then Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Lieutenant General Allen K. Ono, aptly referred to USMAPS as the "cornerstone of our upward mobility program for Regular Army soldiers." Indeed, in the Class of 1996, seventy of the seventy-seven Regular Army soldiers entering USMA have taken the Prep School route. These young people bring real quality to the class in leadership and academics (for example, their mean SAT score is thirty five points higher than the mean score for the whole class).

Richard F. Smith—Riverdale, Utah

Richard Smith's first attempt to join the Long Gray Line in 1989 did not succeed. He entered the Army, trained at Fort Gordon, Georgia and was assigned to the Berlin Brigade in Germany. He opened a file for West Point in 1990 (second try) but did not complete his paperwork—too busy as a soldier!

Rick's third attempt in 1991 was not successful because his academic record had not improved. However, we were impressed with his potential, and he was referred to the Commandant at the Preparatory School. Rick enrolled, made the most of his opportunity, and was offered admission. The USMAPS Commandant, COL Jim Orahood (USMA '69) said "highly recommend this soldier, he is highly regarded by all." Fourth-try candidates are not often successful, but persistence does count in life.

Matthew S. Merrill—Centralia, Washington

Matthew Merrill joined the Army directly after graduation from high school. A combat engineer, he was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina in the 20th Engineer Brigade when Iraq invaded Kuwait. In the desert he worked directly for the brigade commander.

The commander, COL Robert Flowers, in recommending CPL Merrill for the USMAPS, wrote that "He (Merrill) assisted in capturing fifty-seven Iraq enemy prisoners of war on the first day of the war..." CPL Merrill earned the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge for his duty in the Persian Gulf.

The Regular Army Route

Far fewer candidates take the often more circuitous Regular Army route. This trip can take three or more years with stops in places like Fort Benning, Fort Lewis, Panama City and Kuwait City. This year seven soldiers will outprocess from one unit only to turn around and inprocess at another—the United States Corps of Cadets. Those that do embark upon this long journey graduate from USMA at the astonishing rate of eighty percent—the highest of any group we track. Without a doubt this is a disciplined, goal oriented group who are accustomed to accomplishing the mission.

Harry Lomas—Rowley, Massachusetts

Harry Lomas joined the Army the same year he finished high school, attended airborne training and was assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington and the 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. He took part in Operation Just Cause when his battalion spear-headed the invasion of Panama. For his actions in Panama he earned the Combat Infantry Badge.

Unfortunately, Harry had to request a hardship discharge during his mother's serious illness and subsequent, untimely death. He returned home to care for her, attended college (where he maintained a 3.3 grade point average) and joined the 19th Special Forces Group, a reserve unit in Rhode Island.

Major General George Patton (USMA '46) wrote that "Harry Lomas was the most outstanding prospect I have seen in eight years serving on Congressman Mavroules' screening board."

Next, Harry won a slot to the Special Forces Qualification Course at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He successfully completed the SF Selection Course in January 1992. If not for an offer to join the Long Gray Line, Harry would undoubtedly have earned his Special Forces tab in August. He enthusiastically accepted the opportunity to trade a green beret for a black tar bucket—if only for four years.

Peter C. Earle—Dumont, New Jersey

Peter Earle attended the New Jersey Institute of Technology for one year after graduating from high school. He entered the service through the U.S. Army Reserve, became a Regular in 1991 and served at Fort Benning, Georgia in the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. His company commander, CPT Alan Ornoski, wrote that Peter is "mature, dedicated, confident, and technically competent." Like Harry Lomas, Peter Earle enthusiastically accepted the opportunity to trade headgear.

Seasoning the Class

These four soldiers, all twenty-one years old, stood tall as New Cadets on R-Day, June 29, 1992. Their knowledge of the Army and their experience will be helpful to many other cadets. They will probably also be a special leadership challenge for some yearling squad leaders!

Soldiers in particular have the potential to emphasize the importance of excellence in leadership to their classmates. And enrolling leaders for the nation is our purpose. We are grateful to graduates, friends, members of the field force and supervisors who tell us about the strengths of candidates who compete, just as these four cameos illustrate.

One thousand one hundred and ninety-five candidates reported on R-Day for the start of Cadet Basic Training. The seasoning of every West Point class with soldiers and other candidates with a broad range of experience beyond high school is one of the great strengths of the Academy.

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West Point Society of Puget Sound Publishes *West Pointers and Early Washington*

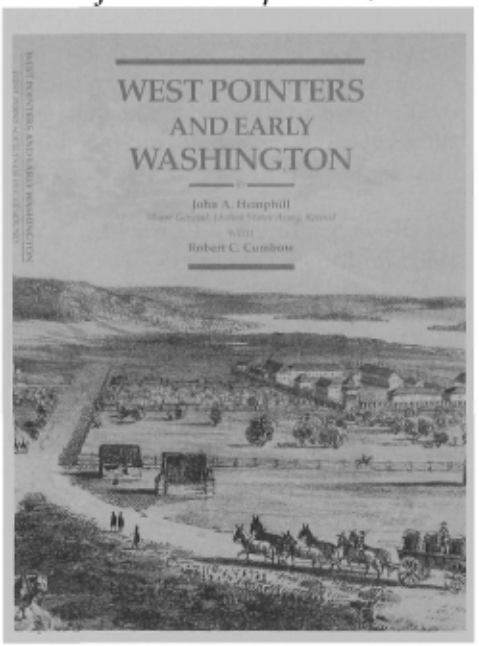
By Major General John A. Hemphill '51, US Army, Retired

The West Point Society of Puget Sound has published *West Pointers and Early Washington*, a book which merges facts and information from a number of archives and other sources into a fresh story about the American Northwest. Monographs in the book memorialize nine West Pointers: an adventurer, a political leader, protectors of Indian rights, a road builder and several military commanders during the first ten years, 1853 to 1862, of the State's territorial period. For most of the population of the United States, this was a traumatic decade ending in the second of four long, bitter years of Civil War. But the Territory of Washington was remote and isolated from that turmoil, passing instead through its own difficult period as the native inhabitants resisted the intrusion of the settlers. *West Pointers and Early Washington* captures the drama of a conflict of cultures overshadowed by the attention focused on the Civil War.

West Pointers and Early Washington is the culmination of the Puget Sound Society's project for the Washington Statehood Centennial celebrated in 1989. Society members volunteered to write and edit while other members arranged word processing and copy support from Puget Sound Power and Light Company and drafting assistance from the engineering firm of Shannon and Wilson. Research began in the late spring of 1989.

Most members of the Puget Sound Society knew that two Presidents who had been Military Academy graduates had served in Washington. Ulysses S. Grant, Class of 1843, was stationed at Fort Vancouver in the early 1850's, and Dwight D. Eisenhower, Class of 1915, was at Fort Lewis before World War II. Although their service in Washington is of historical interest, fame came later in their lives and neither meaningfully contributed to the Territory or State. An individual's contribution to the Territory or State of Washington became the criteria for selecting subjects, rather than fame.

Reviewing the *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets* revealed a surprising number of graduates with Washington Territory or State in their biographical entries. For example, those schooled in western United States history recognize that



the notation of "Dist explorer far west 31-36" on the Class of 1815 page for Benjamin L.E. Bonneville refers to this West Pointer's exploits as a fur trapper and explorer in the Pacific Northwest prior to the establishment of United States sovereignty in that region. In the State of Washington today, an electric power conglomerate, large dam, town and military training reservation carry his name. The *Register* entry for the first graduate of the Class of 1839, Isaac I. Stevens, states "Gov Wash Terr 53-57," while George E. Pickett, Class of 1846, who was "made immortal by 'Pickett's Charge' at Gettysburg 3 July 1863," also "Recd Thanks Terr of Wash" before the Civil War. In more modern times, Hiram Chittenden, Class of 1884, was the first president of the Seattle Port Commission, and, in 1956, Congress named the canal locks at Seattle for him.

But the numerous entries in the *Register* only revealed the "tip of the iceberg." In the period between Brevet Brigadier General Bonneville and Brigadier General Chittenden and others of this century, there were numerous deserving graduates. The Centennial project was changed to a book, and the volunteer authors continued their research and writing. In the summer of 1991, after two years of work, more material had been unearthed than could fit into a single volume. Concentrating on the period 1853 to 1862 allowed the book to present clearly the drama of an unusual and interesting period in the development of Washington from a territory into today's modern state.

West Pointers and Early Washington begins with Oregon Territory settlers residing north of the Columbia River in political revolt against their Territorial Government. In response to their petition Congress, on 3 March 1853, divides the Oregon Territory along the Columbia River and 46th Parallel, creating the Territory of Washington from the Pacific Ocean across Puget Sound to the Continental Divide. Immediately, in Washington, DC, Brevet Major Isaac Stevens resigns his commission to accept a Presidential appointment as governor and superintendent of Indian affairs of the new Territory of Washington. His constituency consists of approximately 4,000 settlers and 28-30,000 Indians.

In the Territory of Washington, there is general peace between settlers and Indians, marred only by occasional depredations caused by differing standards as to personal property and livestock ownership. Lieutenant Colonel Bonneville commands the Army forces and considers his duty dull and monotonous. He is pleased to be promoted and transferred to the Territory of New Mexico. Trouble begins when Governor Stevens conducts a series of treaty councils to force the Indian tribes onto reservations and to legally void Indian title to vast tracts of land in order to permit unrestricted white settlement.

Most of the stronger Indian tribes and bands rise in revolt. The Army is called upon to protect the settlers from dissident Indians, but the Army also protects Indians from vengeful settlers, their Territorial Government and the Territorial volunteers. Military campaigns result in a tenuous peace between settlers and Indians, but there is continual conflict between the West Pointer-led Territorial Government and the West Pointer-led Army stationed in the Territory.

Still suspicious of White intentions, the Indians do not understand the role of the Army as policeman in the Territory. As a result, an Army reconnaissance patrol is severely mauled by a vastly superior force of warriors. The Army responds and the Indians are soundly defeated in two major

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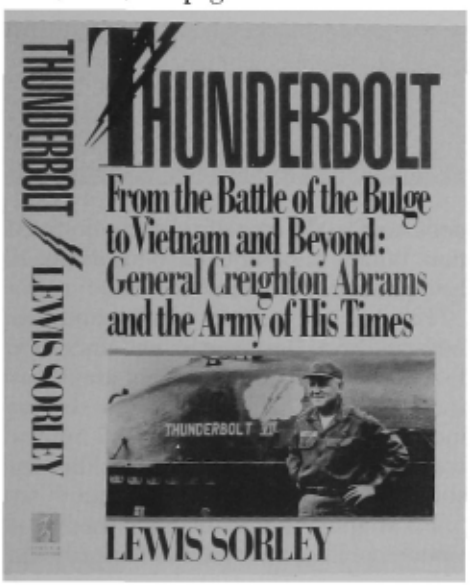
Book Reviews

Thunderbolt: From the Battle of the Bulge to Vietnam and Beyond: General Creighton Abrams and The Army of His Times

By Lewis Sorley, Simon and Schuster, New York, 1992, 414 pages.



West Point's purpose—its reason for being—is to produce leaders of character. Creighton Abrams, standing in the front rank among the greatest of the Long Gray Line, is a magnificent exemplar of that purpose at its best; his very name is synonymous with charismatic leadership and consummate honesty. *Thunderbolt* is a sparkling biography of a singular soldier, set against a backdrop of the evolution of the US Army from horse cavalry to air cavalry, from the depression of the 30's to the disquietude of the 70's, from isolationism to global confrontation.

"General Abe" was the quintessential soldier. He often said that "soldiering was an affair of the heart" and that being a soldier was all he ever wanted to be. And what a soldier he was! In peacetime preparation . . . in three wars . . . in that prolonged state of suspense known as the Cold War . . . in times of civil strife . . . in positions of power in Washington. His story, a proud part of our national heritage, is captured compellingly by another soldier, a fellow West Pointer twenty classes younger than Abrams.

Before considering the book itself, it may be illustrative to look at the way it was forged. The selected bibliography shows the full depth of research in documents, a thoroughness not at all surprising in a work of this caliber. It is in the examination of other sources that the quite extraordinary aspect of the research stands out. For most of a decade, Sorley crisscrossed the country, tirelessly seeking out those who had known Abrams closely. Some were easy to find; others had all but faded into the shadows of time. Through frustration and disappointment, dead-ends and dry-holes, he persevered, doggedly and at considerable personal expense. He conducted well over 200 face-to-face interviews and pored over as many more recorded recollections, thus deriving the very soul of his story from minds and memories. It was a remarkable endeavor of human mining. Such a technique was especially appropriate because "Abe" himself was so very . . . well, so very human. And because the true measure of his success is recorded indelibly in the impact he had on people, on the difference he made in their lives, by the mark he left on their emotions. This biography springs largely from the human heart and spirit—much like "Abe" himself. In that context, it is somewhat poetic that Abrams eventually came to cause the Army to focus principally on its greatest asset—the men and women who comprise it. "People are not *in* the Army," he said, "people *are* the Army."

What kind of man emerges from Sorley's portrait? A man of common sense and uncommon wisdom. A man of rare physical and moral courage. A man of action. Withal, a man of America. That is not to say he was a perfect man. Nor are his faults and idiosyncrasies overlooked by Sorley, who paints his subject in an admiring but nevertheless starkly revealing light. Interestingly, the balanced coverage actually strengthens the personality rising from the pages of *Thunderbolt*. As a journalist once observed, "Abrams gains by his imperfections."

Abrams seemed always to be around when things were happening. Partly for that reason he is often compared to General George Patton. In fact, Patton himself reputedly said that Abrams was the only man in the Army who was a better tanker than he himself. Certainly there are parallels between the two warriors, but critical differences abound as well. In contrast to the flamboyant and theatrical Patton, Abrams "radiated quiet confidence, even serenity." He did not bluster and "was the least self-conscious of leaders." He first gained renown as a courageous and victorious tanker in WWII (he went through seven tanks, each one named "Thunderbolt"). Reaching Korea right at the end of the fighting, he was chief of staff for three different corps. He was present and responsible during several traumatic episodes in the early 1960's when federal troops were committed to quell or calm disturbances flaring from the civil rights movement. When the Berlin Wall went up, he was in command of the key division in Germany. In Vietnam, he served as General William Westmoreland's deputy for a year and as the commander for another four. He became the Army's Chief of Staff at a time of historic political upheaval. Few Americans of any profession have ever crowded so much into so short a lifetime.

It was in Vietnam that he played his most prominent role. Fittingly, those five years take up the better part of half the book. That war has been covered extensively—even exhaustively—from the earliest days of American involvement through the Communist offensives of 1968. However, the four years of Abrams' command, 1968-72, years of measured withdrawal from the battlefield and violent debate on the homefront, have not received similar coverage. Not surprisingly, therefore, the conduct of the fighting in his time is widely misunderstood, indeed, often not understood at all. Sorley goes a long way toward closing that gap in our comprehension.

Inevitably, the tumultuous events framing Abrams' times led to friction with a number of other leading personalities. John and Robert Kennedy, for instance, lose much of their luster for their sophomoric handling of the crisis when the University of Mississippi was integrated. But

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Sorley calls it as he heard it. Abrams would have wanted it no other way.

Unfortunately, General Abrams' final work for the Army he loved was cut short by the cancer that killed him half-way through his term as the Army's Chief of Staff. In the maelstrom of anti-military sentiment following America's exit from Vietnam, he set out upon taking office in late 1972 to stabilize the strength of the Army, to rebuild its competence and confidence, and to rekindle its watch-fires of character. After nearly a decade of incessant pummeling, the institution to which he had devoted forty years of his life was much in need of repair.

The central challenge Abrams tackled then was not too different from the one faced today by his successor of two decades later—how to keep necessary post-war reductions from overshooting the mark, leaving the Army decimated and the country defenseless. Always the caring commander, he never had forgotten the trauma of the disintegration of the Army after WWII—and the tragic, frantic scrambling to reconstitute it when Korea exploded. The costs of unpreparedness, as General Abrams pointed out "over and over with emotion, sadness and anguish, were paid by the soldier, paid in blood and sacrifice." Significantly, he thought not just of war, but of leverage in the struggle to keep the peace in a flammable world. "There's no point in sitting down to the poker table," he said, "if the other fellow knows you have no money." Although unable to finish what he had started, he had launched his work so shrewdly and deftly that, at the time of his death, few outside his close inner circle were fully aware of the comprehensiveness of his vision. Sorley has made a most timely contribution to today's debate by describing how Abrams set the Army on the course leading ultimately to a strategic victory in the Cold War and to a smashing operational success in the Gulf War.

Maybe, though, the most lasting legacy of this remarkable man will be his reaffirmation of the imperative for leaders—especially military leaders—to have unquestioned integrity, to be men and women of character, to know the difference between right and wrong, to be willing to take the harder right instead of the easier wrong. He never quit hammering on the theme. "Regardless of standards that are set in any other walk of life in our country, regardless of standards in any business or anything else," he warned, "integrity must be preserved in the military. It must be enhanced in the military. While we're guarding the country, we must accept being the guardian of the finest ethics. The country needs it, and we must do it."

It is an understatement to say he personally set the example in matters involving integrity. He was famous for blunt honesty. Once, while briefing a newly selected political appointee, he mentioned the inequality of the draft. "I must have misunderstood you," the official interjected. "Everybody isn't getting drafted fairly?" Fixing him with an unblinking gaze, Abrams responded, "Mr. Secretary, the only Americans who have the honor to die for their country in Vietnam are the dumb, the poor and the black." Professional soldiers, of course, served multiple tours in Vietnam. But all others could find some kind of deferment—and civilian leaders needed to hear that, even if it was not then the politically correct thing to say.

This brilliant and absorbing biography is certain to become a staple in the libraries of students and soldiers—and of all who seek to learn more about the ingredients of leadership and strength of character. Isn't there something I didn't like about the book? Yes—it is too short. Squeezing so rich a lode of information into a single volume means much had to be left out or touched upon lightly. I hope Dr. Sorley plans to turn his voluminous research files over to the Academy's archives for the use of future historians.

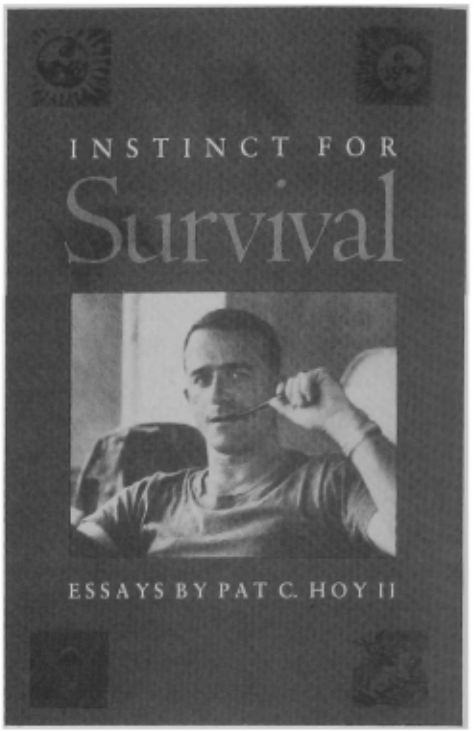
Don't miss the story of *General Creighton Abrams and the Army of His Times*. He was some man, those were some times, and this is some book.

Reviewed by LTG (Ret) Dave R. Palmer '56

Instinct For Survival: Essays By Pat C. Hoy II
University of Georgia Press, Athens, GA,1992.

The philosopher's admonition about the virtues of the examined life seem largely lost on soldiers, no matter how literate. Perhaps this is because so many raters, peers and selection boards always stand ready to do the evaluating for us that we seldom have time to define ourselves on our own terms. The writings of our trade are heavy in murder ink, not self-study, which can be described as excessive vanity, betrayal of doubt or simply a waste of time.

But, in truth, what is wasted is not a soldier's time, but an opportunity for making sense of what is, if we stop to consider it for a leisurely fifteen seconds or so, a pretty strange profession—a tent, to borrow Republican metaphor, large enough to shelter an amazing range of personalities, from the pedestrian to the bizarre, all



dedicated to the idea of selective destruction. What a memoir Orde Wingate could have written, for example.

There is no lack of reminiscence, as witness Dave Hackworth's catharsis of a few years ago; but most of these are examinations of a profession, not of an individual's self. What about the human complexities that underlie the soldier instead of the history of a bureaucracy?

Pat Hoy's collection of essays, most previously published in southern literary journals, is a rarity. This is the examination of a life lived—and being lived, a living history of subjective values; but it is also a soldier's story. And there is the revelation in these reminiscences that the two are not so incompatible as we might have thought. Maybe.

The author's unifying theme is an unfamiliar one for most readers—the lifetime development of the personality according to the theories of Carl Jung. Pat Hoy uses this model—the search for self-realization, accomplished by reconciliation of opposing motives—to tie together his own view of a private life, from rural Arkansas childhood through West Point, Vietnam and the peacetime Army (one of our society's most pleasant fictions), West Point again viewed from a different, more mature perspective, and retirement which is not, I am here to tell you, what it is cracked up to be.

Pat Conroy has allowed searing memories of the south to propel him into the most God-awful tax bracket. Pat Hoy does it for free—and, perhaps, for his own personal maturation (yes, young officers, it's

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true: we mature even when we're older than you) and, secondarily, for the enlightenment of others. Of others? How can war and remembrance instruct those who are just beginning, slates clean? Well, read on:

> Even at West Point . . . men might tell war stories, but they didn't talk about their feelings with one another. They didn't talk about the [Vietnam] war itself, what it had been like to them, how they actually felt about the politics of it all. For some reason hard to fathom, even the humanists in the English Department didn't talk about the deleterious effects of a war.

And why not? My experience as well, gentle reader, compounded by the sad observation that when I finally felt like talking, years later, those who had come after did not want to listen. It was as if the psyche had been reinvented after 1972.

But show me an adult, soldier or not, and I will lay odds he was once a child. This is where the author starts, though not sequentially—like Billy Pilgrim, Pat Hoy is unstuck in time (aren't we all?). The templates of those he knew as a boy, of his mother, of all the personal targets (here excuse some Jungian thoughts—we don't get to use them very often) on which he projects the archetypal mechanisms of the common experience of all of us, all are there for the man, shape his personal destiny. We can hardly be individuals in the true sense of the word with all that baggage. Yet the *goal* of our development in Pat's life plan is known as *individuation*. Understanding that is your job, by necessity.

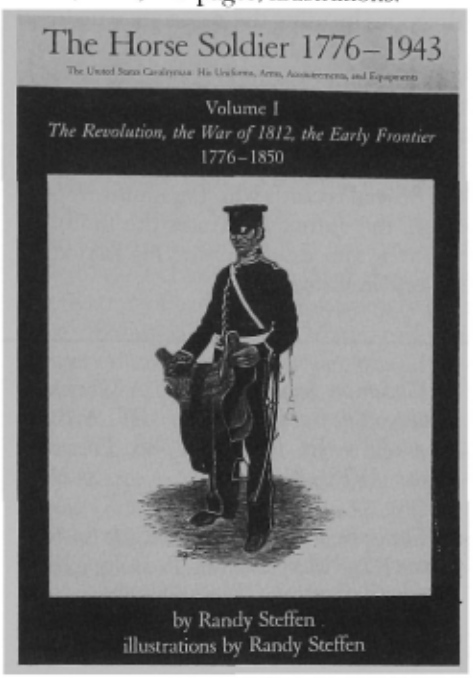
But it isn't always Pilgrim's Progress. There are occasional laughs along the way, like a discussion of the unlikely results of teaching D.H. Lawrence to cadets (and I thought *Freud* was tough) and encounters with the anima, that sinister Jungian goddess who hides in the darkness of our own psyches, waiting to be projected on some unsuspecting female; if you are already a female, call it the animus, and reverse everything I just wrote. Got that? You'll know it if it hits you. You will. And there is the author's own heart of darkness ("the spirit was willing"), with that goddess as a guide.

It isn't a road map; don't mistake me. There is none, unless it is hidden inside, out of anyone's view but our own. And if we are asked or, like Pat Hoy, refer to these secrets on our own . . . we can reveal only what is true for us, not for the asker.

Reviewed by LTC Timothy R. O'Neill (Ret.)

The Horse Soldier, 1776-1943. The United States Cavalryman: His Uniforms, Arms Accoutrements, and Equipments. Volume 1. The Revolution, the War of 1812, the Early Frontier, 1776-1850

By Randy Steffen, University of Oklahoma Press, 1990, 195 pages, illustrations.



Representing the culmination of more than twenty years' work, *The Horse Soldier* is the definitive source on the equipment of the soldiers of the mounted arm of the United States Army. Whether cavalry, dragoons or rangers, all types of mounted soldiers are covered in the comprehensive four-volume set. Volume I covers the Revolutionary War period through 1850, and contains 96 black-and-white line drawings, eleven uniform color plates and four appendices containing drawings and nomenclature of the horse, saddles and equipment used by the soldiers of the period. In writing *The Horse Soldier*, Randy Steffen has produced *the* authoritative reference on the equipment and accoutrements of the mounted arm of the United States Army.

At first glance, *The Horse Soldier* seems to be nothing more than an oversized picture book, more likely to inspire the fancies and daydreams of a schoolboy than command the respect of a serious scholar. How wrong this assessment is! The author conducted painstaking research at the West Point Museum, the National Archives and the Library of Congress. Additionally, he is an accomplished artist, producing all of he illustrations used in the book. His research insured the authenticity and detail of the illustrations, allowing him to produce most of his work from actual specimens of uniforms, arms, accoutrements and horse equipment. Steffen's research allowed him to avoid using the published illustrations of the period, as the engravings and lithographs that were produced by field artists often contained errors that were compounded by the engraver.

Nearly every page of *The Horse Soldier* contains at least one drawing or illustration and accompanying text. The text serves to expound on the illustration and place it into historical context. Steffen utilizes reference notations that are adjacent to that part of the text requiring documentation, giving the reader a ready idea of the source of a particular uniform regulation or illustration. His attention to detail is astounding and is reflected throughout the text.

There are five chapters in volume I of *The Horse Soldier*, with over half of the space devoted to the dragoon and mounted rifleman of the United States Army during the period 1833-1950. It is important to recall that Steffen is not delineating just the uniforms or arms of the mounted soldier, but their accoutrements as well. It is in this area that the author produces some of his most fascinating work.

For the four regiments of Continental Dragoons that were raised during the Revolutionary War, Steffen details their uniforms and equipment exceptionally well, but he also covers how they made their bullets and cartridges. There were four separate methods of making a paper cartridge. There were four separate methods of making a paper cartridge for the pistols and long arms used by the Continental Dragoons. Steffen includes a drawing of each and a contemporary account of how one cartridge was made:

"A piece of wood about six inches long is to be made round so as to fit exactly the size of the ball. . .roll the paper around the [wood]; then with the ball press in the corner of the paper so as to cover the hollow end of the former, and keeping fast the ball, roll on until the paper is all wrapped around the [wood]; having before taken a piece of twine and fastened its two ends to something that will not easily be moved, and so far apart as to leave it slack, you re now to take with the twine a single turn around the paper, below the ball; then running in the end of your forefinger till it touches the ball, pull upon the string that it may girt the paper, and by turning around the [wood] with one hand you will presently form a neck below the ball; which being afterwards tied with a piece of course thread will secure the ball from slipping out: then withdrawing the [wood] with one hand you will presently

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form a neck below the ball; which being afterwards tied with a piece of coarse thread will secure the ball from slipping out: then withdrawing the [wood], the cartridge is ready to be charged with powder. (p. 13)"

While the British way of making cartridges as described above was standard procedure for the Continental Dragoons, French-style cartridges were also popular after France entered the war. Such detail can be found in few other sources.

In 1821 the mounted arm of the United States Army was abolished, not to return until eleven years later. In June 1832, a battalion of mounted rangers was authorized to patrol the western frontier, being replaced by the United States Regiment of Dragoons in March 1833. Steffen provides an illuminating glimpse of the activation of this regiment and the quartermaster general's office. The regiment required 715 holsters with bearskin covers, as well as large bearskin covers for ammunition packs and leather sacks for carrying dried buffalo meat.

Since contemporary illustrations of dragoons in this early period are nonexistent, Steffen researched the uniforms of the dragoons by using the descriptive material found in official records. He also discovered the only existing specimen of an early dragoon officer's uniform in the historical collection of the State of California. Melding the descriptions of the uniforms from the official records with the uniform specimen, the author illustrates the uniforms worn by the dragoons in this period of American history.

It is important to point out what this book is *not*: it is *not* a history of the United States Cavalry. *The Horse Soldier* deals with the way the cavalryman, dragoon and mounted rifleman looked, the weapons they used and the equipment needed for their horses. Originally published in 1977, the University of Oklahoma Press is providing a great service to historians of the American West and the United States Army by republishing this important work. In producing *The Horse Soldier*, Randy Steffen has authored a book that stands alone as the indispensable, definitive source of reference for anyone concerned with the mounted soldiers of the United States Army.

Reviewed by CPT(P) Arthur W. Connor, Jr., Department of History, USMA

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

Northwest Epic: The Building of the Alaska Highway by COL Heath Twichell, Ret. '56. St. Martin's Press (1992); 366 pages.

Common Sense Training: A Working Philosophy for Leaders by LTG Arthur S. Collins, Jr., USA Ret. '38. Presidio Press (1978); 217 pages.

Dragons at War: Land Battle in the Desert by MAJ Daniel P. Bolger. Ivy Books/Ballantine (1986); 289 pages.

The Hollow Army: How the US Army is Oversold and Undermanned by COL William Darryl Henderson. Greenwood Press (1990); 154 pages.

The Iowa Class Battleships: Iowa, New Jersey, Missouri & Wisconsin by Malcolm Muir. Blandford Press (1987); 160 pages.

West Point Society of Puget Sound Publishes *West Pointers and Early Washington*

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battles by a West Pointer-led force. (By the end of the Civil War, less than seven years in the future, 17 of these 21 West Pointers will attain general officer rank, 12 in blue and 5 in grey uniform.) This campaign results in a lasting peace between the settler and Indians in the Territory of Washington.

To maintain this peace, Army forts are sited throughout the Territory. Just below the Canadian Border on Puget Sound, Captain Pickett, in command of a company and fort, marries an Indian maiden and fathers a son. When the tranquility is broken by a border dispute, Captain Pickett and his 82 soldiers face off against four British warships armed with 82 naval cannon. Reportedly, Captain Pickett gives the stern warning: "If you come ashore, I will make a Bunker Hill out of it." The Army reinforces to about 450 soldiers supported by artillery and naval cannon, but war with the British is averted. Then the Civil War intervenes. West Pointers with Southern State loyalties resign and leave to join the Confederacy, while Union West Pointers either accompany their regiments to new stations or seek assignment with US Volunteer forces. As the year 1862 closes, only three West Pointers remain in the Territory of Washingto,n.

West Pointers and Early Washington is attractively bound, with 235 quality 8x11 inch pages and a hard cover. Its 33 illustrations include portraits, period drawings, pictures and maps. The book is moderately priced at $29.75, including tax and postage, and may be ordered by mail from the West Point Society of Puget Sound, c/o George T. Cox, 16050 169th Place NE, Woodinville, Washington 98072. Please make checks payable to the West Point Society of Puget Sound.

"You Are Here For Discipline—Not Justice"

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your character and develop discipline, not to teach leadership; that will come later"; "the essence of Schofield's definition of discipline is, he who feels the respect which is due to others cannot fail to inspire in them regard for himself"; and finally, prior to the departure of our class for Korea—to a small group of us assembled after an infantry tactical class—"Make me proud". Dick Shea was among the five or six of us there, and I believe Dick Inman was as well. We lost both of these fine young officers on Porkchop. The rest of us have been trying to make "The Ace" proud ever since.

I hope each of you will have similar memories of the Academy that you will cherish, savor and place in perspective with the passing years and that this, our "Rock-bound Highland Home" where our roots are so deeply embedded, will mean as much to you as it has to us. What you have received from this magnificent institution will sustain and nurture you throughout your lifetime.

As the shadows lengthen, our class ages and the ranks are thinned, returning to our beloved and hallowed alma mater becomes more of a pilgrimage than a reunion. We restore our faith, rekindle our love, gather our strength and muster our courage for what lies ahead from just being here.

Remember and be proud of the fact that there is no higher calling than service to country.

Vaya con Dios. I bid you a heartfelt farewell.

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News from the Societies

PRAIRIES

RE: Report of West Point Display

Enclosed is a photo of that display which featured a shako, Bugle Notes, a map of West Point, an M-1 rifle and a dozen or so books about West Point or by grads.

As a part of the display, there was made available a copy of the Register of Graduates so that visitors could look up their favorite soldiers. Eisenhower and MacArthur topped the "wanted list" here on the prairies.

Also available for the interested were a couple of info sheets. One was a short quiz (maybe just a bit unfair by its esoteric nature) which tested the reader's familiarity with West Point.

The display was reviewed by Milburn '51, who was visiting us here in IA during the last day of Apr. He is an officer of the Intermountain Society. He pronounced it good.

—C.J. Matthiessen '50

ATLANTA

The WPS of Atlanta held its annual FD celebration at the Ft. MacPherson O'Club on 14 Mar. The host was the Commander in Chief of Forces Command, GEN Ed Burba '59.

Attending were 187 grads, spouses and friends. Entertainment was provided by the 42-member West Point Gospel Choir, on a Spring Break tour to Atlanta and Nashville, directed by Cadet Bill Dobosh '94.

GEN Burba praised USMA grads for their superb performance during Operations Just Cause and Desert Shield/Storm. He also spoke optimistically of the current downsizing in the Army, noting that the Army is still held together by the core values of Duty, Honor, Country.

The guest of honor was the Commandant of Cadets, MG Dave Bramlett '64, who assured attendees that the real West Point hasn't changed. He cited the strong motivation of cadets, their extremely high level of physical fitness and their academic achievements vis-a-vis collegians at renowned civilian institutions.

The oldest grad, LTG (Ret) Louis Truman '32, reminisced on Army life in the WWII era. As a Lt., he was an aide to the Army commanding general in HI and witnessed the attack on Pearl Harbor. He also spoke of his relationships with GENs Patton and Eisenhower.

The youngest grad, 2LT Tom Traczk '91, at GA Tech, regaled the audience with tales of "Beast Barracks."

The largest class in attendance was '59. Prior to the dinner dance, Ed and Trish Burba hosted '59 at a cocktail party at their home.

Special thanks to John Petty '61, Mike Bowers '63, Dave Fastabend '74, Mike Cannon '75, Forrest Crain '75, Les Szabolcsi '78, Jim Clawson '83, and Jan and David Heath for their fine work in staging FD.

At their May meeting, the WPSA officers discussed the initiative in Congress by Senator Sam Nunn of GA to stop awarding Regular Army commissions to Academy graduates.

The WPSA "Time Out" program supports Veterans Upward Bound (VUB), a non-profit, government-funded, education and counseling program for homeless, jobless veterans in downtown Atlanta. On Thurs nights, members of the soc provide much needed community service to this organization. Bob Faulkender '57, John Petty '61, Rich St.Denis '70, Joe Nuttall USNA '74, Bob Glover '76, Steve Wolszczak '78, and Debbie Guerra '85 offer mentoring, personal development seminars and job search assistance to an average of 15 vets per session—over 1600 in the past three years.

In Apr, the VUB director testified before the House Veterans Affairs Committee and commended WPSA for its service. In May a story in the *Atlanta Journal/Constitution* focused on VUB and mentioned the contributions of the WPSA "Time Out" program. Also in May, CNN ran a piece on VUB and showed (but did not identify) Steve Wolszczak giving a seminar there.

The WPSA Career Transition Network Group helps Academy graduates and military officers of all services and sources of commission in local networking and job searches. Two-hour sessions each Tuesday night offer a variety of speakers, services, and materials. Jim Jenkins '57 has presented career transition seminars, and, in May, Joe Shaute, a retired U.S. Army Reserve colonel and now president of Archetype Resources Group, made a dynamic presentation to the group. His topic: "How to Succeed in Business As if Your Life Depended On It."

Over 150 USMA and USNA grads locally are available for networking, although not expected to locate jobs. For information, call Rich St.Denis, (404) 391-9681 evenings.

Upcoming Events: Army-Navy Game party (5 Dec); Christmas Party for VUB (13 Dec).

The WPSA currently has 878 members. For information on membership, call (404) 233-3000 or 971-9111 or write WPSA, PO Box 492511, Atlanta, GA 30349-2511.

—Rich St. Denis '70

PUGET SOUND

The WPS Puget Sound had its FD celebration, in conjunction with I Corps and Ft. Lewis, the evening of 11 Apr 92 at the Ft. Lewis O Club. There were approximately 250 grads and wives in attendance. Soc Pres Ed Trobaugh '55 spoke to the group, noting action taken on the Soc's History Book Project and commenting on the need for active support to repeal an amendment to the 92 Defense Authorization Bill which discontinues direct appointments into the Regular Army for USMA grads. A change in the Society's By-Laws was approved to make it automatic for the VP elected for a two-year

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term to become Pres his second year. This should provide for improved coordination and continuity of Soc activities.

The oldest grad present was Ben Thurston '26, a holder of three Purple Hearts for wounds in combat; the youngest was Brad Hamaker '92, already a "seasoned veteran" with three service medals. Finally, a most interesting presentation was made by GEN Gerald Galloway '57, Dean of the Academic Board, USMA. He assured the assemblage that the Corps had not "gone to H—".

On Apr 22, a luncheon and Board meeting was held at the Seattle College Club. John Delistraty '47 gave an interesting talk on the Livermore Lab and related items. He had spent 25 years there. After his talk, the Board held its first meeting of the new "year" and established the schedule of activities for the coming year. Officers are: Ed Trobaugh '55 Pres; John Grinstead '56 VP; John Erikson '37 Sec; and Coburn Smith '31 - Treas.

—E.J. Whitaker '41

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA/NEVADA

On 27 Apr GEN William C. Westmoreland '36 visited Sacramento and toured the CA Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Capitol Park. GEN Westmoreland was accompanied by his host, CA Assemblyman B.T. Collins, an honorary member of the N CA/NV WPS and a Vietnam veteran who was severely wounded. This was the first time that GEN Westmoreland had seen the CA memorial commemorating those who fought under his command during the bloodiest years of the Vietnam conflict. GEN Westmoreland made a few brief remarks at the site and then visited with the veterans of the Vietnam conflict there. Most felt that this might be the only time that they would have the opportunity to greet their former commander and express their support for the way he commanded our troops in this conflict. The accompanying photo shows GEN Westmoreland and our soc members in front of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Assemblyman Collins praised GEN Westmoreland by saying, "For our generation, he was our MacArthur."

—Larry Smith '62

L to R: LTC (Ret) Don Williamson '52, Mr. Pete Hall '63, GEN (Ret) Westmoreland '36, COL (Ret) Bill Jones '36, Eleanor Jones, COL (Ret) George Grayeb '52 and Assemblyman B.T. Collins.

NEW ENGLAND

The WPSNE hosted an Armed Services Candidates' Night at the Hanscom AFB Officer's Club in Apr. We invited top-quality 11th graders, parents and guidance counselors to the event. Armed Services representatives came from USMA, USNA, USAFA, USCGA, Army ROTC, Navy ROTC, Norwich University, and the Massachusetts & ME Maritime Academies. Over 300 people attended as guests with over 150 candidates from the Boston metro area.

Also in Jun we held a Candidates Reception for new cadets entering in the Class of '96. Twenty candidates and parents attended this event hosted by the WPSNE, Parents Club and local cadets.

In Jun, the WPSNE participated in a "Career Night" at Ft. Devens. This event, sponsored by the New England USO, supports the Army's efforts to help soldiers transition to civilian life during force reductions. Several grads related their experiences and provided advice on the pros and cons of their particular career field.

SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR 1992

Annual Networking Night

The WPSNE will sponsor its third annual Networking Night this fall in the Boston area. Previous evenings were very successful and we expect a large turn out. Anyone interested in participating in this event should contact Scott Anders '77 at 100 Front Street, Suite 1212, Worcester, MA 01608 or phone (508) 735-5491; FAX (508) 753-6717 for more information.

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

—Jim Wiegel '76

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Washington D.C., 10 Jun 92. . .On 27 May, our Soc had as guest speaker for the spring luncheon Congressman Les Aspin, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. More than 200 members and guests were on hand to hear him speak about troubled relations between the National Guard and the active Army.

Chairman Aspin said, "It's an issue that will not be new to the graduates of the U.S. Military Academy." He told the audience, "this room right now has more defense expertise per square foot than just about any place in town, and I need your help."

He noted that the Air Guard has good relations with the active Air Force, while "there is tension between the Army National Guard and the active Army." He cited as an example in the Persian Gulf war the bypassing of Guard brigades for active units by the 24th Mechanized Infantry and 1st Cavalry Divisions. The Guard brigades were from GA and MS, respectively, and were roundout units under the Total Force policy.

A copy of his speech can be obtained from the WPS of D.C. by calling Phil Farris at (703) 573-4051 or addressing a request to him at 8527 Minerva Court, Vienna VA 22182.

The spring luncheon at the Ft Myer O Club elected the following nominees for positions on the Board of Governors: 3-year term, Philip A. Farris '46; James O. Younts III '78; Roy Jones '64; and Jeffrey Smith '66 and for Representative positions, WP desk - William H. McCowan '75 and Old Guard (3rd Inf) - Lance D. Jordan '75.

The Supe, Com and Dean held a special meeting with grads in the DC area on 15 Apr at the Ft Belvoir O'Club to discuss various programs being implemented at WP. About 200 attended the meeting, which included presentations by the USMA officials and a Q&A period. The meeting was successful.

FD 92 was celebrated in the DC area by more than 400 grads and spouses at the Radisson Mark Plaza Hotel in Alexandria, VA. To increase attendance next year, LTG Willard Scott '48, Soc Pres, is looking for an alternate site with lower cost.

Our annual membership drive is underway. We urge everyone to renew membership and/or to join the WPS of DC. For info call Rufus Smith '50, Executive Director, at (703) 764-3893.

—Phil Farris '46

SOUTH TEXAS

Our May luncheon was hosted by Red McCombs, owner of the Spurs basketball

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team and prominent San Antonio businessman. His presentation covered anticipated uses of the new Dome Stadium presently under construction and how it will enhance professional and amateur athletics in the city. In addition to being an

L to R: Bill McVeigh '54, Tony Hansell '55, Walt Root '45

excellent site for Southwest Conference home games, it might also be an ideal location for Service Academy games. He indicated the city had already demonstrated an ability to get as many as 7000 volunteers to support amateur athletics and that this would be a magnet for attracting such activities in the new Dome. He explained Arena Ball, a new sport recently introduced to San Ant. He responded to

Buck Griffin '58 sharing some insights.

several questions regarding professional athletes' salaries, ethics in professional sports and other related matters.

On 9 May there was a Congressional presentation on all the Service Academies held at the USAA Home Office. COL Buck Griffin '58, WPSST Admissions Rep, spoke about opportunities to go to West Point.

On 16 May a "By Invitation" Orienta-

L to R: Nan Clare, Astronaut Bill McArthur '73, Sam Clare, Nelson Clare

L to R: Bill Hoffman '73, Buzz Barlow '49, Wes Jones '52

L to R: Guest speaker Red McCombs, WPSST Pres Ken McCollister '61

tion was conducted at the Fort Sam Houston O Club. Attendees included 65 candidates and 115 parents. Speakers included CPT Ray Trevino '81, a graduate of San Antonio's Central Catholic High School and Coach Ed Warinner from USMA. Astronaut LTC Bill MacArthur was very impressive in his presentation of the value of a West Point education. He noted that four astronauts from USMA are currently in the program; when he questioned if that was rather unusual, the response from the NASA selection cmte was, to the effect, "Not at all. We know that if a USMA graduate has determined to accomplish something, then they will do it! That is one of the significant factors we will be seeking in our selections for the program."

—Joe Peisinger '54

KANSAS CITY

The WPS of Kansas City hosted its annual reception for new cadets, the class of '96 from the KC area, on 11 Jun '92. Thirteen new cadets and their parents, along with 3 cadets home on leave, were entertained at the Hilton Plaza Inn by the organizing committee: John Sutton '49, Don Bradley '52 and Dan Turner '71, along with Soc Pres Ed Winthrop '45 and reps of the local Parents Club.

A new restaurant, Il Cappuciano, was opened in Leavenworth by Charlie Piraneo '68 to rave reviews.

John Plass '65 represented us at the annual Soc Pres Conference at West Point and presented a report during our May 13th meeting.

The society meets for lunch every other month at the Hilton Plaza Inn at 45th and Main. Interested graduates may contact Soc Pres Ed Winthrop (913) 649-9829 or VP Jim Mitchell '73 (816) 228-5807.

—Mike Altieri '73

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

LTG Howard Graves visited Pittsburgh on 18 Jun to present the 1992 Distinguished Graduate Award to Matthew D. Ridgway '17, a member of our Society. The presentation took place in GEN Ridgway's home, with the recepient taking full charge of the proceedings. After the award, the Supe and his party were transported to the center of Pittsburgh to take part in the monthly meeting of the Soc.

LTG Graves addressed the group, which included, in addition to nearly 40 Society members, representatives of the local Parents Club, a very recent grad of the Class of '92 and prospective candidates for the Class of '97.

The Supe touched on the current status of the Corps, along with two subjects of high interest to our graduates: the recently-approved six-year active duty commitment and the pending decision regarding the award of Reserve rather than Regular Army commissions upon graduation. LTG Graves provided an update on the status of both issues and suggested actions that might be taken by interested graduates.

In addition to the events surrounding the Supe's visit, the Soc has recently been involved in supporting the Parents Club in welcoming and orienting this year's incoming class. We also have undertaken to assist our counterparts from the USNA in developing an active chapter in the Pittsburgh area. We plan to have several joint meetings per year in addition to our traditional get-together for the GAME.

—William W. Breen '59

GREATER HOUSTON

GREETINGS FROM HOUSTON. Our Annual WP Family Day Picnic bash was 12 Jul at Tenneco's Tennwood. The festivities included golf, horseshoe pitching, sack race, tennis, eating, and the greatest event of all, Fellowship of the Corps.

On 13 Jun our Soc joined with the WPPC for the 6th Annual WP Candidate Picnic at Meadowland Park in the Woodlands. All parents and the entering candidates from the Greater Houston area who will be attending WP, the USMA Prep School, and the WP Civilian Preparatory Program were invited.

Cypresswood Golf Club was the scene of the Society's Second Super Golf Outing on 20 Jun. The event was an ABCD Florida Scramble, supervised by Bill York '81

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and Mark Sullivan '83 our two "almost pro" golf enthusiasts.

On 30 Jun COL Pat Patterson retired from the USAR after 30 years. Pat was one of our most effective MALOs and will be greatly missed. He has worked diligently over the years with WP, our Society, the WPPC and many of the HS's in our area. Roger Balog '69 was in charge of a farewell party for Pat at Sugar Creek Country Club on 20 Jun.

Jon VandenBosch '55 reports very successful eye surgery and that his torn retina is in good shape. Jon's wife Ofelia is currently working for the city of Houston as an assistant to the Chief Admin Officer. Jon and Ofelia were married on 23 Aug '91.

Woodrow Epperson '65, one of Houston's leading attorneys, has just been honored by attaining Board Cert in the area of Civil Trial Law. He recently attended the Houston Bar Association's Exchange Group's meeting and was one of the lecturers at the session. The Group fosters closer relations with Mexican lawyers.

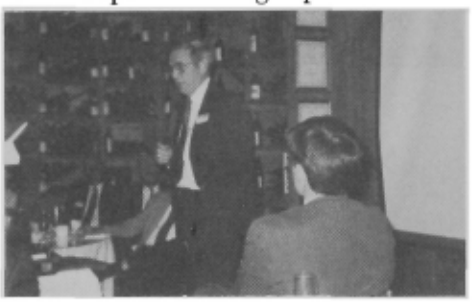
Robert M. "Bob" Lowry '46 and wife Louise are getting ready to celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary on 30 August.

Houston Engineers Pres Dwight "Sandy" Beach '59 reports that his companies are all profitable. He does 60% of his business overseas and expects to be doing work with the Russians in the very near future.

Ronald E. "Ron" Hudson '58 and wife Karin are expectant graduates again. They will supervise the August arrival of Grandbaby #3 in Chesapeake, VA. Ron enjoys telling how he, Sandy Beach '59 and Jim Sigler '58 kept Norm Schwarzkopf '56 out of trouble when they were teaching at the Point.

Doug Ellmore '86, former Cadet offensive lineman, is busy at Compaq Computers as production supervisor of Service and Repair. Other Pointers at Compaq are Bill York '81, Director of Personnel, and Dale Love '82, former Cadet defensive back.

At our Jun Houston Soc luncheon we had as our speaker MG (Ret) George Robertson '58, who reported on the workings of the Superconducting Super Collider.



George is deputy project manager.

The next pic shows USMA Class of '58 with George (second from the right) and Lincoln Jones, Ron Hudson and Jim Sigler.

Our soc meets monthly at noon every 2nd Thursday at Brennans in Houston, with Pres Jeff Alt '62, in charge. All grads are always welcome. BEAT NAVY!

—Robert E. Lee '45

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IKE HALL ANNOUNCES 92-93 SEASON

Friends and neighbors throughout the Hudson Valley are invited to share in a year long celebration of movement, song, dance and color at the Eisenhower Hall Theatre at West Point. The excitement begins on Saturday, 12 September with two smashing opening night performances starring BARBARA MANDRELL!

The season's long and impressive list has something for everyone . . . five sensational Broadway hit musicals including FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, GRAND HOTEL, MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS, THE MUSIC MAN and LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS; and seriving up a feast of their finest musical moments, the inimitable talents of CAROL CHANNING and RITA MORENO in TWO LADIES OF BROADWAY.

For the music lover, violinist GIL SHAHAM as guest artist with this nation's only full-time professional chamber orchestra, THE SAINT PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA. Catch the soulful, jazzy classics of GERSHWIN as they come to life once again in GERSHWIN BY REQUEST featuring pianist LEON BATES. Enjoy a mix of traditional jazz, blues, rag and folk for a superlative afternoon's entertainment with Bill Crofut, Chris Brubeck, the CROFUT ENSEMBLE and guest artist Peter Madcat Ruth.

From the Russian Federation, GREAT STARS OF SPORT features Olga Korbut as host, and Olympic and World Champion gymnasts in a stunning and incredible sportshow; and over 150 singing and dancing Russian Soldiers from Alexandrov's RED ARMY CHORUS, THE ROYAL NEW ZEALAND BALLET presenting the full-length masterpiece "COPPELA". Representing South America, Mexico's own BALLET FOLCLORICO NACIONAL DE MEXICO presenting an extravaganza of entertainment!

One theatre has it all, including two of the biggest names in television, Florence Henderson of "The Brady Bunch" and Gavin Macleod, the Captain of "The Love Boat," in the witty and moving romantic comedy, LOVE LETTERS.

Closing the 92-93 season Saturday May 1 will be one of America's premiere dance troupes, AMERICAN BALLROOM THEATER.

Subscriptions for the 1992-1993 season are currently on sale at 25-50% off the price of tickets purchased individually. To receive a copy of the 92-93 season brochure send your name, address and phone number to Eisenhower Hall Theatre, Box Office, West Point, NY 10996 or call *914-938-4159*. The box office is open Monday-Friday, 8am-12noon and 1pm-4pm.

GENERAL GALVIN '54 PASSES USEUCOM REIGNS TO GENERAL SHALIKASHVILI

General John M. Shalikashvili, U.S. Army, assumed command of the United States European Command (USEUCOM) from U.S. Army General John R. Galvin '54. Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin L. Powell, presided.

General Powell praised both Galvin and Shalikashvili as consummate diplomats, soldiers and leaders.

Characterizing General Galvin as a statesman, warrior and peacemaker, General Powell praised his leadership of the military forces of the NATO Alliance during five of the most dramatic and historic years of its history. Most of all, Powell said, General Galvin was a "soldier's soldier" who helped NATO develop a new strategy and force structure "not focused on World War III, but focused on securing the peace we now have grasped."

During the ceremony, General Galvin received a rare, joint presentation of the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force Distinguished Service Medals. He was cited for his strategic and operational genius, clear vision and superior statesmanship during a period of unprecedented change and instability in Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, the Middle East and Africa.

A native of Wakefield, MA, Galvin is a 1954 graduate, a former instructor and now Olin Distinguished Professor of National Security Studies at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY.

General Powell stated that he had seen General Shalikashvili's statesmanship and diplomatic skills at work in the highest places and all the corridors of power, including U.S. negotiations with the former republics of the Soviet Union and such issues as arms control, peacekeeping operations, outreach programs to eastern Europe and the European security identify. "He has managed difficult diplomatic missions with consummate skill," Powell asserted.

General Shalikashvili was born in Warsaw, Poland in 1936. He is married to the former Joan E. Zimpleman, and they have a son, Brant, who is a student at Washington State University. General Shalikashvili was graduated from Bradley University and holds a master's degree in international affairs from George Washington University. His military education includes the Naval Command and Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

HIGHWAY NAMED FOR GENERAL GRUENTHER IN NEBRASKA

On Memorial Day 1983, General Alfred M. Gruenther, Class of 1919, died and was put to rest in Arlington National Cemetery just below the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. What a fitting tribute that his home

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town of Platte Center, Nebraska should dedicate the highway leading from U.S. Highway 81 to the village as General Gruenther Drive.

The dedication was part of a 3-day Memorial Day weekend this year which included not only speeches and ribbon cutting but also a 60-unit parade with units ranging from combines and heavy tractors down to a Conestoga Wagon. The lead-off units of the parade were two flatbed trailers on which some 39 direct Gruenther family members were seated. Other events in the festivities included an Antique Tractor Pull, Bed Races and a Rubber Bridge Tournament, the latter appropriately a tribute to the world-famous bridge career of Al Gruenther, who was the favorite bridge partner of General Dwight Eisenhower '15.

Gruenther was born in Platte Center in 1899. He never forgot his mid-western roots and frequently sprinkled his speeches to our European Allies with stories of rural upbringing. After a distinguished WWII career, Gruenther was chosen by Eisenhower to be his Chief of Staff in 1950 when the NATO Military Command, SHAPE, was being organized. Gruenther later succeeded Eisenhower and Ridgway as Supreme Allied Commander in Europe (1953-1956).

SOLOMON '64 IS NEW COMMANDANT OF FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD MILITARY ACADEMY

On 1 July, Steven P. Solomon of Bradenton, Executive Officer of the Florida Army National Guard 50th Area Support Group in Miami and President of Marsten Leasing Corporation of Sarasota, assumed the duties of Commandant of the Florida National Guard Military Academy at Camp Blanding. Annually, over 1,800 National Guard and Reserve soldiers from numerous Southeastern States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands train at the Military Academy. Solomon, who will be promoted to colonel, will oversee the operation of the Officer Candidate School and Commissioned Officer Academy, including Platoon Leader Development Course, Basic and Advanced NCO Courses and First Sergeants School. Training is also provided for unit commanders, tactical training officers, instructor/trainers and some specialized MOSs. Another Academy facility, the state-of-the-art Regional Training Site Maintenance, provides training in the operation and maintenance of high tech equipment, from the M-1 Abrams Battle Tank to modern electronics.

FIRST WOMAN GENERAL MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS

A native of Newton, Kansas who became the first woman to hold the rank of brigadier general, Elizabeth P. Hoisington, was the featured speaker at the national convention of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association 19-23 August in Denver, Colorado.

General Hoisington followed family tradition when she volunteered for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, six months after the Corps was established by Congress 14 May 1942. Her father, Colonel Gregory H. Hoisington, graduated

from West Point in 1911 and two of her brothers (Gregory, Jr. '38 and Perry M., 2nd '39) also were West Point graduates. A younger brother, Robert, would graduate in 1950, and his son would graduate in 1978. Hoisington's two sisters married Regular Army officers.

From the rank of "auxiliary," Hoisington pursued an outstanding military career that spanned nearly 29 years. She was assigned to London, Paris and Frankfurt as executive officer of the WAC Detachment, Headquarters Command, European Theater of Operations (1944-1946), later taking over a similar position with the Far East Command in Tokyo. She also served at the Presidio, San Francisco, the Pentagon and Paris. She was named seventh director of the Women's Army Corps in August 1966, serving five years before her 1971 retirement ceremony at Fort McClellan, Alabama. General William C. Westmoreland, Chief of Staff of the Army, presented her with the Distinguished Service Medal, the nation's highest non-combat military decoration. Hoisington also holds the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star, the French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star and numerous other medals.

She graduated from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland in 1940 with a degree in chemistry and was granted an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 1967. The National Society of the DAR awarded her a Medal of Honor in 1971.

Women from throughout the United States who enlisted in the Army during the 50 years since the establishment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps—which later dropped its auxiliary status and in October 1978 was abolished when women integrated into the Regular Army struc-

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ture—attended the convention celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the Corps.

WILLSON '63 SELECTED FOR NEW POSITION WITHIN THE DIRECTORATE OF DEVELOPMENT

LTC Daniel A. Willson, USA (Ret), recently joined the staff of the Association of Graduates as the Major Gift Officer. This is a newly established position designed to identify and cultivate individual donors with both the desire and the financial resources to make a cash, stock, or real property gift of $100,000 or more to West Point or the AOG.

COL Willson's military career included armor and armored cavalry assignments in the United States, Germany and Vietnam. From 1969-1972, he was stationed at USMA as a company tactical officer. His last assignment was as the Director of Army Sports and Recreation, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

Following his retirement in 1985, Dan worked as the Director of Special Events for a Washington, DC sports marketing company, the general manager of a sports complex at a resort in Myrtle Beach, SC, and training analyst and developer on a TRADOC contract in Newport News, VA.

He is married to the former Donna L. Powers of Atlanta, GA. The Willsons have three children: Dan, Jr., a 1989 USAFA graduate; Patti, who attended the University of Southern Mississippi; and Kyle, a high school junior. His brother Tyler is a 1960 USMA graduate.

ROSEBOROUGH '66 JOINS AOG STAFF

A recent addition to the AOG staff is COL (Ret) Morgan Roseborough. Morgan replaces Joan Grey as Director of Corporate and Foundation Giving and also assumes management of the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program from COL (Ret) Morris Herbert. A member of the USMA Class of '66, Morgan comes to AOG following an Army career of 26 years, the last seven of which have been at West Point as Commander, 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry; Executive Assistant to the Superintendent; and, for the last three (plus) years, as Director of Cadet Activities. Previous assignments include a tour on the Army Staff, command of an Air Cavalry troop and a Mechanized Rifle company, three years as a company tactical officer at USMA, various positions in operations, plans and training from battalion through division level, and overseas tours in Korea, Vietnam and Germany. Morgan completed the Command and General Staff College and holds a master's degree in education from Duke University. He and his wife Judy reside in Central Valley, NY.

CLARK '63 ADDRESSES FATHER'S DAY CEREMONY AT VIETNAM WALL

The first annual gathering of the Sons and Daughters of those who died or are MIA from the Vietnam Conflict was held on Father's Day, 21 June 1992. The Honorable Allen B. Clark '63, Director, National Cemetery System, addressd the gathering.

"A few months ago, I visited the man who saved my life, SGT Jim Hill. He's a police officer in Florida, but on 17 June 1967, he was a combat medic at Dak To, South Vietnam. I had been hit by a mortar round.

"In the middle of the attack, Jim was working to save me. He had gone through the mortar barrage to get plasma and morphine.

"He was scared to death that he was going to lose me. He said I was his first combat casualty. If I had known that I was his first patient, I told him, I'd have been scared to death, too.

"Every medic I've met has guilt feelings about those who died in his arms. They are hard memories. The memories of death are hard for all of us who were there where the war was up close and personal.

"You form a bond with those you live with in combat. You become brothers. You're *closer* than brothers.

"On 18 February 1991, *The Washington Post* reported the words spoken by LTC Gregory Fontenot to his troops before the ground battle of Desert Storm. The words apply to our fighting men in Vietnam as well.

"He said, 'We're the poor, white middle class, and the poor, black kids from the block and the hispanics from the barrio. We're just as good as the . . . rest, because the honest thing is, that's who I want to go to war with, people like you. And you guys will do great.'

"And your fathers did great!

"As a 'survivor,' I looked upon this opportunity to visit with you with great trepidation. I didn't know what to say that would be worthy enough to say to the sons and daughters of fallen comrades from a war that has been the subject of such immense interest to the world.

"I feel as did Abraham Lincoln when he wrote Mrs. Bixby, who had lost 5 sons in the [Civil] War. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming.

"The Vietnam War changed all our lives in a most personal way. Because of it you would never be raised by your real father. You would not receive the nurturiing and the love he would have given you. His years were cut short in the sacrifice to a cause that will always be so hard to understand.

"We all went to Vietnam for different reasons. Some, like me, because classmates, Burt McCord and Mike Kilroy, had already been killed in action; I was a Reg-

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ular Army West Point captain who felt I *had* to do my duty there. Others went because it was their job and they were on orders. Others went because they were drafted and they went rather than avoid or evade. Regardless, as George Skypeck said in his poem, *Soldier*,'I was that which others did not want to be. I went where others feared to go, and did what others failed to do.'

"It was hot, dirty, lonely and miserable. Our sense of duty and our commitment to our fellow Americans drove us on each day.

"Very few of us at the time really understood the strategic purpose of stopping the flow of Communism into Southeast Asia. We wondered why Laos and Cambodia were privileged sanctuaries. We wondered why we didn't mine Haiphong Harbor.

"There was a strong anti-war movement in the streets back home. Mock memorial crosses marked imaginary graves on campus lawns. We were young and uninformed.

"But all of us were brought up in a country where freedom flourished. In contrast, many of us knew that the power of the bullet, not the ballot, was the mainstay of a communist rule. Everett Alvarez, Jr., a POW for nine years, said, 'Your fathers were fighting for the basic principles of freedom that we know and cherish.'

"We went because, if Americans had not gone, the world would be ruled by totalitarian dictators. If we had not gone, the flame of freedom, blazing the brightest ever in the 6,000 years of world history, would have been quenched slowly and irrevocably on continents and in tiny countries far from us.

"Some humans have been savage, selfish, greedy and acquisitive. These human traits have caused our wars. To preserve freedom and goodness and the great traditions of humanity, young men have had to march off to war.

"A general from another war, Douglas MacArthur, once said, 'The soldier, above all other men, is required to perform the highest act of religious teaching—sacrifice.'

"It was your fathers who were sacrificed on the altar of war. Many thousands more of us will carry mental and emotional scars with us forever.

"Sons and daughters of our comrades who are engraved on the panels of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, your fathers did not die in vain. Our casualties from Korea and Vietnam, who so nobly sacrificed, demonstrated the resolve of the United States of America to withstand Communism over the past 47 years.

"We won the Cold War. Countless millions live today with much more secure and peaceful futures. Those futures were bought by your fathers.

"Nebraska Senator Bob Kerrey, a Medal of Honor recipient, wrote, 'Do not doubt the value of the sacrifice. These patriots loved their country, loved you, and loved their friends enough to conquer the fear of pain and loss.'

COL Roger Donlon, the first Medal of Honor recipient of the Vietnam War, wrote about the men and women whose names are on that wall, ' . . . they are the true heroes in my eyes and heart.'

"Anthony J. Principi, Department of Veteran Affairs, said, . . . the names carved in the stone of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial verify that your father's death was part of a current that moved our nation and changed the world!'

"All of us who served with your fathers will always remember them. You children will always be special people to us. When you lose someone in war, it's like losing a brother. It's like losing a member of your own family. Because that's what we became in our war—family. And you, the sons and daughters of the men we fought alongside of, you're part of that family too.

"We love you, and the good people of America and the freedom-loving people of the world will always appreciate America and our fallen heroes, your fathers.

"I close by quoting again from Abraham Lincoln: 'I pray that our heavenly father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours, to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.' "

FOUNDERS DAY SPEAKER REQUESTS

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

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

GRAHAM AIR BASE REUNION

Graham Air Base—Marianna, Florida Reunion, 9-10 October 1992 at the Holiday Inn, Marianna—for students, instructors, other permanent party persons. Cocktail parties pool side Friday and Saturday afternoon; dinner at Elk's Club Friday night; Golf Saturday AM; dinner dance Saturday night with live band. For information contact Jim Purvis, 1921 Wahalaw Court, Tallahassee, FL; (904) 877-4564.

WALL '63 NAMED TOP ACHIEVER AT GENESCO

Sandy Kent Wall, president of Johnston & Murphy, received a Superior Achievement Recognition Award (SARA) from GENESCO. Johnston & Murphy is a

GENESCO company. Wall is one of 12 winners who achieved outstanding results in their areas of responsibility.

"We're very pleased with Kent's significant contributions to Johnston & Murphy and GENESCO. He received the SARA for successfully negotiating two licensing agreements for Johnston & Murphy which enabled the company to move into the men's casual footwear market with the introduction of *Dockers* footwear and *Nautica* footwear," GENESCO Chairman William S. Wire, II said.

The SARA recipients were honored at a black tie dinner at the Music City Sheraton in Nashville.

ALUMNI CENTER UPDATE

The Herbert Alumni Center is progressing toward design completion. The more than 30,000 square foot building will be built on the site of the old Smith Rink down the hill from Michie Stadium. Bids will be solicited in late summer and con-

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struction is expected to begin immediately after the upcoming football season. Occupancy is planned 18-24 months after ground breaking.

The building will feature facilities for up to 700 people for social functions and class reunion events; private lounge facilities; an expanded gift shop; meeting rooms and a library. It will provide a place for graduates and their families to gather at West Point where they will be treated in a special manner befitting alumni of this special institution.

The main source of money for the building ($3 million) came from the estate of BG James K. Herbert '30. An additional million dollars previously had been placed in an AOG building fund. A campaign to raise an addition $6 million is now underway. Four classes (1924, 1945, 1946 and 1964) have contributed or pledged a total of $2,200,500 to sponsor features in the building. Other classes are encouraged to do the same. Individual opportunities also exist. Mr. Absalom T. Webber '51, BG Robert F. McDermott Jan '43, COL Winfield W. Sisson '30, Mr. Thomas B. Dyer '67, Mr. James R. Balkcom '67 and Mr. Warren J. Hayford '52 already have selected features in the building to sponsor.

A plaque near the main entrance to the building will commemorate all donors of $5,000 or more. It will be divided into segments for donors of $5K, $10K, $25K and higher.

All graduates will be invited to support our new alumni center in a mailing to go out in January 1993. The active campaign to raise the money for the building will last through 1994, with pledges payable through 1996. All contributions are eligible to be counted as charitable deductions.

EARLIER HOWITZERS FOR SALE

The Directorate of Cadet Activities has past issues of the yearbook available. The following years are currently available: 1991, 1990, 1989, 1988, 1987*, 1986*, 1983*, 1982, 1979, 1972, 1963*, 1961*, 1954*, 1953*, 1952*, 1951*, 1946*. Limited copies are available for those years appearing with an asterisk.

For further information concerning availability and price, please contact Barbara Sanders or Jennifer Zamprelli at (914) 938-2780, Monday-Friday, 0745-1630 hours.

SCHWARZKOPF VIDEO

You may still purchase copies of the videotape of GEN Schwarzkopf's visit to West Point on 15 May 1991. The video contains GEN Schwarzkopf's entire speech to the Corps of Cadets and a synopsis of his visit. Copies may be obtained through the Directorate of Cadet Activities by sending a $10.00 check or money order payable to *Cadet Activities Fund*: Directorate of Cadet Activities, ATTN: Schwarzkopf Video, Eisenhower Hall, Building 655, West Point, NY 10996-1593.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Barbara Sanders or Jennifer Zamprelli at (914) 938-2780.

ORDERS STILL BEING ACCEPTED FOR 1992 HOWITZER

The Directorate of Cadet Activities is still accepting orders for uninscribed copies of the 1992 *Howitzer*. The 95th edition of the yearbook costs $55.00 and will be published in October 1992. If you would like to purchase a copy of this edition of the *Howitzer*, please send your check or money order payable to *Cadet Activities Fund* to: Directorate of Cadet Activities, ATTN: 1992 *Howitzer*, Eisenhower Hall, Building 655, West Point, NY 10996-1593.

This offer expires 15 September 1992.

LIBRARY FRIENDS PUBLISH RAMPARTS

In their annual meeting at the Hotel Thayer the Friends of the West Point Library toasted their new book, *Ramparts: Fortification from the Renaissance to West Point*. The author, Marguerita Z. Herman, signed copies and talked briefly about the five years of research and writing that were involved in describing how and why West Point acquired one of the world's finest collections on the art and science of building, attacking and defending fortresses.

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Guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Nicholas Adams, Professor of Architectural History at Vassar College. His talk "Is Military Architecture Beautiful?" focused on 16th-Century Italy. Adams is a fellow of the American Academy in Rome, and he will be in residence at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton next year.

During the Friends meeting the members voted to increase the governing Council from ten to fifteen councilors and to add Colonel Kenneth E. Hamburger of the USMA Department of History, Allen C. Biggerstaff '53 and James R Endler '53. At the end of the meeting announcement was made that Academy graduates would be informed in a future issue of *ASSEMBLY* how they can purchase copies of *Ramparts*.

CADET HEALTH CENTER NAMED IN HONOR OF MG MOLOGNE '54

Major General Lewis G. Mologne, Class of 1954, was the first West Pointer to become a general officer in the Medical Corps and to command an Army Medical Center. Fittingly, he was recently honored by the first major medical department memorial to an individual and to the Army Medical Department to be created at West Point.

This service was attended by Mrs. Rose Mologne and her five children, the Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Dr. Enrique Mendez, Jr., LTG Howard Graves, the Superintendent of US Military Academy, BG Gerald Galloway, the Dean of the Military Academy and members of the academic board at West Point and the local West Point community.

Representing the Army Medical Department were LTG Frank Ledford, Surgeon General of the Army, MG Richard Cameron, the commander of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and MG Bussey from the Surgeon General's office. LTG Graves welcomed all in attendance and briefly outlined MG Mologne's career. LTG Ledford outlined in great detail what an outstanding surgeon and military leader Gen. Mologne had been throughout his career. Dr. Paul Lenio, a close friend of the Mologne family who had been a general surgery resident with MG Mologne, spoke about Gen Mologne's early days and explained how he contracted hepatitis as a surgery resident at Walter Reed. Dr. James McHone explained Gen. Mologne's career from the perspective of someone who had worked for Gen. Mologne and had been taught by Gen. Mologne as a surgical resident.

The idea for the memorial originally had been to rename the Cadet Health Center at West Point in honor of Gen. Mologne. COL. Lee Pardi and COL Malley expanded the project to a memorial for the entire Department, with its focus being Gen. Mologne. The Cadet waiting room in the Mologne Cadet Health Clinic was renamed the Medal of Honor Hallway. On one wall of the hallway, all medical department members from the Civil War to present who have won the Medal of Honor are memorialized with battle scenes, a picture of each recipient and a copy of the citation for each recipient. On the opposite wall, all Army Medical branches are honored with branch insignia and AMEDD Regimental Crest mounted on the wall. MG Mologne is memorialized with pictures of him as a cadet and as a general officer. Also included are his West Point diploma, his University of Pittsburgh medical degree and memorabilia from his medical career. At the entrance to the Cadet Health Center there is a bronze plaque which outlines his career.

The three-fold purpose of this was to (1) honor Gen. Mologne, (2) to demonstrate to cadets that they could be successful within medicine and as soldiers in the military and (3) to memorialize the entire Medical Dept.

There are now over 500 West Point physicians in medicine, but the vast majority did not enter medicine until the 1970's and 1980's when Congress passed programs to send Army officers to medical school. The first West Pointer to graduate from medical school was a member of the class of 1815, and there have been a few graduates intermittently since then. In the modern era, two of the very first to enter medical school were COL John Fegan, who is now at Duke University, and MG Mologne; both left the Army and went to medical school on their own and then re-entered the Army. MG Mologne then became the first West Pointer to actually be promoted to General officer and comand a Medical Center; he was commanding the Walter Reed Army Medical Center when he became seriously ill as a result of the chronic hepatitis he had battled for 25 years.

ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2nd Annual Alumni Golf Tournament was held at West Point on 25-27 June 1992. The tournament consisted of 36 holes of golf on Friday and Saturday using the Callaway Handicap system. Social events include a reception in the Officers Club, an evening boat ride on the Hudson River and an awards banquet in the Cadet Mess.

Sixty-three golfers participated in the tournament, with 25 classes represented. The oldest player was from the Class of 1944 and the youngest from the Class of 1987. The Class of 1973 had the greatest number of players, with 6 classmates participating. Most of the participants elected to relive their cadet days by staying in the cadet barracks in "Old South Area."

AOG PRESIDENT DENIS MULLANE HELPS PRESIDENT BUSH KICK OFF NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG EFFORT

AOG President and Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company President and CEO Denis F. Mullane '52 joined President George Bush in Washington, D.C. on July 22 to kick off a national effort to fight substance abuse in the workplace.

The kick-off began with a reception hosted by President Bush at the White

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House followed by a briefing at the Executive Office Building.

Mullane, co-chairman of Connecticut's DRUGS DON'T WORK! program with Gov. Lowell P. Weicker, Jr., helped the President brief corporate, labor and business association leaders from throughout the United States on a new, national anti-drug program that is modeled in part on Connecticut's successful effort.

The national effort, also called DRUGS DON'T WORK, will be administered by the President's Drug Advisory Council and will include a national media campaign. To date, 28 states have developed programs to prevent substance abuse. The national effort will coordinate these efforts and encourage the development of similiar plans in other states.

As co-chairman of one of the first and most successful state efforts, Mullane will brief the group on how to create dynamic, public-private partnerships that foster a drug-free work environment.

"The keys to our success to date are strong business leadership; strong, bi-partisan, public-sector support; and a results-oriented business management style, "Mullane said.

Connecticut's program currently has 1,100 business members, 21 participating chambers of commerce and seven participating industry associations.

Connecticut's DRUGS DON'T WORK! was created in 1990 with Mullane and then-Gov. William A. O'Neill as its co-chairmen.

VIRGINIA COLLEGE-PLATE PROGRAM

The West Point Society of Richmond, Virginia is sponsoring a project to get USMA included in Virginia's college-plate program. This program allows college-distinctive license plates to be used on vehicles registered in Virginia. Virginia currently has over 20 colleges and universities participating in the program, including USNA. An original application package of 150 applicants must be compiled to make the production of USMA-distinctive plates cost-effective. Costs for the USMA-distinctive plates range from $25-$35 in addition to normal registration fees. Get in on this program now - write to C.K. Flint '64, 13330 Stonegate Road, Midlothian, VA 23113.

FOOTBALL BOOK, *GRIDIRON GRENADIERS*, SOUGHT

Anyone wishing to sell a copy of the book *Gridiron Grenadiers*, published by G.P. Putnam's sons in 1948, please contact Dick Higgins, P.O. Box 27, Barrytown, NY 12507; telephone (914) 758-6488; fax (914) 758-4416.

*HOWITZER*s SOUGHT

Seeking '25 *HOWITZER*; contact Leo Kengla '25 c/o C. Urrutia, his grandson (516) 781-6085 (call collect), 3647 DeMott Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793.

LTC Cole Kingseed/Dept of History,seeks 1915 *HOWITZER*, (914) 446-7664, 227B Barnard Loop, West Point, NY 10996.

Anyone wishing to sell or donate *HOWITZERS* from the last 30 years, please contact Mr. Peter J. Clark, 169 Hurley Avenue, Kingston, NY, 12401.

'49 RING FOUND

On 7 March 1992 a '49 ring was turned into an office of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Apparently a tourist found it in the Village Square in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada.

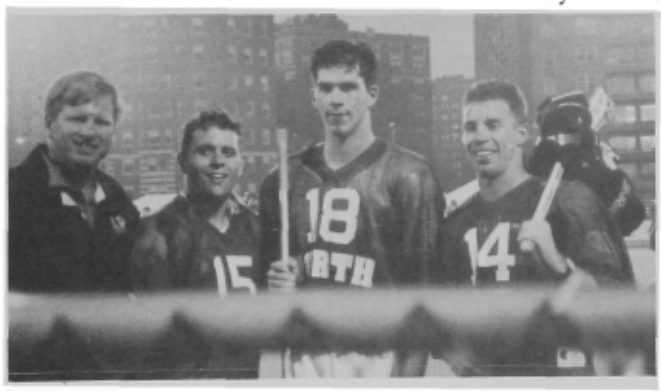
Owner should contact AOG Publications at (914) 446-5800.

GRADUATE SEEKS WEST POINT RING

Ernest G. Rose '51 seeks class ring. Please contact him at 339 Doughty Blvd., Inwood, NY 11696; (516) 239-6732.

ARMY'S LACROSSE COACH EMMER LEADS NORTH TEAM IN BALTIMORE

Army Lacrosse Coach Jack Emmer, whose 10-4 1992 team defeated both Navy and Air Force, was selected to coach the North team in the annual North-South game held in June in Baltimore. With Coach Emmer at the game (and playing for the North) are Army seniors Chris Prentice, Chris Lepp and Ed McGuire.



2LT Dan Roberts '92 interrupts his graduation leave to participate in graduation exercises for his younger brother Dean (at left) from Western Reserve Academy. Dean attended Western Reserve on a Scholarship Program and entered USMA with the Class of 1996 in June.

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Report from the Classes

'15

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Robert Daspit Dwan, Jun '43, son of our **Edward James Dwan**, again phoned me recently and sent greetings to '15. Your scribe again thanks all who sent him greetings on his 102nd birthday on 12 Mar 92.

Your scribe has received newspaper clips from many people about the 100th birthday of our **James A Van Fleet** on 19 Mar 92. Evidently Polk City, FL considers him its most distinguished citizen.

'16

Apr '17

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Aug '17

Jun '18

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These notes are being written on 12 Jun. Our graduation was way back in 18. We entered in 15, all 188 of us. Only 137 made it to our grad, to win WWII.

Only 3 of us are still alive. I was 95 this yr, on 17 May. **Grenata** and **Miley** will be 95 also this yr. Also **Mike** on 28 Sep and **Bud** on 26 Dec. Of course I lack all dope on the ages of our widows, but I think that most of them are in their eighties. May they make 95 also.

Nov '18

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'19

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The widely scattered classmates of '19 rep various states of health and activity. In CA, **George Dillaway** keeps busy with a little gardening and, recently, more than his share of the household chores due to **Connie**'s broken wrist.

Fred Marlow sent a short biography which was published in the newsltr of a mobile home park he owns. I can't begin to relate all his accomplishments in this col, but some of the highlights and human interest items follow. Fred resigned his commission early on to accept a position offered by an engring firm that had a contract to electrify a line out of Peking. But before the co could leave the US, the revolution began and the contract was cancelled. Now a civ looking about for a livelihood, the developing real estate boom in LA caught his attention. His life's work from then on consisted of a prominent role in the devel of the LA area and several other S CA locations, too numerous to list, with intermittent periods of govt asgmts. As district dir of the newly formed Federal Housing Admin, he was instrumental in persuading the banks to change the prevailing mortgage structure from 3-yr mortgages at 8.4% to 20-yr terms at 5%, thus changing the housing situation for millions of people. While he was pres of the LA Realty Bd he conceived the idea of selling real estate by means of "cubic conveyance;" thus the condominium was born. When he ret from the Realty Bd he was given a set of golf clubs and began to golf in earnest, having been invited to join the LA Country Club. He believes that playing regularly has contributed to his good health. Fred's first wife, Olive Hobbs, died in 33, only 3 days after giving birth to their first child, Hobbs. In 44, Fred & **Lynne** were married, continuing their common interest in horsemanship. Subsequently, two daughters completed their family.

In TX, **Alex Bennet** is still "hanging in there" with periodic help from a visiting nurse and daily assistance from his loyal friend Charlie and son Peter. **Velma** resides in a nursing home. At AF Vill, **Adna Hamilton** claims nothing to rep; however, **Vivian**'s foot is still troubling her after surgery and a long hosp. **Mildred Stearley** did not have a stroke as erroneously rep in the Mar 92 issue. She broke a hip, which was effectively repaired and causes her no pain. However, still needing some spt for walking, she tried a variety of canes and walkers. Finally, she chose a model that has "wheels, brakes and everything except a horn!"

In MD, **John Hardin** will celebrate his 95th birthday on 17 Jun with a few close friends at a home luncheon planned by daughter Doris.

In FL, **Syril & Billie Faine** were surprised when their 69th wedding anniv on 16 Jun was announced in church, followed by deafening applause. Syril still tires quickly, but blood tests show improvement. Let's hope this is a trend.

In TN, **Phil & Irma Lauben** returned home from a trip to WP to attend the USMA Cl of '92 grad. Granddaughter Melanie Lauben grad in the top 5% of this cl and received two other awards: The LTC Boyd M Harris Memorial Award for Excellence in PL 300, Mil Ldrship; and the Order of Founders and Patriots of America Award for Excellence in Envir Engring. The Cl of '19 joins Phil & Irma in their pride in the accomplishments of a '19 grandchild. Melanie will be married to classmate Richard T Little on 4 Jul. Then she is off to her first asgmt at Ft Stewart, GA by way of Air Assault Sch and Engr Sch. Richard will be going to flight sch at Ft Rucker.

In CT, **Bill Regan** continues his pleasant daily routine and enjoys the espec lush foliage in his vicinity this yr. In SC, **Mike Smith** enjoys frequent outings with his son, who also lives in Barnwell.

In DC, **Conchita Sorley** rep from Knollwood that **Dorothy Ferenbaugh, Gertrude Taylor** and **Anabel Jones** are about the same, but things are looking up for **Rosalina Kerr**. Toward the end of Jul, her daughter Mona & Bill Sussmann '38 will be moving to Knollwood—how comforting to be so close. In the meantime, Rosalina enjoyed a visit from her son, Edwin Bartlett Kerr '45. He lives in CA, and you may know him as the author of *Surrender and Survival* and *Planes Over Tokyo*. Conchita recently enjoyed a visit from her friend Helen, wife of COL Alfred W Hess '36, who taught with **Stone** at Valley Forge Mil Acad.

'20

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Carey Brown '10, who died in 84, had adopted '20 and enjoyed their monthly Cl luncheons in the Pershing Room of DC's A-N Club. His widow, Gwladys, died 17 May 92 at her DC home and was buried at WP beside her first husband, Joe Leonard '10. We extend our deepest sympathy to her loved ones.

Isabelle Swartz, **Hippo**'s widow, and their daughter, ret COL Isabelle, USA, are living happily together in Tacoma, WA. Isabelle Sr is 97. She joined the DAR last yr and, before that, the Natl Soc, US Daughters of 1812. She loves to attend all their mtgs (9/yr DAR and 4/yr "1812"). She is in good health, enjoys her friends and is a busy lady. Her daughter also attends these mtgs and is busy keeping up with her mother. They sent this message to **Anne Holle** via Mrs Stanley E Bills, pres of the WA St "1812" Soc at the annual mtg of the

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soc in DC in Apr. Anne was very busy that mo attending the annual mtgs of 4 of these ladies' patriotic socs, in 3 of which she is honorary natl pres.

George Rehm keeps improving slowly from his stroke of 31 Aug 91.

Duke Samouce's niece Ann & COL (Ret) Tom Russell '59 visited **Elton** & Duke 30 May during their trip to DC and Annapolis in connection with Tom's AOG duties.

1920: At Herby Pierce's grave in Falls Church, VA: Herby's daughter Dr Mirna Pierce Perez-Venero and Duke Samouce

Herby Pierce's grandson, Marc Alexander Perez-Venero '92, grad 30 May. Parents Mirna & Alexander of Vienna, Austria were there, as well as grandmother **Linda Pierce** and Aunt Edith (Mirna's sister), both of Palm Springs, CA. Marc is now 2LT MPC. During the summer he will visit a classmate in N CA; his grandmother, Aunt Edith and sister Rochelle Jones and her family in Palm Springs; and his sister Lynda & Dean Ryan in Hoboken, NJ before returning to his parents in Vienna. He will rep to the MP Sch, Ft McClellan, AL in Sep.

'21-'22

COL Harry H. Haas
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We had a fantastic 70th Reunion. There were only 3 of us present: **Cort Schuyler, PD Lynch** and myself. **Wes Yale** wrote me that he would attend the reunion, but he changed his mind.

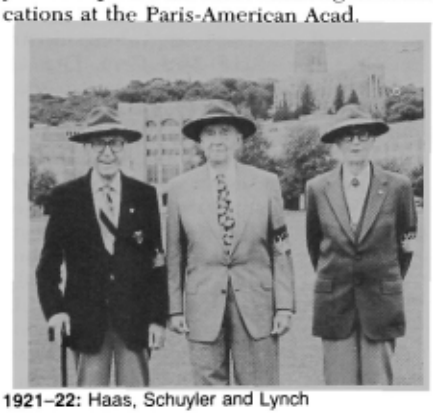
1921–22: Harry Haas and George Lawton (Bill's son), with the statue of George Olmsted (wearing Harry's campaign hat) between them

MAJ Glenn Benecke '80 and CPT Ed Naessen '81 were assigned to us and they did a tremendous job of composing an itinerary of events that incl a tour of the Post, Camp Buckner, Olmsted Hall, our old bks and the Cadet Chapel and arranged for us to attend all the other events.

The original Oriole Cl emblem was lost some time ago. I had one repainted for our 65th Reunion but that too became lost. So this time I found a local concern that made a 2' x 2' pic of our emblem which I took to Olmsted Hall and asked to be put on display in the Museum. It was agreed that the emblem will be placed on the wall in back of George's statue. I donated my Oriole campaign hat to go with the emblem.[See pic of emblem in Jul *ASSEMBLY*.]

1921–22: Helen Schuyler and Peggy Lynch

While at the Academy **PD Lynch** had a book signing at the Bookstore for his book, *Views of an Early Bird*. More about the Lynches: PD's wife **Peggy** went to Paris in Jun and spent a mo there teaching communications at the Paris-American Acad.



1921–22: Haas, Schuyler and Lynch

The last Cl Rosters I sent to **Isabel Albert, Irene Douglass, Muriel Stephens** and **Jimmy Wilhide** were returned to me. If anyone has info about them, please write to me.

Your scribe regrets to rep that **Lucille Anderson** passed away on 14 Jun at the age of 95 yrs. Also, **Meps Smith**'s widow died on 7 Jun. I extend condolences on behalf of the Cl.

'23

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Doug Pamplin rep that he & **Lolita** are living in a ret vill near their only daughter. Unfortunately, Lolita has suffered a stroke and is unable to walk or talk. Doug describes himself as "an accumulation of replacement parts" that help him get around the village easily.

Bill Craigie has been getting around as part of the celebration of 50 yrs of jet flight. The first US mil jet pilot, Bill was the speaker for GE Aircraft Engrs Recognition Wk in Cincinnati, OH and Lynn, MA and for a mtg of intl airlines. But he doesn't speak at WP dinners. He's the "kid-on-the-block," with **Mo Cavender** and **Lyle Rosenberg** nearby. Unfortunately, they are both currently in wheelchairs, since Lyle took a spill and wound up with painful sprains—nothing broken. Bill has lost his Cl ring and is looking for a replacement.

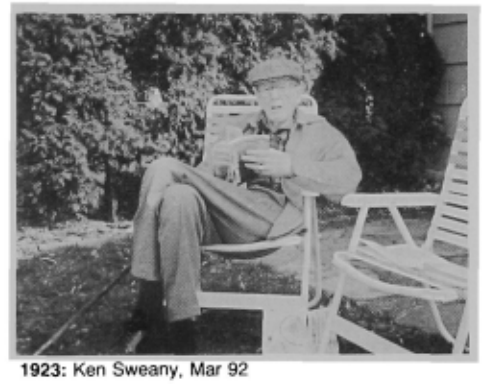
1923: The Klangs with Victoria Craigie in Tokyo, 1950

Nostalgia: **Bill** sent a snapshot of **"P" Wong** with his wife and **Victoria** taken 42 yrs ago in Tokyo when "P" was on MacArthur's staff with Bill. Any further info on Wong would be most welcome.

Kenner Hertiford had successful prostate surgery in Jan and was oldest grad at FD in Albuquerque.

An update on **Jack White** from his sister Dorothy O'Donnell rep that Jack came home in Apr after prostate surgery and was making slow but steady improvement. **Alice**, with the help of a visiting nurse, was able to care for him. However, a mo later he fell and returned to the hosp with a broken hip. Surgery has been successful.

From VT, **Ken Sweany** rep that "all goes well." He & **Laura** made the move without mishap. Ken has an apt with his own things at daughter Jean Carol's home, while Laura has adjusted well to the nursing home nearby.



1923: Ken Sweany, Mar 92

Ken spent Easter with son Phil and saw a lot of relatives. He is looking forward to our 70th. **Pinky Palmer** missed FD dinner at the Presidio and is undecided about the reunion.

Virginia Post writes that **Dottie Kelm** moved to her daughter's in Ashton, MO about a yr ago. **Carmen & Santiago Guevara** enjoyed 4 grandchildren's weddings in 91. All found compatible spouses: Christine Neuberger, a journalist with the *Richmond Times Dispatch*, married a journalist; Julia G Bowen, a grad student at Stanford, married a grad student; Carmen Nuebers, a lawyer in DC, married a lawyer; and Dr James Guevara, with med corps at Ft Lewis, married a dr.

My big 90 came 17 May with a family party in Santa Cruz. **Eleanor** & I are looking forward to another party with the rest of our family in DC in late Jun. We both enjoy good

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health and the golf course again.

Extracts from **Robby Robinson**'s note—"Both **Dot** & I are all full of pain and have been for quite a spell. Dot is in bed all the time. I think the good Lord is waiting for me. However, my prostate is doing OK. Give my love to all we know." I don't think the Robinson's will make the 70th.

The response to **Joe Smith**'s mailings are being received as these notes are being compiled for the WP deadline. Preliminary estimates indicate that at least 6 or more will attend the "last hurrah" next May. We have priority at the Thayer to incl escorts. Reservations must be made individually prior to 1 Jan 93. Refunds will be made for cancellations prior to one wk of the reunion. At the last reunion, we had one lone widow. We hope there will be, at this time, many more who attend.

'24

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At this rep the Cl of '24 is struggling to recover from various breaks and bruises. **Doug Smith** took a tumble; he returned from HI with **Kitty** and has been at his home in Wash, DC. **Bob Dewey** celebrated his 91st birthday on 19 May and also reps a bout with a broken hip. He's at home in DC. **Tom Malin** has been mending in Carmel, CA, following surgery on his broken hip.

The Cl of '24 is also sad to announce the death of **Tom Malin**'s wife, **Gwendolyn**, on 21 Mar, at Carmel Convalescent Hosp. She was 93. No funeral svcs were held, at her request. Cremation took place at the Little Chapel by the Sea, with private inurnment.

'25

COL W. Frank Steer
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Kailau, HI 96734

Here goes for the '25 Cl list of classmates who have joined the Long Gray Line. **Wilmer G Bennett**—our own Benny— rep that MG **George B Peploe** died 21 May 92. Pep had a distinguished mil career of 34 yrs, during which he was awarded the DSC, Silver Star with two valor awards, Bronze Star Medal, Legion of Merit and the Air Medal. But his most cherished award was the Combat Infantryman Badge. According to Gen Lawrence B Keiser, Pep was the best regtl combat cmdr that he had ever seen in action. Pep is survived by his widow **Maurice**, daughter Betty Jean Cronin, two grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. He was buried at Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery.

Benny Bennett also rep that his wife **Anne**, who has been ill for about 4 yrs, continues to improve and enjoys reading, TV and visitors.

I also regret to inform you of the passing of COL **Haydon Y Grubbs** on 3 May 92 at 15 Poquito Rd, Shalimar, FL 32579–0615. Next of kin is Mrs **Susan B Grubbs** (widow).

I get info from the most unexpected sources. COL Andrew M Rutherford '50 writes: "Dear COL **Steer**: Enclosed is a photo of my wife Kay & me taken with **Agnes Toms**, widow of **Ray Toms**, at her home in Brandon, England, where we visited in Apr 92. As you know, Agnes is quite active in the WPS of England as well as TROA. I must rep that Agnes has great influence at USAF Base, Lakenheath, England. She got me (COL Rutherford) a blood test and a read-out the same day."

Your scribe would like to add that **Ray** and I became buddies while walking punishment tours on the Area. I walked more punishment tours that any other '25 classmate except him. Ray was the king of the Area birds, and I was the vice-king. I personally don't dare return to WP because I still owe them 33 punishment tours that I didn't have time to complete before grad.

Russ Finn, 1550 Crespo Dr, La Jolla, CA writes: "Dear **Frank**: Thank you for taking over the task of Cl scribe. No longer will there be a blank space in the 'Report from the Classes' *ASSEMBLY* notes. It is up to the mbrs of '25 to furnish the 'info.' I hope you get the help you deserve."

'26

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Don Booth writes that he & **Ro** are "well and getting along." She had a cataract removed in Apr and is pleased with the results. But the Booths are still plagued by gophers which tear up their yard. Don has tried many means to cope with these vermin but has found the only successful way: cats.

It is a sad task to rep the death in Apr of **Aline Kirchoff**. She was buried alongside **Art** in the Presidio of SF Natl Cem. Our Cl extends sympathy and condolences to sons Curtis, David and Robert, as well as to all other members of the family.

Oka Wade tells us that he & **Jessie** are doing quite well and again invite us all to visit them in Marion (after a warning phone call, of course). They were tickled when two great-grands arrived for a short stay in Marion but not so happy when the youngsters promptly came down with chicken pox. Oka closed his ltr with this prayer, "May God bless all of our old classmates." Thanks, Oka; we can use your prayer.

Several ltrs from **Rod Smith** made it clear that he & **Katherine** are well and flourishing, though no long jaunts of any sort soon. Rod even passed up showing at the Convocation of Awards Ceremony at WP, which he & Katherine usually grace. There on 29 May son MG Anthony '59 took Rod's place. From the detailed acct forwarded, here, in encapsulated form, appear the activities which involve '26:

I. The **Rod Smith** Memorial Award, honoring son Rod Smith '53 KIA Vietnam, was handed out by son Tony to CDT Archibald Steele for standing highest in CE. Steele had exceptional accomplishments as a CDT: CDT CPT and Co Cmdr, Distinguished CDT, VP of the USMA branch of a professional soc and winner of the Supe's Award.

II. Tony, also at the request of the Tyng family, presented the **Sewell Tappan Tyng** Memorial Award to CDT Richard Zellmann for top rating in nuclear engring. He was a CDT CPT, a Distinguished CDT and winner of the Supe's Award.

III. The Cl of '26 Award, established by our Pres BG **Vald Heiberg**, was tendered by Dean BG Gerald E Galloway Jr to CDT Marcia Geier for highest composite standing in applied science and engring. This brilliant youngster also carried off 3 other prestigious prizes: one for tops in basic science, one for excellence in concentrated math studies and a fellowship (that means cash) for study of nuclear physics.

IV. The **Red Reeder** Award for the outstanding player on the Army Baseball Team was given to CDT Lance Boyce by USMA BB Coach Dan Roberts, who described CDT Boyce as a particularly fine amateur athlete.

Red & Virginia Corderman are spending the summer quietly in Eatontown, NJ—both well with the exception of Red's eyesight. His one good eye is troubling him, so he doesn't read or write much. Nevertheless, Red considers himself fortunate in that he has Virginia, who "is still very active—drives the car, reads and writes well, plays golf and bridge. So I count my blessings." We all respect your attitude toward your limits, Red, and hope earnestly that they not be narrowed.

Change of address for **Louise Hawthorne**: the PO laddies claim they can't deliver mail to her last known address in Winchester, MA. So if anyone knows how to reach her, please inform Pres **Vald Heiberg** or the scribe.

Effie Doyle (according to the Postal Svc though not confirmed by her) can be reached at 8039 Callaghan #407, San Ant, TX 78230–4718.

'27

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The 65th Reunion is now a happy memory, thanks once more to the untiring efforts of **Jean & Mac Miller** and the young officers at WP who assisted them. Those who attended would like to thank these fine people once more for a job well done. These events are always about 5 times as much work as they appear.

Of the 42 survivors, 12 attended and were able to make the march to the Thayer Monument. The tempo for the march, in spite of some complaints from previous yrs of the doleful, stumbling gait, has not been modified, and increasing age will probably bring a few requests to slow down once more.

1927: Miller, McManus with son Tom, Roth, Marge, Morin & Jan

The following were able to be there: **Bell** from NY; **Berrigan** from CA; **Connor** from NY; **Davidson & Verone** from CA; **Dickerson** from FL; **Garland & Betty** from NJ; **McManus & Marge** from CA; **Miller & Jean** from DC; **Morin & Jan** from OH; **Roth** from CA; **West & Jean** from OH; and **Whittle** from CA. The only widow was **Ethel Kuter** from TX.

About 40 people attended the Cl dinner at the Thayer following the gathering in the Social Rm, where memories were refreshed and close observation was made of the treatment by Father Time over the past 5 yrs.

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Regretably, some of our classmates could not make the trip. The overall attendance, roughly one-third of the survivors, is a turnout for which we are very grateful. This is a little less than that of our 60th, but who can predict? Following the dinner, most returned to the Social Rm and early to bed in view of "jet lag," old age and the excitement of seeing old friends.

1927: Mac Miller and General Galloway at Memorial Svc (LTC Mike Mahan of AOG in background)

Monday we had the memorial svc normally held at the Memory Corner, which had been moved from the library to Cullum Hall where its new location is presently under repair. Ultimately the Memory Corner will be moved to the new alumni bldg on the site of the old skating rink near the stadium. For this reason the mem svc was held in another rm on the first floor of Cullum Hall, where we could see the extensive restoration and renovation taking place. Following a few opening remarks

1927: Art Roth presenting needlepoint to General Galloway for the Library

by BG Gerald E Galloway Jr, Dean of the Academic Board, welcoming the Cl and citing the fine achievements of its mbrs during their careers, **Art Roth** presented two of his needlepoint works, one to BG Galloway for the Library and one to a representative of the AOG for the Memory Corner as a companion piece to the one he presented at the 60th Reunion. The one for the Library was an adaptation of a watercolor by Nicholas Reilly which he made for the '29 *Howitzer*, entitled "Where They of the Corps Have Trod." It features the area of the old S Bks and the N Sallyport.

Then followed the reading by Cl Pres **Gar Davidson** of the list of those who have answered the "Last Roll Call" since our 60th Reunion—21. This was followed with a prayer by Chaplain Camp, a moment of silence and a heart-rending rendition of "Taps" by a mbr of the USMA Band. **Mac Miller** should have a standing vote of appreciation for the fine and efficient manner in which he

1927: Gar Davidson and General Galloway at Memorial Svc

organized this dignified and impressive mtg.

A boat ride was supposed to follow, but the boat was apparently on the sick list and that event was cancelled. A sightseeing bus tour of the post was sched before the above described mem svcs, due to conflicting scheds with other classes. But this, too, was very successful, and I really believe most of the Cl are now aware of many scenes and places at WP of which they had little or no knowledge.

The Cl Lunch on Mon was at the '49'er Ranch Club located somewhere deep in the woods between Delafield Pond and Ft Putnam. In the eve was the alumni dinner and reception, followed by the usual assembly in the Social Rm.

The Alumni Parade followed the familiar format, led by a mbr of the Cl of '17. He was followed by 4 mbrs of the Cl of '22. We followed with 12, and thereafter numbers increased. After the simple mem svc at the Thayer Monument, the old grads then reviewed the impressive parade by the Corps. After the photography session, most moved to Wash Hall for the Alumni luncheon.

In the eve a farewell Cl dinner was held at the old W Shore RR Station, from which most of us hiked up the hill 69 yrs ago. The Supe & his wife made a gracious call during dinner, which was deeply appreciated. Those who later visited the Social Rm had an opportunity to see some of the videotapes **Tom Davidson** made during the various events. It is too bad that more of our classmates could not attend, but those who did appeared to have been treated kindly by Father Time, barring varying degrees of impaired mobility, and no complaints were heard. I hope that, for those who could not be there, these brief notes will give some idea of a very enjoyable gathering. The gp pics in the front of this issue will tell you more than these few hundred words. So the 65th is now in the past, but whether you were here or at home, we are all indebted to **Mac & Jean Miller** and the two young offs of the Dept of Soc Sciences who did so much to make our reunion a success. MAJ Alexander D Perwich II and CPT Thomas Lynch did all the local preliminary arrangements and were in constant attendance.

Apologies for the lack of photographs. Many were taken, but there was hardly time to process them and send them to me before the deadline. I hope some will be received in time for the next issue, along with any notes of interest to those who were unable to attend.

Besides the Reunion there have been other Cl activities. **Davidson, McManus, Berrigan** and **Roth** met at the Claremont CC bordering the disastrous Oakland Fire area. George Pappas '44 gave an interesting acct of the progress of the repairs to the Chapel windows. Pappas recently returned from WP where he was researching his forthcoming history of WP. At a previous mtg it was announced that the Cl had donated 200 copies of the Chapel Book to the AOG and 500 copies to the Chapel Altar Guild. Some time was spent discussing recent legislation which would withhold Regular Army commissions for svc academy grads, as well as from grads of other off procurement programs, until they had completed a yr of active duty.

Only a day before I departed for the reunion I had a call from **Mac Miller** rep the death of **Chuck Stone** on 16 May in Tucson. The sad news came from his son, who said that Chuck would be buried at the USAFA. This came only a short time after I had received a nice ltr from Chuck in answer to his 88th birthday greeting. The sympathy of the Cl is extended to mbrs of his family. Also a good ltr from **Bob Turner** from Blacksburg, in which he says, "Thanks, **Art**, for your kind ltr and the list of active classmates in order of rank, i.e., date of birth. Since today, Easter Sunday, caught me on my birthday this yr, it was a sort of double whammy. At church this morn, I thought no one would notice that I was now 88. But my dear wife let the cat out of the bag after church was over. The children were in the church playground searching for Easter eggs. One of the kind ladies of the church asked if we would like to watch the children in their Easter egg hunt. We said 'yes' so she led us out to the side yard. When I stepped out, here were the regular mbrs of the congregation shouting 'Happy Birthday' in unison, so my birthday is no longer a secret. Thank you, Bob, and may you have many more as pleasant.

A postcard from **Marty Morin** from Paris, in response to the Birthday Ltr. Every card the scribe has received from Marty carries foreign stamps (usually French), and it is quite obvious that Marty is a confirmed Francophile. He notes that a part of the Champs Elysées and the courtyard of the Louvre are the scene of heavy construction for a 5-story underground garage. The scribe considers this a very unseemly structure for this beautiful and historic area but demonstrates once again that to bulldozers, backhoes and progress, nothing is sacred.

Bob Wohlforth rep grandson William Wohlforth, an asst prof of politics at Princeton, has been appointed to serve as master of Stevenson Hall for the upcoming academic yr. He is a specialist in intl relations and Russian foreign politics.

Mac Miller received word from Thomas F Ostenberg '62 that his mother **Dorothea**, widow of our classmate **Frank Ostenberg**, died 24 Oct 91. Your scribe fondly remembers Frank & Dorothea from happy yrs on Corregidor long ago. The Cl extends its sympathy to family mbrs left behind.

Our hardworking secy and treas sent Reunion Bulletins to all widows whose addresses are known and received several replies, one from **Barbara Cooper**, widow of **Ray Curtis**. She's now married to a mbr of the USNA Cl of '27, also having its 65th Reunion this yr, which they will attend. Maybe the next reunion can be a joint one.

In declining her invitation with much regret and best wishes, **Donnie Holland** complains of travel limitations due to arthritis requiring the use of a cane. Best of everything, Donnie, but it is a long way from San Diego to the Hotel Thayer, even with jet

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aircraft and an airport in Newburgh.

Your scribe had an interesting tel call from a sr citizen USMA '22 who saw the item in the May *ASSEMBLY* about my "electric mobility machine" and was inquiring as to technical details and procurement. He was 91 and, like your scribe, is without a driver's license and looking for added mobility. Another call from a mbr of '31, now a ret prof at UC Berkeley, had some nice things to say about the anthology of literary works on the subject of aging I mentioned in the first item of Cl notes for May. I am very happy to receive these calls and to see the interest of others in our activities. I urge you all to send in the type of item concerning your activities since ret that I plugged in the June issue.

At the last mtg of the local foursome, **Tom McManus** rep he had taken action to fire himself from his association with his co, the Underground Construction Co, and its associated bldg co MGC (**McManus, Guileben, Chick**). A newsltr of the Associated General Contractors of CA gives a fine acct of the history of these two orgns over more than 50 yrs. As one of the founding partners, Tom has watched the growth of these enterprises from relatively small local businesses to projects of natl scope, to incl work on the Bay Area's "Bart," Atl's "Marta," Wash's "Metro" and many other works of lesser dimension. Even though Tom says he has "fired" himself, it is hard to believe that he will be any less active in his busy sched of civic activities, the Boy Scouts and, of course, continuing interest in '27 affairs. The Cl wishes Tom long happiness in his self-layoff from the working force.

A long note from **Paul Jennings** from San Ant, which I quote in part: "I won't go into all my 'miseries' but will say I am still grunting and groaning but am able to answer 'mess call' and enjoy life in a limited way. I just grad from a wheelchair to a walker, so that is some progress. I thought of getting an electric vehicle but will see how things turn out when I can get rid of this walker—I was hoping to be able to attend the Cl Reunion this yr, but, of course, that was ruled out." Thank you, Paul, and good luck in your courageous struggle against the "mobility problems" so well-known to most of us.

Woody Hocker telephoned from San Mateo expressing regrets that he & **Betty** could not attend the reunion. Betty requires a walker and traveling any distance is pretty much out of the question. They both send their greetings and best wishes, both to those attending and to those not fortunate enough to be there.

Reminder re birthdays to be celebrated during the remainder of 92: the following will be 90 on the dates indicated: **Martin** 1 Nov, **Trapnell** 23 Nov, **Thomas** 31 Dec. The 89's will be **Whatley** 23 Nov, **Garland** 29 Nov, **Kirby** 31 Dec. The 88's will be **Lillard** 19 Nov, **AN Williams** 23 Dec. The 87's **EG Daly** 1 Oct, **Hocker** 23 Sep and **Berrigan** 26 Nov. Send them a card and send me an item. And if you have any good photos, particularly of the reunion, I would like to see them. My best to you all—your scribe, **Art Roth**.

'28

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Notice the new address above. We just moved from our Kingsmille house to an apt at "Williamsburg Landing," a lovely ret ctr and health care pavilion. We will keep the same tel no.

Fran Myers, widow of **Sam L Myers**, called from TX and then wrote a long, interesting ltr re her trip to DC in Oct "for what was supposed to be a last reunion of the Fusaliers of First Army HQ. **Andrew & Pidge McNamara** were present, plus others from WWII gp. Also there were son Sammy '58 & Leslie (daughter of Hugh & Mabel Stevenson '29, who started with '28) and our daughter Anne, wife of Bill Bartlett '57. We all stayed at the Marriott in Alexandria. The banquet was great—speeches telling of some of the experiences of the HQ in Bristol, England, where the invasion was being planned. The officers of the First Army HQ presented a plaque to the people of Bristol in appreciation of their courtesies and treatment when the HQ was at Clifton Coll."

Fran took another trip in Mar to Ft Knox, KY for the dedication of a new bldg in honor of **Sam**. Son Sammy & Leslie came from Salt Lake City, daughter Laura from Phoenix, AZ and Bill & Anne from Columbia, SC; they all met in Louisville. The CG at Ft Knox, MG Thomas Foley, gave a beautiful tribute to Sam in his dedication speech. He presented to Fran, for Sam, the medal of St George, the patron saint of the Cav-Armd and to Fran, the medal of St Jean D'Arc. Sammy gave the acceptance speech. Fran said, "We toured the bldg to marvel at the contents. It seems like a mixture of Nintendo and Star Wars, plus its computer and mockup tank trainer and simulators." She sent two pics taken there.

1928: Laura, Fran, Bill & Anne and Sammy & Leslie Myers

1928: Fran by portrait of Sam, with Sammy and Anne on right

In response to my ltr, **Jack Mills** answered, "I had a fall awhile back, rebroke a leg which already had an artificial hip, had to quit driving and now hobble around on a walker." He belongs to the Ft Ord WP Soc but lives in Monterey. Also a ltr from **Everett Peddicord**, who said **Margaret** has been in a nursing home for the past two yrs, but he is in good health—does ice skating and other sports. After ret he attended UCLA and then joined the firm of Moffatt and Nichol, Engrs in Long Beach, CA. Glad to hear from you, Ev.

Stu McLennan's brother Donald G '34 sent a short note encl a copy of an article. "I am hoping Stu's classmates would be interested in these, which were written about Stu after 58, using a fictitious name, Pat Thomas, and later appeared in *Reader's Digest*. Stu had requested Beirne Lay Jr, the author, not use his name. Beirne was formerly a flying sch classmate and pilot for 25 yrs. The story was titled "The Man Behind the Face," a very touching tribute to a brave pilot shot down, badly wounded, face mutilated, but still a survivor.

A few bits of sad news: **Walter E Johns** died 30 Mar 92 in Tryon, NC. He had been in and out of the local hosp for the past 6 mos. The AOG notified **Dave Traub** that **Elmo Mathews** had died (no other details right now). Anyone having knowledge of Elmo's death, please let me know. Also, a ltr from **Ruth Butcher** in San Ant, saying that **Elizabeth Gude** died in Apr. She was the widow of **Elmer Gude**.

Got a phone call from **Dave Traub** recently. He has initiated planning for our 65th Reunion in May 93 and says that the item of billeting is firm. We will be accommodated at the Hotel Thayer. He will get out a ltr on the subject soon.

We finally moved into our new apt. **Julie** was not much help, as, just prior to the move, she tripped and fell in the living rm, breaking her wrist. She now has the cast off and wears a brace.

'29

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Don't know where the poltergeist was hiding, but he came out to put a record number of errors in the 1 May Roster and Directory. See corrections at end.

The luncheon for the Wash contingent turned out well. As the pic shows, **KD** and **Slim** were bashful with so many femmes and stuck together.

1929: Nichols and Vittrup

Also there was a surplus contributed to the Cl Fund.

Orienteering as a sport is a new one to me, but WP will host 52 nations for the World Championship in Oct 93. **Slim Vittrup** survived his quarantine for TB and is recuperating well from the nonvirulent type. Recuperation didn't last long—he was back in DeWitt Hosp but got out 4 Jun. After another luncheon at **Alice Nesbitts'**, **Emma Rasmussen**

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writes that soon Alice and **Nell Thompson** will join her at Knollwood. This is one of the results of **Bill Thompson**'s death after a long illness. He was a former scribe and a real stalwart in helping '29'ers in time of need. KD and **Jackie Nichols** took flowers to Nell when they found out about Bill. The Cl made a memorial contribution for him. In a quite unusual instance, the husband of Nell's roommate at Swarthmore, who died last Dec, not only assisted Nell in the paperwork involved but made a generous contribution in Bill's memory to the '29 fund for "Maintaining and Enhancing the '29 Corridor."

Before his quarantine **Slim** was able to attend the mtg of about 200 sr and very interested grads at the Belvoir O Club. In the morn the Supe, newly promoted Cmdt and the Dean made a very favorable rep on WP. Attendees, incl **Harding Palmer**'s brother Bruce, came away feeling there were many changes—such as eliminating the eve meal; transferring cadets from co to co so they would know more CDTs; permitting new grads to choose an admin or technical branch; not having all co Tacs from a combat branch; and the integration of women in the Corps— that left much to be desired. The moving of Doubleday Field, which is now funded by **Doby Kraft**'s bequest, was not discussed. (See article in Jul *ASSEMBLY* on "Doubleday Soc honors Red Reeder"). All agreed upon the undesirable effect of two bills recently passed by Congress. The first extended the commitment from 5 yrs after grad to 6 (ours was 4) and the second deferred Regular Army commissions for one yr and put all candidates from WP, ROTC, etc in one pot from which the total number of RA's are selected.

Hank Royall rep better health than a yr ago; he planned to be at WP for the alumni period. **MacKenzie**'s daughter Anne passed on her dad's thanks and rep that he was coming along quite well, could go for rides and spend an afternoon with her. **Kitty Bowyer** said she was the one who called from Largo while we were still in Belleville, IL. **Kay Parks** Gauer says they are in HI for 6 mos, with the other 6 in Juno Beach as a take-off spot for Europe. Harley's sons are fine. The Gauers will visit Peter in NY and Steve in CA to get acquainted with her great-grandchild. **Freddie Lincoln** remains with her beloved Rockies except for a couple of short trips to the E Coast. I think her winter trip to Yellowstone and Jackson Hole is still in the Rockies or at least close enough. **Bill Francis** wrote that **Charley Rau** was seriously ill in the Carmel Valley Hospice, and today **Dutch Kraus** called to tell me Charley died in Pebble Beach 22 May. Graveside svcs were held 29 May at the Presidio of San Fran. Also that **Hank** was having trouble with her shoulder and had to wear one of those collars. He is manning the broom and doing the cooking now that he's over his pneumonia and despite an enlarged heart.

Fenn Sykes sent in this Cl trivia. Twenty-two of 79 Gen offs or 27.8% are alive but only 26 of the remaining 220 others are (11.8%), so gens have more than twice as high a *survival* rate as the rest of us.

Here are the statistics to bring your Roster up-to-date as of 1 Jun 92: **Red Calloway** in Apt 206 at 9160 Belvoir Woods Pkwy; **Whit Miller** moved to 4075 Pulitzer Pl #114 and added 4208 to his zip; the **Roths** moved to 12105 Ambassador Dr #352, zip 80921–3640; **Fenn Sykes**—make it Ipswich; **Charley Rau** died and **Gladyce** joins the widows; **Roy Vincent** moved around the corner—248 Grant St—and added 1325 to his zip; and **Ed Wright**'s area code is now 913.

If anyone has an address for **Kay Geary** or **Venus Carr**'s widow and Ex-CDTs Holbrook, Longan, McClintock, Sasse or Steiner, please let me know, as AOG doesn't have these addresses either.

Add Int WP to #15, 31, 40, 55, 65, 68, 88, 90, and 91.

Kat Lancaster—**Tom** died 22 Jul and is interred in Arlington; **Luise Ralston** died 30 May 92; **Eleanor Dwyre** moved to 134 Cambrian Way, Los Gatos, CA 95032–4015; tel 356-6962; **Charles P. Stone** died 17 May 92—Int USAFA; **Jean Gavin**—Int WP Ob—Jul 91. Summer PO Box 774, Osterville, MA 02655; **Kay Geary** presumed deceased, as all mail returned; **Ina Hubard**—only one "b"—died Owings Mills 8–28–91, interred Monticello; **Freddie Lincoln**—date of **Abe**'s death 24 May 75—interred Denver; **Judy Lindsey** died in Atl 13 Sep 91; **Genevieve Nave**—**Spike** & Gen are both interred at WP.

Sarah Palmer, not Amy; **Kay Gauer**—Harley Parks, interred Arlington; **Mary Pierce**—deceased—92? **Gladys Rau**—add classmate died 22 May 92, Pebble Beach, CA, interred Presidio, San Fran; **Ruth Redlach** died Winston-Salem, NC 5 Feb 92; **Meg Rindlaub**—No "g" in Rindlaub; **Rhoda Stone**—**Jack** died 23 Dec, area code 401.

Tet Svensson moved to 2 The Byway, Ithaca, NY 14850; **Nell Thompson**—**Bill** died at WRAMC 2 Apr 92; **Doris Vanderblue** died 19 Mar 92—donated body to Brown Univ; and **Molly Winn** is at 6200 Oregon Ave, NW, #464, Wash, DC 20015–1553.

In the Geographical Section: CA—delete Mrs **Geary**; change Mrs **Dwyre** to Los Gatos; total 20. CO—delete **Svensson** and change total to 4. GA—delete Mrs **Lindsay**—total 2.

MA—Add **Mrs Gavin**, summer—Osterville, total 2. NY—add Mrs **Svensson**, Ithaca, total 6. PA—delete Mrs **Pierce**, total 4. RI—delete Mrs **Vanderblue** and total to 0. VA—delete Mrs **Winn**, total 13.

So no '29'er, male or female, thinks anyone is a statistic, let me tell you how we found out some of the changes. **KD** found out about **Bill Thompson** when he phoned **Nell** and learned about Bill about a wk after he died. As he had requested, there were no svcs. KD & **Jackie** took flowers to Nell and then called me. Contributions were made to WP Fund in Bill's memory. A ltr of sympathy was written to **Nell**, and she phoned to express her appreciation. The middle of May, **Doris Vanderblue**'s daughter rep that her mother died 19 Mar this yr and had donated her body to Brown Univ. A ltr of condolence was sent to Doris; she was also told that a contribution was being made to the WP Fund in her mother's memory. I also asked that she advise her brother. One of **Charley Allan**'s sons sent in info on **Myra**'s death 22 Aug last yr. In response to the ltr of sympathy, he called to thank the Cl. He said they would advise whether they wanted the contribution to go to WP Fund or to a botanical garden in Boise.

We found out about **Gen Nave** when we reviewed a list of '29'ers interred at WP. **Charles Redlach** rep his mother **Ruth** died 5 Feb 92. Similar ltrs were written and a contribution made to WP Fund in Ruth's memory. Miss Niel Poorman wrote that **Don** died 5 Jan 92 and **Marian** not long after. A larger contribution was made to the WP Fund in memory of both Don & Marcy. **Judy Lindsey**'s daughter wrote that her mother died 13 Sep 91. A similar ltr and contribution was made to the WP Fund. A post ofc form advised us of **Mary Pierce**'s death, but no date and next of kin. A less complete rep on **Kay Geary** and efforts by **Johnny Theimer** and others were unsuccessful in locating her, so we presume she is deceased. **Bill Frances** wrote that **Charley Rau** was seriously ill in Carmel Valley Hospice, and **Dutch Kraus** called 23 May to rep his death at home on 22 May. Dutch and **George Coolidge** arranged for a Cl floral piece to accompany the casket and be at the graveside svcs with full mil honors 29 May at the Presidio of San Fran. A mem svc was held 5 Jun at the Presidio of Monterey.

EZ Byrd Jr wrote that his mother, Mrs **Albert Railton**, had a heart attack and stroke and died 30 May 92. I hadn't known she was an "Army brat" born at Ft Stotsberg (now Clark AFB) in the PI. A ltr of condolence is being sent to her son and a mem contribution to the WP Fund in her memory.

Judging by the number of cards giving classmates' dates and places of death and interment, many read the first part of the ltr on the inside cover of the Roster; however, it seems that **Dutch Kraus** is the only one who read it all. He sent in a nice contribution. We now stand at 47 classmates and 107 widows.

Paul Steinbeck rides his 12-speed bike about 5 days a wk. Right now he's waiting to hear how a hip replacement opn went for his son Paul Jr, who has been in the Army Dependent Sch Prog in England for many yrs. **Jack Crary**'s golf game got so bad he gave up his mtn house in Carolina and finds FL summers aren't too bad.

Chuck Rau is another classmate to be honored for his contrib to the comm after ret from the Army. (So is **Tommy DuBose**.) He received the John Keppelman Award for integrity, public svc and dedication to the profession (Life Underwriters). His svc during the war was as an AR cmdr and mil govr of the Netherlands. The Queen decorated him with the Orange-Nassau. During Korea he was with the Turkish AR Sch for the deployment of tank units to Korea. Later he cmded the Presidio of San Fran. He was a distinguished Pistol shot; alternate on the Army Pistol Team in 35 and Team CPT in 38, 39 and 40; in 52 director of Civ Marksmanship and CPT and Coach of the US Pistol and Rifle teams that went to Norway for the Intl Matches and to Finland for the Olympics.

Paul & Josette are back after a very pleasant European trip. At the *Stars & Stripes* bash he reviewed old times with Bill Mauldin and Andy Rooney. No old-timers were at the German edition of *Reader's Digest* so the young execs couldn't check up on him. Pic [next pg] shows Paul on the high ground at one end of the beach at Woolacombe in Devon. I think the monument is quite unique in that it was conceived, planned, designed, funded and erected entirely by local parties. The hotel in the background was his HQ during the assault tng.

Since his return he has verified that nothing has happened on moving "Doubleday Field," as it is tied into the project for renovating and expanding the Hotel Thayer. Two bidders have submitted proposals for the Thayer renovation contract, and they are being reviewed at DA. Decision is expected in soon, with award of the contract to be made soon thereafter.

Lou Quill is in good spirits and keeps busy

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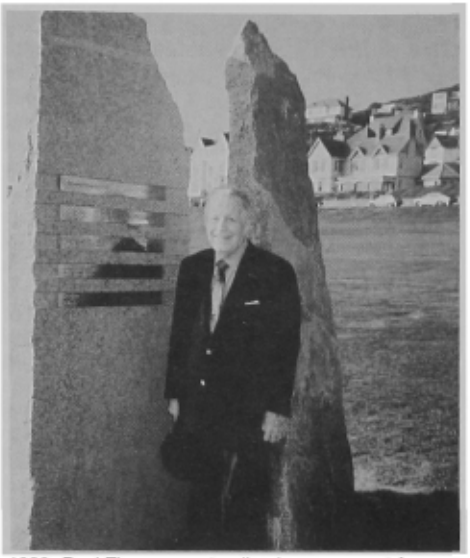

1929: Paul Thompson standing by monument for Assault Training Comm

despite serious losses in hearing and seeing.

The Cl received a fine note of thanks for our kind expression of sympathy and for the basket of red, white and blue flowers signed by all 3 DuBoses, Rose, Winston and Gwynne. Encl with it was a col from the *Orlando Sentinel* entitled "My Word" by Bruce Holloway, a 4-star and former cmdr of SAC. He'd known Tommy since he'd been a student at Randolph under LT DuBose. Many words of praise for Tommy's part as CG of the Air Rescue Svc and the driving force behind it, improving the svc into an intl asset and doing behind-the-lines rescue work in Korea and Vietnam. Also for his work with United Way, FL Chamber of Commerce and other comm civic activities.

Dee Dee Armstrong was fortunate to have visits from both her sons, Peter and Alan. Tom Adcock's grandson John Hunnell, with his DFC and two Air Medals, is doing well in the AF Test Pilot Sch. Second grandson Garth is a LT in an AR Reserve unit in Miami.

Marion McDonald Sheppard & Harvey had a delightful 3-wk trip, although they were nearly washed away with high, high water at Blacksburg, VA during grad and Reunion activities. They hit many other spots, visiting relatives incl great-grandchildren; the eastern shore of MD with seafood but no crab cakes; and Wash, DC, where Marion visited **Nell Thompson** and found her doing well.

Another trivia question: Army C/S Summerall, MacArthur and Craig ea wore 4 stars before 41. True or false?

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Hank Royall wrote in from Chapel Hill, NC on 28 Dec 91 about his roommate **Jerry Pospisilis'** death and about Hank's ltr to his wife, **Alvine**. We rep Jerry's passing earlier. It is quite clear that Jerry was a "giant in his own country."

Hank added that **Tommy & Curlie Dunn**'s daughter Carol is married to John Hawley Oakes '56 and that they live in Chapel Hill. Both were most attentive to Hank when he was hosp in the local VA Med Ctr. Your scribe was stationed at AWC when Tommy was deputy cmdt there during 54–56, and attended his daughter's wedding at the O Club at Carlisle Bks. It was a perfect and joyous ceremony. All of us G Co runts recall Hawley's father '28. He was a stern upperclassman but had a great sense of humor. Many thanks for your ltr, Hank.

WHS Wright called in Feb 92. His **Tillie** is still most cheerful but is slowly becoming less active. We wish this lovely lady lots of better health soon. Sterling is in touch with **Mark Bradley**. Mark has moved (as previously rep) and still feels the heavy loss of his wife, which occurred at the time of our last reunion. We understand Mark may have some great news for us in Jul. In anticipation we show a recent snapshot of Mark sent to me by Sterling.

1930: Mark Bradley sporting a USAF tie, spring 92

Ham Howze sent in a very nice ltr on 24 Apr. He related his svc with the USMA swimming team where he "swam No 2 to **Seafood Garton** in the qtr-mi relay. Seafood raced the best man from Harvard, or Yale, or Navy for the 3 points for first place, while Ham went up and down forever to find out whether WP or the opposition got one lousy point."

Ham asked about classmates who live in TX. They are (so far as I know): In San Ant, **Ralph Swofford** (512) 673-8648; **Happy Brooks** (512) 822-9814; **Al Watson**, Patient Brook Army Hosp; and **John Stokes** AF Vill #160; in Dallas, **Johnnie Murrell** (214) 891-1195; in Austin, **CH Clark** 8124 Greenslope Dr; in Marshall, **H duBois Lewis** 3803 Bridle Path; in Bridge City, **Henry Winters** 480 Idyllwood.

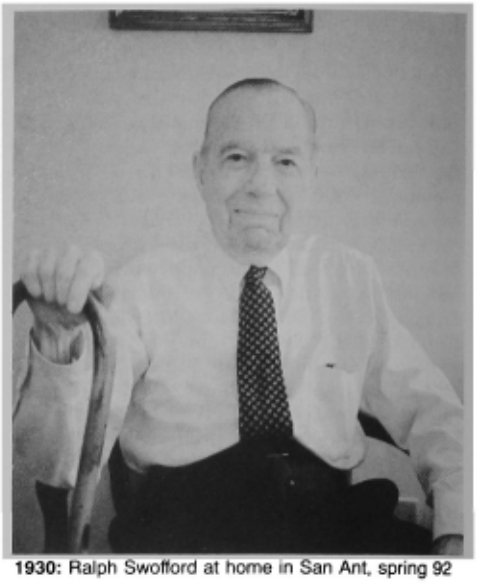
Ham & Mary are "perking along pretty well. He plays 18 holes of golf 5 days a wk and shoots his age sometimes, but not often." Keep up the good work, Ham; and many thanks for your welcome ltr.

You probably recall from the last notes that the **Swoffords** had us for a very gracious and tasty lunch at their AF Vill in San Ant. Another pic of **Ralph** taken at that time has surfaced from a second roll of film, which I am happy to show.

Similarly, two pics taken at the time of fall luncheon 91 have arrived, shown nearby.

Your scribe needs to hear from you, espec if you live on the W Coast. There has been almost no news from the Golden St in many mos.

Another gp that does not write, with rare exceptions, is Cl widows. Why not write me and tell me what you want to say to your friends in the Cl? They will be grateful and so will I. Enjoy the good ole summertime and stay well!



1930: Ralph Swofford at home in San Ant, spring 92

1930: Wooten, King, Neil, Ferguson and Lewis at fall luncheon 91, Ft McNair, Wash, DC

1930: Site Mitchell, Charlotte Brisach and Vivian Moore, Cl wives who had lunch at the Ft McNair O'Club at the same time as fall luncheon 91

'31

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Johnny Davis took me to hear 3 superbly delivered, brilliantly composed speeches which reviewed comprehensively the topics of prime interest to us all. The occasion was a special mtg of the WP Soc of DC, held at Ft Belvoir on 15 Apr and attended by some 200, to hear the Supe, the Cmdt and the Dean. The grads, to a man, were deeply attentive. At the outset, Johnny and I were apprehensive. We were not happy about a number of developments that had taken place at WP, nor about the abandonment of some long-established customs that we felt to be essential elements of the system and which set us apart. We were

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1931: Gibson Isl, MD, 30 Apr 92: (front row) Smith, Dick, WW, Krueger, W, Speidel; (back row) Wilson, Davis, JJ, Harrison, McBride, Eaton, Cooper, Little, Adams and Boyd

not ready to accept what we had heard about the direction in which the Corps had been moving since 31, espec in the last 20 or 30 yrs. However, upon listening to the outstanding, highly informative, erudite presentations by the present Academy leaders, I was reassured, and Johnny says he was, too, that such system changes as have occurred constitute a definite overall plus. Some changes, which we in '31 could never have conceived would ever come about, *did* come about, and there can be no turning back. The country has changed, the world has changed. Time does march on. The overall direction in which WP is moving is positive, and we are now ready to agree that our Alma Mater is intact, that the significant traditions of the Corps are still being observed, and that DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY live as strong as ever. WP is in strong, capable hands.

The last item in my Jul col rep **Jack Gordon**'s death on 22 Apr was added just before press time. Info on his remarkable active second career has since come to me from **Leo Cather** and '32 scribe Ken Zitzman. Jack was a dir of the bds of USAA and of San Ant's United Fund, Community Chest, Boys' Clubs and Chamber of Commerce (as well as serving as a treas and chm of its Armed Forces Cmte). His many mbrships incl those of the CBI Hump Pilots Assn and of the Sportsmen Clubs of TX, of which he was pres. **Leo & Clara Belle Cather** and **Norma Bar** attended mem svcs on 27 Apr at San Ant's Christ Episcopal Church. Jack had willed his body to the Univ of TX Health Science Ctr. With his joining the Long Gray Line, 92 of us remain.

Certainly one of the most active of said 92 survivors is **Bill Train**, who, at 84, with **Charlotte**, continues to keep up a fast pace. Here's a précis of their spring travel adventure to China after a couple of skiing wks at Park City, UT. The tour began with a 4-day excursion in and about Beijing covering the well-documented attractions: the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Sq, the Ming Tombs, the zoo with its giant pandas and the

1931: Ruth & Tom Marnane

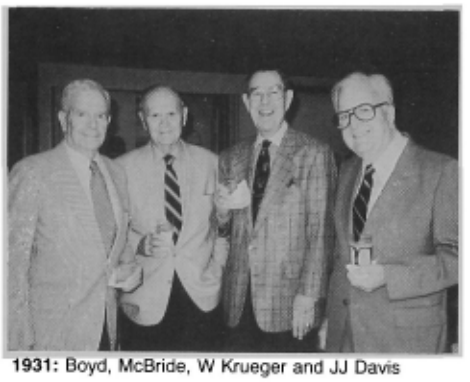
Great Hall. Then on to the site at Xian of the thousands of terra cotta soldiers exhumed after more than a two-millenia-ago burial. The visit to Shanghai, after a train ride through rice paddies and truck farms, was highlighted by their initiation to a ride with a Chinese taxi driver. Experienced, frequent brake application and horn tooting miraculously cleared the way through the teeming mélange of people, bicycles, trucks, whatever. Enjoyment of the scenery around Guilin and a river cruise were followed by Hong Kong, its restaurants and harbor. Bill & Charlotte brought back a lasting impression not only of the enormity of the population of China but also of the civility and enterprise of the people.

In a phone call **Willy Wilroy**, who has suffered a recent stroke, told me that **Petey Gordon** will join him & **Shirley** at the 8 Aug MOWW banquet in San Ant.

We continue to provide the oldest-grad-present at many FD dinners. **Moppy Perry** filled the spot at Detroit's, which, incidentally, was honchoed by his great-godson Bill Buck '81, grandson of **Champ & Chickey Buck**.

A note from **Hotspur Lash** upon his annual return to NH from FL says **Bill & Helen Cassidy** entertained him at Christmas dinner, and when **Dan & Mary Callahan** visited Coco Beach, they had him in to dinner, too. Of course, he and **Sambo Sams** lunched together. Back in NH, Hotspur got his antique shop "The Mad Eagle" open, and hopes it will keep him busy.

Klemm Boyd's festive annual roundup at his Gibson Isl, MD home and club on 30 Apr found all in high spirits. The spring weather cooperated beautifully, cocktail hr and MD crabcakes were delectable, and the hospitality of Klemm and his charming daughter, Barbara Beatty, was the warmest. Those of the Eastern seaboard, plus West Coaster **C² Smith**, who enjoyed the occasion, totaled 13 classmates, 10 wives, 5 of our widows and 4 daughters. They are caught posing in the nearby pics.



1931: Boyd, McBride, W Krueger and JJ Davis

The following wk C² and **Mac McBride** joined Mac's new sailing friend on the latter's 30-ft cabin boat for a 5-day Chesapeake cruise. Weather forecast: 15–25 knot NE wind, skies overcast, temperature low 50's. Shoving off early on 7 May from Magothy River, they sailed briskly past Annapolis when, bit by bit, the winds grew stronger. By early afternoon, it became apparent that they faced 30–35 knot gale force winds with waves running 5 ft. The mainsail jibed, bending the aluminum boom. Good seamanship enabled this experienced crew to maintain control and proceed. Lowering the sail, they continued with their engine to Patuxent River and shelter. Soaking wet and chilled to the bone, they laid over a day and dried out at a laundromat. They managed to straighten the boom by wedging it forcefully between two trees. On the 3rd day, the expedition headed, with 20 knot winds, for the Eastern Shore and Choptank River, where Mac's Chesapeake experience guided them to an ideal moorage with complete protection. The 4th day broke with light winds, perfect for sightseeing up the Tred Avon River, its banks lined with beautiful mansions, many of pre-Civil War vintage. They dropped anchor for the night off the quaint little town of Oxford, many of whose old homes dated to the 18th Century. This eventful voyage was not without an unhappy development. Mac, who had started with a husky cough, began running a high temp accompanied by chills. The crew wrapped him in blankets, applied cold compresses on his brow, and dosed him with aspirin until he could be given professional care. Transported by car to the Kimbrough Army Community Hosp, Ft Meade, MD, he was held in intensive care with pneumonia from 11–20 May. The remaining crew meanwhile made it back safely to their port of embarkation. When I last called him, Mac was on the way to recovery, and on the 27th, **Georgia** had him back home.

Attendance at our 10 Apr ANCC luncheon

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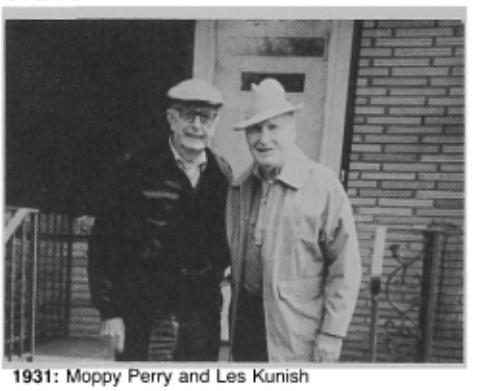
1931: (Front row) Fran Dick, Tommie Spiedel, Ruth Lawson, Betty Howard, Lucy Troxel, C²'s daughter Nancy Skare; (back row) Marian Hockenberry, Virginia Little, Marian Wertz, Marian Wilson, Boyd's daughter Barbara Beatty, Jo Kathryn Eaton, Wilson's daughter Mary Kitwell, Norma Cooper, Ruth Lawson's daughter Jean Carlston, Dee Adams, Georgia McBride, Wilma Davis and Pat Harrison

1931: McBride and friends on the Chesapeake Bay



1931: Moppy Perry and Les Kunish

was pretty slim—only 9: **Adams, Boyd, Dick, Eaton**, both **Kruegers, Little, McBride** and **Wilson**.

The first qtr of 92 brought "Our Room" some very generous contributions from **Harry Cooper, Frank Corbin, Marcellus Duffy, Chester Ott, Moppy Perry, Ruth Stayton, Ozzie Tyler**, and a really big one from **Ken McCrimson**. Incidentally, the Cl of '40's 50th Reunion gift to WP, *The Illustrated History of WP*, was made at an impressive ceremony last fall in the Thayer Award Rm. This yr's Thayer Award by the AOG will be made on 9 Sep to former Secy of St George P Shultz.

Dick Lane rep that **Irene Burns** intended to move to Knollwood, the former Distaff Hall in Wash, by mid-yr and therefore may be there when you read this. A no of her & **Paul**'s children live nearby. **John Barr** is in a nursing home in San Ant's AF Vill. **Leo Cather** sent me the sad news of the death on 4 May of **Frank Corbin**'s wife **Doris**. A mem svc was held on 7 May at the First Baptist Church in University City, TX.

Dorothy Del Campo has changed her name to Mrs James Thomas Givens, having married Mr Givens, formerly of naval intelligence, on 14 Feb. The address remains 9110 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Apt 124, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060; tel (703) 360-8477. **Alice Bonesteel** now lives at the Fairfax; address: 9002 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Apt 401, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060; tel (703) 360-3350. There are now 4 classmates (3 with wives) and 7 of our widows at the Fairfax. **Betty Hall** moved in May to 3900 Watson Pl, NW, #4F, Bldg B, Wash, DC 20016; tel still (202) 333-7354.

'32

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OUR BIG 60TH!! **Chuck & Reenie Clark** joined **Pat** & me in San Ant for the first leg to O'Hare in Chicago, where we were joined by **Todd & Kay Slade**, who arrived from San Fran. Believe it or not, we simply crossed the aisle to take our flight into Stewart Field. (On the way home we took one of the house buggies for a two-mi ride for our plane change at O'Hare.)

At the Thayer we met **Cliff Bielfeld**, daughter Barbara Winkler and her son Kyle, who is deadset on entering USMA in a couple of yrs. **Tom & Marj Darcy** had driven over from CT, **Pete & Alice Allen** were up from Manhattan (NY, not KS), and **Rush & Jean Lincoln** drove down from Wellesley to look around the place where they used to date when we were cadets.

1932: Betty Wheeler Besson with Chm Dick Hunt

1932: Beach, Truman and Zitzman

Dwight Beach came in from the house where he was born in Dexter, MI. (On a visit there once, I saw the kitchen table he was stretched out on when his appendix was removed in WWI. No rm in the local hosp.) With Dwight was his pretty married daughter Anne, who lives in Westport, CT.

Nancy Dahl, there with **Leo**, gave me the latest on her sister **Alice Puryear**. All is well with Alice, who still misses **Rom**, as we all do.

Chris & Phyllis Dreyer flew in from Pebble Beach, CA. During our Reunion, had a chance to talk to Chris about the work he does gratis to help a little old widow protect her $ from some sharp shysters. Chris has succeeded, and you know what his fee is—zero.

Pop & LaTrelle Duncan, Bob & Betty Hewitt and **Bill Massello** all looked fine.

1932: Pat Zitzman between Latrelle & Pop Duncan

We were glad to meet and greet **Dwight & Libby Johnson**'s daughter Chris & Bill Conley, who came with them.

Bill & Babe McNulty brought their daughter Winkie & son-in-law Dutch Kuyk with them from Beaufort (pronounced *Bewfort*), SC, and it was good to see how well they were all looking. (It was my first time in more than a few yrs.)

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And one guy whom I and everyone else were glad to welcome to the works was **Bob McLane** Jr, whose dad died last yr. You will remember that young Bob went to our last reunion with his dad because our classmate was getting rather frail then. Thanks, Bob Jr.

Steve & Nonnie Mellnick came in from El Paso, as they did at our last just after their marriage, and still looked like a couple of newlyweds. Thanks for the ride up to Cullum when the buses weren't running, Steve & Nonnie.

Roy & Gerda Moore brought a small platoon with them from Coronado: son Raoul, his wife Libby their son Justin; and Libby's parents, Mr & Mrs Randolph Byers. Randolph is chm of the bd of Byers Electronics that makes instrumentation for aircraft. And yes, our grandson Justin is aiming to become a WP cadet himself.

Our Cl Baby, **Milt Ogden** (17 yrs old on 1 Jul 28), looked a little older—but not much—when he arrived this time.

By & Suzie Paige came in from Fallbrook, CA. By was always an elegant dresser and this time he had a new feature: a full beard and mustache to complement the clothes.

Harry & Isabel Porter kept their unbroken string going.

And everyone remembers **Red Seaward** as a cadet—and for about 30 yrs after—when his hair was red, as in scarlet. We still call him Red; he looks as young as ever but his hair is snow white—not gray, white.

He had his son Richard with him at our reunion and I am pleased to rep that Richard's hair is red, as in scarlet. *Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose.*

Bob Scott was present with his friend and co-worker, Berry Segraves, of the RAFB Museum of Avn, which is nearing completion at Warner Robins AFB in GA. We got a preview, and the museum is going to be a beauty.

And we were all glad to see **Carrie Bess Smith** again with her daughter Sissy Spivey. We all remember the old days when **Lon** used to bang out a piano solo on any piece of nearby furniture, with his voice more than making up for the missing keys.

Billy Terrill was with us again, as she & **Bob** always were before he contracted the one-way affliction that led to his end a few mos ago.

Betty Welborn came down from S Portland, ME and rep that **Jack** is comfortable in the nearby Vet's home there.

When the '32 bus from Wash arrived on the afternoon of the first day, the party was on.

Aboard were **Mary Bower**, who had flown to DC from CO Springs for a little preliminaries; **Jack & Rick Coffey** from Kerrville, TX; and **Ed Farnsworth** from Hampton, VA. From San Fran, **Bill & Vivian Kunzig** had dallied in Wash for a few days, then boarded the bus. Also aboard were Cl Pres **Dick Hunt & Helen** and son Lawrence & Jayris; **Titter Horner** with daughter Margo; and **Ward & Mary Ellen Gillette**. **Mary Cain** was present, as she always has been in anything helping '32. Also aboard was **Archie Lyon**'s special guest, Smokey Abbott.

And we were glad to give a big hello to our latest mbr, **Mary Dabinett Woolnough**. I knew Mary's late first husband who led a unit under my cmd in WWII during the long fight the length of Italy. It was one of those exotic units and, depending upon whether it was before or after the action, the phrases that Dab used most with me were, "We'll do it, COL" or "We got 'em, COL."

1932: Bus cmdr Archie Lyon & Mary Cain

1932: Mary & Jim Woolnough with Betty Besson

At the "get reacquainted buffet" the first night I read a heartwarming ltr signed by Pres George Bush, addressed Dear Friends, USMA Cl of '32. The ltr is too long to reproduce in its entirety here, but one of our top-flight Cl aides, MAJ Richard Polo '80, will have mailed it to all Cl mbrs by the time this appears in print.

Rick also incl a longer ltr from our late **Bill Culp**'s daughter Millie, saying how much '32 meant to her as a daughter. "You instilled in us 'Duty, Honor, Country'—gave us the courage to fight for what we believe in—made us full people."

1932: Dot Abell's granddaughter Beth Bertrand, Mary Cain, Mary Ellen Gillette, Helen Hunt and Dot Abell

We followed the sched that has proven so popular in the past; special '32 events interspersed among the events for all classes. One of the latter incl the 92 Distinguished Grad Award to ***Danny Sundt***'s cousin, Thoralf M Sundt Jr '52, chm of the Dept 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. . . ." The citation mentioned many more accomplishments. [See pg 7, Jul 92 *ASSEMBLY*.]

A special event was the ceremony beside 3rd base at Doubleday Field, where **Eddie Farnsworth** was honored for his contributions to Army baseball: All American utility infielder as a cadet, coach of the Plebe team when he was an instructor and taking the Army team to the dedication of the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown in 39, where we beat Colgate 5–1. Eddie also wrote *A History of WP Baseball: The First 50 Years*.

It was at this formation that I had a chance to chat with young Andy **Burke** '78, son of our **Ed & Marion** who have long since passed on. Andy looks fine, is married and is now in Phila as branch mgr of the Mid-Atlantic Region of Allied-Signal Aerospace Co.

Contacts at the Reunion brought news from all over. The new gazebo at the Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism bears this inscription: "This Gazebo Is Dedicated To BG **Archibald W Lyon** (USA Ret) & **Mrs Helen Hutchison Lyon** For Their Foresight, Devotion and Dedication in the Planning and Development of Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism. Their Continuing Support and Loyalty Have Been An Inspiration to All Who Have Been Associated With Them in the Foundation and Operation of This Beautiful Home for National Sojourners, Inc."

FINAL FAREWELLS. I would like to pass up this section on such an occasion as this happy reunion number, but I feel obligated to get such important news out just as soon as I receive it to the large number who do not know it already. A phone call from **Sally Sciple** in Ft Myers, FL told me that, after more than 14 yrs in hosps and nursing homes, **Carl** died 15 Apr. She had him cremated and his ashes placed in the Mem Wall at the Old Chapel at WP.

A comparable case was **Bob Terrill**, who passed away after resting comfortably for yrs at the AF Ctr in Riverside, CA. **Billy** was always nearby as Bob floated along to the end. He was interred at the USAFA near the Air Defense Cmd HQ, where he served his last tour as Vice Cmdr. With all that taken care of, we were glad to see Billy again at our reunion.

In Mar, **Sewell Brumby** died at his home in Athens, GA. Sewell earned the Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman Badge and the Purple Heart in WWII and, after his voluntary ret, earned a master's and a doctorate to become the Law Librarian at Emory Univ. Our sympathy to **Mary**.

And we lost two more of our ladies. **Christine Little** passed on last Nov. **Miriam Simenson** joined her **Ed** in Jan. Attractive Miriam was always there with versatile Ed, who did not stop contributing something useful until he left us. We'll miss them all.

WP '32 RINGS. In the past I've written some pretty interesting stories about the loss and recovery of WP rings; e.g., following the golf ball on a blast out of the sand trap where it was lost 20 yrs before; in the body of a fish pulled in from the stream near San Marcos, TX, etc. But when **Red Seaward** loses one, it stays lost, i.e., in the Atlantic Ocean between Cocoa and Miami Beach during a boat show. Replacing it was another question. Red start-

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ed at Tiffany's (who made our originals) but found that the original dies had deteriorated (just as you and I have over the last 60 yrs) so they would have to start from scratch.

"I don't care if it costs me $3,000," said **Red**, "It was my own fault that I lost it." That's what it cost and Red wore it to our 60th. (You remember that our originals cost $35 with an onyx, but I was a big spender and paid $50 for one with a garnet.)

I'm sorry that **Red** did not contact me first, because I could have directed him to two '32 brats who are holding their dad's rings for any classmate who would like them. I've been wearing **Joe Kelly**'s original since **Dinny** gave it to me after I was beaten and robbed of mine 15 yrs ago.

ONLY YESTERDAY! In '32 about 65 of us came to San Ant for first station. The following Apr we witnessed/participated in the annual 10-day fiesta commemorating the victory of San Jacinto and the liberation of TX from Mexican rule.

In 33 **Helen Nix** (later **Coiner**) was the Duchess of the Court of India, wearing a robe that cost more than a 2LT's annual pay. In 34 your faithful scribe-to-be was one of the 6 mounted escorts to the queen, proud of his uniform, keeping his horse in control as the little kids along the route shot staples into the horse's flanks with their sling shots.

This yr, the Order of the Alamo Queen was attractive Catherine (Kate for short) **Coiner**, granddaughter of **Dick & Helen**. There were 14 duchesses in her In-Town Court and 10 in her Out-of-Town Court. I had a chance to chat in private with Kate to tell her I knew one pair of her great-grandparents. With ancestry like that, she couldn't miss.

Kate herself has a degree in psychology from Trinity Univ and nowhere to go from there but up. She was delighted to chat with someone who knew her ancestry so intimately.

1932: Joslin Morris and Ruth McCawley

Our fine foto femme, **Ruth McCawley**, just couldn't bring herself up to going back without **Mac**, and we all know how she feels. She is strong for everything that is WP '32, however, and sent in some of the above pix from the latest '32 luncheon in DC.

'33

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WE'RE ON DECK! The next Cl to celebrate its 60th will be *us*, ready or not. . . . And the best thing your scribe can wish his classmates is that you be well and hearty enough to sing out "Ho!" or "Yo!" when you name is called up yonder on the Plain. The "hot oil" on attendance as of now (2 Jun) is: *yes*—about 100 (46 classmates w/41 wives; 10 widows w/4 companions); *no*—about 60 (23 classmates, 36 widows); *maybe*—about 40 (20 classmates w/11 wives; 8 widows).

Steve Fuqua, after meeting with **Hurly Hurlbut** and **Roy Reynolds**, will have sent another Reunion Bulletin before you read this.

Future of the Svc Academies, Level Playing Field. It is rep that Senator Nunn has asked the Gen Acct Ofc to try to quantify *whether Academy grads really are superior offs or are just benefitting from the preferential asgmt processes that put them into the most highly sought skills.* A loaded, leading question if we've ever seen one!

We have 3 deaths to rep:

- On 9 Jan 92 **Cordes Tiemann** died of a heart attack. He was buried in Brenham, TX. Survivors incl his sons, Charles F of Houston and Michael, daughter Barbara and 6 grandchildren.
- On 4 May 92 **Sue Shields** died of cancer at her daughter's home in San Ant. She was buried with **Burch** (who died in 54) in the Ft Sam Houston Natl Cem. She is survived by her daughter, Josephine S Neal, a widow; 3 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
- On 30 May 92 we lost **Bob Cyr**'s wife **Marian**, who died of a stroke. She was buried in the Ft Sam Houston Natl Cem. Besides Bob, she is survived by their sons, Bob Jr '59 (LTC Ret), Joe (MSG, Special Forces) and Steve (SGT, MC); daughter Judy Bowker; 13 grandchildren incl Michael '84 and Patricia Reno '85; and 9 great-grandchildren.

The Cl of '33 extends its deep sympathy to the families of **Cordes Tiemann** and **Sue Shields**, and to **Bob Cyr** and his family. We share in your sorrow. Please stay in touch.

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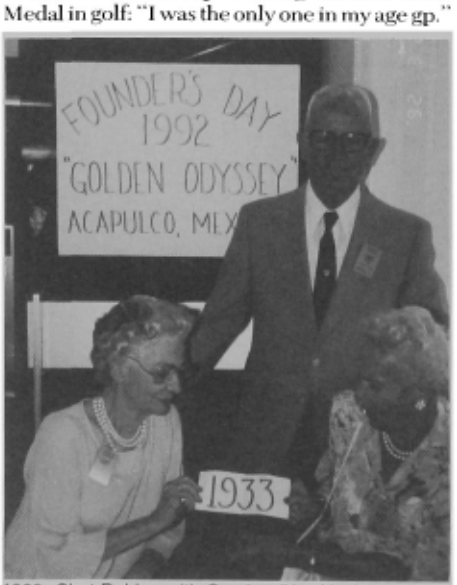
A responsive newsnote from **Bob Blanchard**: "I've contacted all the people here who knew **Burch Shields**, but have not found out why he was called "Jug." I also tried to call **Janie Grubbs** (who asked the question), but her number has been discontinued. . . .

"**Fred Thorlin**, who broke his hip, is home now and getting around with a walker," sez Bob. "My pacemaker keeps me on the golf course, but sometimes I wonder why. If only I could play like **Bill Ely**. . . . "

Charlie Carver rep winning his first Gold Medal in golf: "I was the only one in my age gp."



1933: Chet Dahlen with Carolyn (Hawkins) Jennings and Tommy, at sea but not awash

"The encl pic," sez **Chet Dahlen**, "shows where **Tommy** & I were on FD, sailing the blue Pacific. We were mbrs of the AOG Mexican Riviera/Panama Canal Cruise (13–29 Mar). Great cruise and a very interesting WP gp. Seated with Tommy is **Carolyn** (**Hawkins**) Jennings, a charming lady and delightful conversationalist. We 3 were the Cl of '33.

"Two wks ago, while exercising in the Post Gym, **Fred Thorlin** slipped and broke his L femur. He's sched to go to a rehab ctr for 2–3 wks before being marked 'Duty.' "

"The children and I are having a svc at WP on 15 May to inter **Bob**'s ashes," wrote **Jane Douglas** on 4 May. "They (the children) have been very supportive. And I thank you, **Abe**, for all you've done to help. . . . "

[**Steve Fuqua** was away and unable to be present.]

In a later note **Jane** wrote, "Please extend my heartfelt thanks to all '33'ers for the lovely arrangement of flowers for '**Slugger**.' As I walked from the Chapel to the grave site, I saw several graves of classmates along the way. It was a beautiful svc. I am relieved that he is there where he wanted to be, with his classmates and the Corps. Hopefully, I'll make our next reunion."

Harry & Gracie King head N for "King's Ransom," their eyrie on Bailey Isl, ME, whither their son Bill will drive them in mid-Jun. It's a beautiful place; they welcome '33'ers to drop in.

1933: Ladies at Hurlbut '33 mini-reunion: (seated) Charlotte Kaesser, Gladys Gee, Evelyn Evans; (standing) Jane Smith, Sue White, Polly Hurlbut, Carolyn Senter, Helen Ely and Sally Moritz

The **Hurlbuts** are back in the DC area. "Sometimes I wake up grumpy in the morning," sez **Polly**. "Sometimes I just let him sleep."

From **Joey Polk** we have a card of appreciation for the Cl donation to the WP Fund "in memory of my **Jimmy**." Jim was honored also in the Mar 92 issue of *Crossed Sabers*, a journal of the Horse Cav Assoc, of which he was a co-founder and chm of the Bd of Trustees since 78. "Without his ldrship, the Assoc would not be where it is today."

Sam Otto and **Roy Reynolds** were on hand for the A-N tennis matches at Annapolis 23 Apr, at which *Army won—first time in 22 yrs.*

Janie Pope, before quitting her Laurel digs for cooler ones on Cape Cod, had **Bimbi Downing** and the **Sparrows** in for a grand bit of luncheon. Janie still makes those piquant figurines.

Charlie Carver sent us an acct of the mem svcs for **Sue Shields** held at Christ Episcopal Church. "**Barbara** & I attended and took **Jean Myers** with us. **Chet Dahlen, Tex Hetherington** and **Rosy Grubbs**' widow **Jane** and daughter were also there; the svc was beautiful. The

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1933: Dodie McClelland at a busy desk (campaigning for daughter Libba Barnes)

1933: Scribes talk shop: Bert Sparrow and Ken Zitzman '32, head-to-head

Cl flowers were sent to the home of Sue's daughter, where Sue had spent the last days of her life. We gathered there after the svc. Sue Shields' obit salutes her as "a nationally-known artist" and describes her full and active life: "She was the featured artist at the 50th anniv celebration of the San Ant Art Inst. In addition, she headed the children's book dept at Rosengren's Books for 30 yrs. She introduced hundreds of children to books by reading to them in the store. . . . She opened whole new worlds to them."

1933: Phil Pope (#2) and his horse (with laid-back ears) in halcyon days

Cal Smith wrote to express approval of his roommate **Phil Pope**'s *ASSEMBLY* obit. "Golf season is starting to get underway at CO Spr. Courses are getting in shape, and driving ranges are crowded with players trying to iron out the kinks. Guess I'll have another yr on the Broadmoor Rules Cmte to help out on 4 or 5 invitational tournaments. My game needs plenty of work—courses seem to be getting longer and holes smaller. I wonder why?

"**Ruth** continues to excel at bridge." You might try that, **Cal**!

The **Sparrows** are still Elderhustling, most recently (Apr) to Gettysburg. "A great program," sez **Bert**. "If you want to know anything about that battle, just ask **June**." In May they drove up to Hamilton, NY to attend the grad, with honors in economics, of grandson Herbert George IV, who has now joined the Army (of the unemployed). Job for an economics major, anyone?

"Just a tidbit from **Pete Miles**," writes **Betty Walters**, "whom I told about the 8 May death of our mutual friend Graciela Layne (wife of Clyde Layne '36). Pete had just returned from a grandson's grad from Syracuse Law Sch. I wish I weren't too timid to drive to DC—I hated to miss the Cl luncheon. My contact with the Army is infrequent, Ocean City being a Navy stronghold. Hopefully, I'll catch up at the 60th. It was 100 degrees F yesterday before **Paul** & I finished trimming shrubbery and 'round the flagstones. . . . We have a few muscular reminders which will fade soon."

James K Herbert Alumni Ctr. Most readers of this col will have received an AOG flyer promoting funds for construction of this new ctr. Further info (to **Lincoln**) indicates that our Cl being well past its 50th Reunion, a Cl contrib is not necessarily expected, though it and individual contribs will be welcome. The project itself seems a deserving one. This matter is under consideration by the Cl.

Contributions to '33 Cl Notes are *always* solicited and gratefully received, espec from classmates heard from most infrequently. How are you getting along, fellas and gals—how do *you* cope with the—er—idiosyncracies of continuing maturity? What are the compensations of our emerging situation? We need some more *good* ltrs, and some printable pics. (Otherwise, you can expect to see more pics of your scribe.)

'34

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Preparation for our 60th Reunion in 94 may require the full two yrs for some to accept the changes at WP. You will find the whole story within the covers of your *ASSEMBLY*, espec the recent issues. At our 55th, Supe GEN Palmer gave a thorough briefing on the changes in progress. Now look at the cover of the May issue and notice the extracurricular activities of cadets serving children, the disadvantaged and the handicapped. These same cadets are carrying as heavy an academic, tactics and sports load as we did.

If that is hard to believe, read the ltrs from the Supe, the Cmdt and the Dean. **Johnny Stevens, Gene Corrigan** and I attended an all-day briefing at Ft Belvoir, staged by the WP Soc in DC and NVA. The speakers were the Supe, the Cmdt and the Dean. The several hundred listeners, some of whom came to scoff, remained to praise or at least accept the "new Corps." WP has returned to a core curriculum but, as some critics say, has become more like a modern univ. Reading your *ASSEMBLY*, you will see USMA is a mil univ. A simple "for instance:" think of the hrs of travel by truck and of notetaking at lectures that are saved by every cadet having a computer. If what you see happening within the Corps doesn't make you prouder than ever of our alma mater, you don't know what's happened to the riding hall, the bks and the gym.

Muff & I counsel our Parents Club, folks who know WP better than most. At our frequent mtgs, other grads and I can be just as proud as we recite "how it was" as these knowledgeable mothers and fathers *are* of the USMA product today.

Remember to send your ideas on the Cl Gift and the reunion program to **Hanley** and **Waugh**. A gracious and generous offer from **Diane Devault Fajardo** and **Mary Baker** promises pleasant surprises.

Before we leave the subject of reunions, anyone who attended Williamsburg and would like to send me 20–25 bucks to reimburse for the bus, our guests and the boodle in the hospitality suites, the expenses would be more fair to those who already picked up that item from one of the reunion cmte bulletins.

Christopher Lawlor '72 wrote this tender and solicitous ltr to your scribe. "I wish to rep to you the death of my father, BG (Ret) **John D Lawlor**, on 17 Apr 92. Dad was diagnosed with cancer in Feb and, despite med efforts, it moved very quickly. He kept at it with good spirits, offering guidance and advice to his wife and children throughout the ordeal. He lived 'Duty, Honor, Country' until the very moment of his death. Dad loved WP and his Cl deeply. No doubt, his soul is agitated today because he could not hang on until your next reunion or A-N game.

"My mother, **Mary Lawlor**, is holding up well. She will continue to live in Winnetka, IL for the foreseeable future. Dad's ashes will be interred in Arlington Natl Cem in Jun."

At **Christopher Lawlor**'s request, **Johnny** and **Gene**, our Wash reps with **Faith Edson**, will assist with the funeral. **Paul** will appreciate your help with the obit to be published in *ASSEMBLY*. As you may not know, the AOG supplies copies of rep obits on request.

I will never forget hearing those pervasive Boston-accented baritones of **"Dixon" Lawlor** and **"Turkey" Walsh** calling *minutes to reveille*, reciting in the first section (when I happened to be visiting there), and they always seemed to be "first section," or affirming the merits of Boston Latin versus any prep sch in the country. After mil ret, John served as exec VP of the Natl Safety Council; comptroller for the IL Secy of St; a Winnetka vill trustee; and as prof of govt at Oakton Comm Coll. The obit from the *Chicago Tribune* remarked that GEN **Lawlor** "also was a frequent contributor to the newspaper's opinion and editorial pages." That was our John Dixon, all right!

Faith Edson picked up a copy of the obit "on a visit with daughter Sue and family. They were busy with coll and grad sch—Sue's girls, that is! I did not reach **Mary Lawlor** by phone, but I'll try in early Jun when I'll be in Chicago again. Life here in McLean is the same. I continue to be glad that **Hallett** & I both moved to Vinson Hall when we did. I am involved in volunteering at his 'home,' the Arleigh Burke Pavilion, so I am in his life in many ways."

The **Stevenses** and **Corrigans** were reps of the Cl at the funeral in Arlington, where **John**'s ashes were placed in a vault.

After a long, productive and peripatetic life in the mil and a long destructive illness, **Edna Jane "Pat" Betts** died in San Ant on 14 Apr. Pat, whose father was Scottish, excelled in traditional Scottish dances. Later her awards were for extensive vol work in hosp svc. Until her death, Pat supported the Cl with her own dedication and motivation of **Cy** to participate actively in Cl affairs.

At the mem svc, **Cy** sang, "There'll Never Be Another You." He composed both the lyrics and music. **Paul Hanley** sent the obit

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and added: "Pat was well-known, and there were many references to her warmth, generosity, compassion and friendship. The choral music was inspiring. It was a fitting tribute to a great lady. The church was packed. Our Cl was represented by **Jo & Harvey Alness, Ken Cunin, Jane Dahlberg, Kay & George Dany, Saralu & John Hutchison, Virgie Jablonski, Ruth & Jack Renfroe** from NC, **Tessie & Larry Savage, Isabel & Charlie White, Patsy White, Anna & Bill Wise, Elizabeth & Tom Wood** and me. To Cy, our Cl unites in expressing our sympathy and condolences to you and your family." Thank you, Paul, from whom we'll hear more later.

Dede Simenson wrote the hardest ltr and encl the newspaper obit of **Evelin**, who had died 17 Mar. "My usual not good news. My light went out. Another good Army wife was stopped in her career. Evelin's father was Schillerstrom of the Cl of '09, so she was totally Army and had many Army friends. After 53-plus yrs of being together, I'm having to make a big adjustment. Evelin had cancer of the pancreas, the worst kind and a dr's nightmare. So we kept her home and comfortable."

The obit says, "She grad Phi Beta Kappa from the Univ of ND. . . married LT Clifford Simenson. . . was issued a Diplomatic Passport for her vol efforts as a goodwill ambassador for the US while they were stationed in Bonn." Another great lady whose career as homemaker, social worker and coll instructor will have to be continued by **Dede**, their two daughters and the grandchildren.

From **Paul Hanley**'s other ltr: "You have no idea how grateful I am to your cmte for the mini-reunion last fall at Williamsburg. One thing led to another and another and another, and the bottom line is **Lydia McCrary** and Paul Hanley will be [were!] married in Gainesville on 24 Jun! We go way back. Lydia and my sisters were mbrs of the same sorority in coll. **'Cold Max,' 'OP' Robinson** and others I'd better not name at WP had a friendly rivalry to see who could get away with the most outlandish ideas [that's what he called those trips, etc.] without getting kicked out. Throughout our svc, we were all friends and lived near ea other when on duty, incl DC. Like Max and me, Jody and Lydia were close friends and took classes together. . . . So this wedding is unexpected—maybe; sudden—no way. We plan to live part of the yr here in San Ant and part in Gainesville. We both feel real lucky (me with justification). So the Williamsburg caper last fall is the exception that proves the rule: No good deed goes unpunished."

Let it be known, the cmte had no hand in this. At reunion, there were 6 widows and 6 widowers or unaccompanied grad cadets. Not wanting to be a part of anything like **Hanley** is blaming us for, the cmte seating arrangements permitted no two couples to sit together but one time. But the bachelor boys and girls helped tend the hospitality suites until the wee sma'. This singular [no pun intended] devel is passing strange, but then it was **Pete Kopcsak** who helped keep an eye on things! Congrats, **Lydia & Paul**. All posts, camps and airdrome personnel, please revise Cl Rosters accordingly.

Hope & Gene Corrigan, while visiting one of their two sons who had recently bought the makings of a vineyard and winery in CA, rep: "Now it is just a ranch but a promising one. Well, the Corrigans went to church in St Helena. And who would you expect them to discover there, probably seeking sublime intervention in the matter of this yr's grape harvest and wine making? Yup! It was **Helen & Bud Buehler**. Son John Buehler, taking over the co, has eased into making Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Pinot and Muscat, both blancs." My CA wine book says, as of 82, "Buehlers are quality-minded growers and are producing 8,500 cases" that yr and growing. The Corrigans, like every classmate who has toured Buehler's, were awed by the ultramodern winery and vineyard devel. Gene pronounced the wines he tasted "fruity, warm, assertively varietal". . . and "look out!"

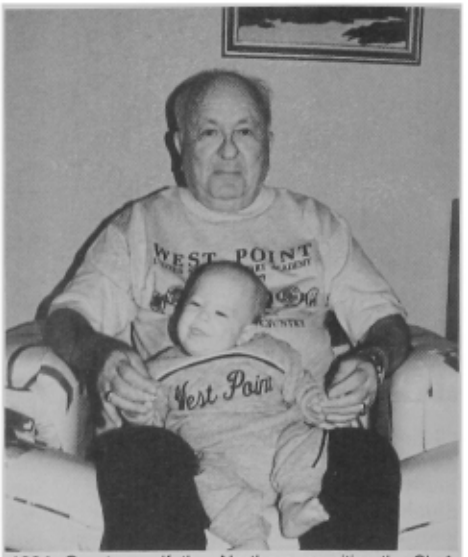
Doris Gould rep "**Pop**'s" DSM award, which a friend of the Goulds called to our attention as missing from Pop's bio in the AOG *Register*. "Pop was awarded the DSM at a ceremony held at the Pentagon the day before we left DC. Present were GEN Joseph Carrol, Dir of DIA and many other of Pop's assocs and friends." Doris thanks us for our interest. Doris, I assure you we will rep the award to the *Register* for inclusion.

1934: Present at the christening of Emily, daughter of Sally Northam & Michael Campion, were the Reverend Stan & Cille Brown, grandparents Moon & Nancy, Faith Edson and Hope & Gene Corrigan

Nancy & Moon Northam rep as of May they are at The Aerie, Small Pt, ME, with a suite waiting for '34. The Northams and the **Blairs** met quite unexpectedly at Pease AFB in 80, but we are still planning to try out that suite. Here's Nancy & Moon's current release: "Before leaving FL, we spent several days in Sarasota for our granddaughter Kerry's wedding. Then off to Silver Spring, MD for the christening of Sally's daughter Emily, the Rev COL Stan Brown officiating. Later the menfolk saw an Oriole-White Sox game at the new BALTO stadium. Then on to Mattheos in Tolland [scribe cannot identify but it must be somewhere between here and ecstasy, for I never saw happier folks] where we got acquainted with our great-grandson, Drew Pehoviak, the grandson of our oldest daughter Barbara. As you can see from the snapshot, he is being groomed for USMA." Imagine, another great-grandson in our Cl. We may not rep any more until scribe has one in the making. Never mind. Keep 'em coming. I may be envious but I am not about to do violence.

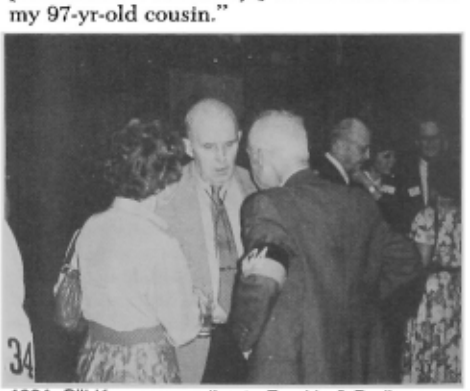
"Uncle Dudley" & Frankie are still cleaning out their stuff. Their note explains everything, except why we did not publish their encls. "Here's a print that's self-identifying. Here is a color neg that I am sure pertains to the Cl but I cannot identify the gal. And here is a negative of the last T-34 tank to be loaded on the RR at Ft Lewis, WA in Mar 39 to be sent to Ft Benning to be part of the Armored Force that came into US Army hist 4 Jul 39."

Another **Dudley** saga: "I speak of Space-A



1934: Great-grandfather Northam recruiting the Cl of 2014!

travel. Those who say 'to hell with it!" have done well with their investments and can afford to fly 'business class' and may even write off the cost of commercial flights as business expenses. We say, Space-A is worth it. Barely, this trip. At our starting point, Carswell, a soon-to-be deactivated AFB (maybe), we spent two hrs showtime, two-hr weather postponement before lifting off in a C-187 freighter. Three and one-half hrs to Plattsburgh where we o'nighted for 3 nights. On the 4th day at 0100 hrs, we took off for 6–1/2 hr flight to Mindenhall, NE of London, 100 mi S of Edinburgh. No billets on base, so we bought a bread-and-breakfast. [It couldn't have been all bad, for the Smoke House Inn provided nice stationery.] We are here to visit my 97-yr-old cousin."



1934: Bill Kern expounding to Frankie & Dudley Wilmeth in happier days

[We skip several puns and go on to Dud's next rep. The Wilmeths' tale makes good ad copy. They list places and things.] "Allendale, UK: bucolic life, long walks, strawberries and cream; Aviona, Italy: via Naples to Sorrento. Sigonella, Sicily: a lava-throwing belch from Mt Aetna. BOQ stay is limited. Tuormina, Sicily: a 2-hr train ride from Catania. The most beautiful spot in the world! Rota, Spain: unlimited stay in BOQ. Ten good dining spots. Easy train/ferry trip to N Africa and Algiers. Inexpensive. Ronda, Spain: one of the oldest and most beautiful cities. Placido Domingo made *Carmen* here [pun deleted.] Lajes, Azores: unlimited BOQ. World's least expensive seafood. Portuguese food is the best. Millbrook, NY: [Here the **Wilmeths** sponged off their daughter Cynthia & Fred,

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ed and CEO of *US News & World Report*. Dudley never fails to remind us that Cynthia married money. [Maybe Fred would like to entertain a writer who doesn't pun?] In the 5-rm guest house we were millionaires for a wknd." Fred, with all of that space, would you like to entertain the Cl at our 60th? 70th? There won't be so many.

At the reunion in Williamsburg, **Ruth & Pete Kopcsak** showed videos of their habitat in Garmisch and the luxury of living on the Continent. Pete made several suggestions on how to improve mini-reunions, which we will pass to classmates planning the next get-together. Pete's ltr follows: "I had a chat with **Waugh** and **Stevens**, who said that, 'as the mission of the Acad is to train offs and not to supply pro football with players, they thought it good that USMA has de-emphasized football.' This bugged me, as it implied that valor is no longer necessary to be a good Army off. MacArthur, a supporter of football, said that the spirit of winning in sports at WP permeated the Army with the spirit to win in combat. If cadets do not have what it takes to play winning football, then our off corps is in sad shape. How many WP'ers can show a newspaper article that describes a battle they won? I have one to share with you." Then he comments on living abroad.

"American GENs have orders to reduce the no of American tps stationed here. No one wants to lose his cmd slot so there is some bickering. This first move has been to eliminate PX garages in most areas, so our tps must patronize German repair facilities and face higher charges. Next on the agenda is to eliminate med dispensaries and hosps, which requires our mil to use Champus—another very expensive item. In the middle of this phasedown, everything has been thrown into confusion by changing the APO addresses of every unit in Europe. Please change my address to Box R Garmisch, Unit 24514, APO AE 09053." We gave equal time to our two-time All American, but we believe **Pete** would be relieved by re-reading the ltrs and articles in *ASSEMBLY* by Hon Supe, Cmdt and Dean. The Mil Acad is not what it used to be, but no one who knows WP today and is aware of our natl interest would want to turn back the pgs of recent changes. Pete is still the light-hearted, gallant fellow invested with all the dignity of Duty, Honor, Country. Too bad we lost **Jabo** in the line, but we still have Pete at the end!

'35

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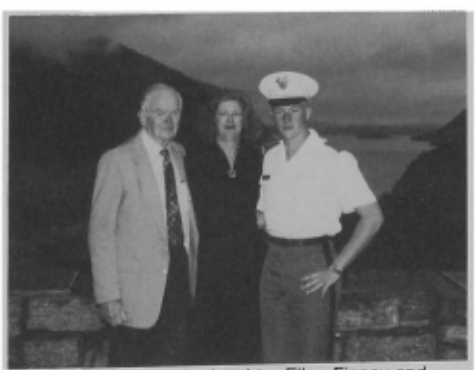
Sad news stalks again. **Jo Bassitt** died 27 May in Lewisburg, PA of pneumonia after two wks' hosp; interment was 2 Jun at WP beside **Seep**. **Bert Wildes** passed away at Wilford Hall AF Hosp 12 Apr from complications caused by advanced lung ailment/emphysema; burial by **Tommy** at LI Natl Cem, Pinelawn, NY. **Marie** & I shared many happy visits with Bert here at AF Vill. She was a tower of strength in the Health Care Unit rt up to her hosp entry 5 Jan. **Al & Kay Foreman** attended the 50th anniv of the activation of **Rube Tucker**'s 504 Parachute Inf Regt held at Arlington on 1 May. His widow **Helen** was present and assisted the honorary Regt SGM Frank Varelli and the incumbent Regt CSM RH Rath in a simulated tree-planting and unveiling of a mem plaque dedicated by the "COL Reuben H Tucker Chapter of the 82nd Abn Div Assoc" to every mbr of Rube's cmd past, present, living or deceased. (Helen requested "COL" as appropriate since **Tommy** held that rank while cmding the unit.)

1935: Helen Tucker between Honorary Regt Sgt MAJ Frank Varelli and CSM Rath, Arlington, at dedication of 504th Prcht Inf Regt plaque

The Cl is humbly proud that he was one of us; all are fully cognizant of his superb WWII combat record, partially depicted in the book and film *A Bridge Too Far*, as well as his successful key asgmts in the post-WWII Army. In ret as Cmdt of Cdts, The Citadel, he was the inspiration of an entire generation of WP sons (3 from '35) grad from that institution.

From the Recovery Rm—**George Eckhardt** sustained a heart attack that was later determined "mild." He & **Meg** were staying at the VOQ, Wilford Hall for appts when George was taken with chest seizures. Prompt action had him in the Emergency Svc in mins. A series of tests confirmed the mild condition as amenable to local treatment, which he is undergoing on an out-patient basis. Close call!

We believe we have an indisputable first re 3rd generation in the Corps. From **Jim Kimbrough**, "'35 has direct connection with the Long Gray Line: grandson James IV is a member of USMA '95."



1935: Jim Kimbrough, daughter Ellen Finney and grandson Jim IV '95

Young cadet Jim's aspirations/ambitions have already proven to be of sterling quality; he passed up full ROTC scholarship at Univ of GA to attend our alma mater. Our every wish for success, completely assured in granddad's footsteps.

Info from **Jack Howell**: since **Arlene**'s loss he moved to plush ret vill "Fleet Landing." **Fred Hall** is also a resident thereof following **Rusty**'s demise. (Address, see May notes). Jack states Fred is in the assisted living section and that both are in good hands and in constant contact.

1935: Jack Howell and Al duMoulin on Al's boat dock in Ft Myers, FL

He stopped by Ft Myers for drop-in on **Al & Marty duMoulin** and rep all well with them. On the occasion of his "4-score" birthday plateau, son John threw a bash for 50th along "This Is Your Life" lines. From a WP '39'er, Al Herzberg: "I was **Al Shower**'s deputy for a 12-mo period from 44–45 in the 467 Bomb Gp (H). Al trained the unit at Wendover, UT, took it to England, mounted 212 combat missions and ended with a record tops in 8 AF, combined with lowest personnel losses in ETO. Al and other mbrs of the 467th were in Rackheath, England for a visit with British friends in early May."

1935: Al Shower laying wreath at Cambridge American Cem, England, 4 May 92

Arlene Cole, while visiting friends in Williamsburg, VA, called **Ann Symroski** and **Ginny Martin**. She had a long chat with ea and is happy to rep that **Nat**, following his TIA during the first part of the yr, is vigorously pursuing therapy and well on his way to complete recovery.

George & Mim Ruhlen, with son Steve, did a 10-day nostalgic junket to Europe, tracking down George's old gun positions, OP's, CP's, etc in Belgium, Luxembourg and the Rhineland. Steve is legislative dir in the ofc of US

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Congressman Sam Johnson, TX (former POW, USAF) and has "uncovered" a provision in the current budget bill requiring svc acad grads after '96 to receive *only Res commissions for their first yr of svc*, thence to be given Regular commission based on selection. FYI for those interested (as is George), check Public Law 102–190, 6 Dec 91, Title V, Part A, Sec 501. "Read it and weep!" You will! George has rightly championed this cause, a worthy one.

Ralph & Sally Haines trekked to NW, USA to navigate up and down the Columbia and Snake Rivers, partly by luxury craft and partly "roughing it," all the while noting the accomplishments of US Army Corps of Engrs, principally 8 dams with locks. Afterwards, they visited with **Bill & Eulalie Proctor** in Vancouver and took in the sights of Portland, Mt Helen's and former Vancouver Bks, Bill's first asgmt.

1935: Bill & Eulalie Proctor and Sally & Ralph Haines in Vancouver, WA

1935: The Proctors: Bill & Eulalie and daughters Ann, Dorothy and Blair

The Proctors had just returned from Darmstadt, where Bill was feted at ceremonies marking the 50th anniv of the *Stars and Stripes*, of which Bill was ed-in-chief and OIC. He shared the limelight as honored guests with Bill Mauldin and Andy Rooney. (Bill's comments re "sharing" vis-a-vis Andy Rooney—"limelight," yes; sentiments, "no!") Ralph & Sally capped their visit by attending the NW Regional Convention of the Full Gospel Businessmens' Fellowship Intl in Portland, where Ralph spoke on 3 occasions. **Ella Wallace** spoke at the annual Fiesta pilgrimage of the Daughters of the Republic of TX. It is a reminder of the fall of the Alamo and the one solemn event of the gala Fiesta program. **Jack & Elaine Boyle** observed FD on an AOG-sponsored cruise aboard the *Golden Odyssey* through Panama Canal and to the Mexican Riviera [see Jul *ASSEMBLY*, pg 58].

The Cl assembled at Ft Myers for a co-ed Cl luncheon; 28 attended (all locals). The current slate of Cl offs was unanimously renominated and re-elected and "graciously" accepted to serve another term.

1935: Elaine & Jack Boyle enjoying FD at sea on AOG trip

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In rounding out this edition, the date does not escape me—12 Jun. Could it be so soon?—Our "Heintz" anniv! Surely many toasts will be raised this PM—to those with us and those who are gone. All of you accept ours—from "**M & M.**" Have a good, healthy and enjoyable summer and keep the info flowing.

'36

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In every manner, this is a memorial issue! On 8 May both **Gracie Layne** and **Marge Shuler** left us. Both had been in seriously ill health for a long time. Out in CA Marge had the irreplaceable TLC of daughter Leslie and, at the opposite side of the contingent, Grace had the all-but-slavish attention of **Clyde**. Perhaps also might be added: **Larry Laurion**'s ministries when he was well enuf to serve Grace. Both of these ladies were interred—a day apart—in Arlington. Following these losses, **Steve Holderness** died on 14 May, followed a day later by **Ben Warfield**. Again, at opposite sides of the country. And again, both were buried the same day, at WP. Many of both families went to the Acad almost the day before graduation started. As usual, the **Hiesters** provided unequaled personal attention and assistance. **Elsie Holderness** had physical difficulties traveling, but the experience was unforgettable—even her yearling granddaughter sang an Irish solo with the choir. **Lucille Warfield**—who also is ailing—was accompanied by daughter Laurel. Shortly after these ceremonies, the Cl received a beautiful ltr of appreciation from the Warfields and, with it, a substantial contribution in honor and name of Ben. This gesture of Lucille's again attests to the spirit, to the accomplishments, to the affection and to the greatness of 276 men who entered the Acad in 32. . . and to their families!!! There have never been any greater.

On 28 May, **Ted Clifton** was buried in Arlington. Many attended—if there was any absentee, it must have been **Larry Laurion**. Ted died last 23 Dec. He also produced, just a yr ago, a very graphic acct of our '36 history. It was distributed to the Cl on our 55th reunion. It is a very proper memorial from our foremost writer-classmate!

And on 30 May—the real Memorial Day—we visited our only classmate (& wife) buried at Andersonville, GA. **Ham & Erma Morris** elected to be down there almost 20 yrs ago. It is a place for reflection. In about a yr and a half 45,000 men were herded together so that 12,000 perished. On Memorial Day there were *more than* 12,000 flags displayed!

1936: Memorial Day at Andersonville

Undoubtedly, there is historical interest in the names of the scribes who have authored this col. **IW "Buck" Rogers** has done an amount of investigation and, finally, **Dave Hiester** lent some of his time towards creating the following rep: *ASSEMBLY* was begun Apr 42. '36 was NOT in the first 3 issues. The writer is not known for 5 of the early issues. Between Jul 43 and Oct 54 here are those who wrote: **Longley** or **Wort Williams; Bill Hay;** IW Rogers; **Jim Landrum; Hiesters; McElhenys; Ganns; Hartmans; Sutherland; Jim Leer;** and **Gooding**. Beginning with Oct 54—until this issue—**Beard** or **Gage**.

As late as May, **Sally Beard** had 60" of snow up in western NC. So she hustled off to CA. She and **Betty Chaffin** are enthusiastically dreaming of a Jun trip to Australia. The first of Jun Betty C had an emotional jolt when she stood by her daughter while having brain surgery. Fortunately, the work was successful—so "Australia is a 'go.'" Betty is active constantly with widows and '36 daughters—it appears from here. **Chappelear** chatted at length sometime in Apr. It seems that **Sis Miles** had a car accident. **Caye Curran** has been up to Boston and sch reunioning. **Ben Davis** received a Langley Medal from the Smithsonian. He also visited Atl and presented the in-town univ with a lecture on being "an American." He was impressive, espec since at time of his address less than a mi away a black coll was preparing to riot. We spent several hrs together, and he said he had recently visited the USAFA and was tremendously impressed with the new Supe—**Brad Hosmer**. Ben said he also looked like a movie star! **Estes** rep on the attendance at the **Clifton** funeral. Said **Westy** gave the eulogy. The ushers were Westy, **Austin, Pack, Palmer, Dawalt, Breaks, Layne, Twaddell, Crawford** and **Estes**. Betty Chaffin said she was there and more. **Fergusson** calls about once a mo. He says that he, **Ace (Miller), Sandy (McCorkle)** and **Tetley** have lunch together every wk or so. **Nick Grothaus** had been in the hosp but now feels fine. One problem, however, is that there's some retina problem in one eye.

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The **Finkels** visited in the E, called **Nap Duell** and are taking a trip to UK, Scandinavia and Russia in the summer. In Mar I had a pleasant mtg with **Bill Hay**'s attractive daughter Stasia & her husband, who is VP for Motorola in Atl. They will live here, and perhaps Bill will be visiting the S. The **Meanys** dropped anchor off the port of Honolulu. This was the occasion in May for a **Hiatt-Ripple** reunion. **Rip**, being recovered from pneumonia, will take an AK trip with **Jimmie** in Jun. **Hiatts** will leave for France and then in Aug go to New Zealand, stop, stop, stop and Hong Kong. "Breathless" is the only proper word to describe anything to do with the **Hiesters**. Projects, visitors, mtgs, trips—they engage in twice as much as any avg individual and probably 4 times what a sedentary '36'er would (could) do. One item that IS news: Dave is one of the 10 survivors out of a litter of 13—ages 70 to 87! Thanx, Hiesters, for holding the Cl together.

Apr brought a pic of 4 good-looking (that incl men) couples from the **Holtermans**.

1936: The McCormicks, Dorlands, Hanekes and Holtermans

The **Holtons** took a trip to Panama City in May and saw **Inch & Marie Williams**. **Polly H** seems to feel fine now. **Hosmer** came by the airport but was unable to meet him. He's still planning to negotiate a USAFA reunion between Jul-Aug 93. Phone-chatted awhile with **Hughes**. He's in favor of receiving msgs from widows (suggested in last *ASSEMBLY* col). **Betty Kelly Suarez** has changed her Winter Park, FL address to 1620 Mayflower Ct, #423, zip 32792. The **Landrums** spent 15 mins at the airport in Jun—had been visiting WWII buddies in Myrtle Beach. They were well and furnished several Cl news items. **Larry Laurion** continues his struggle for "oxygen," so it is absolutely incomprehensible how he writes more ltrs than any of our correspondents. We might like to modify this slightly: **Adm & Mrs Meany** send more postcards from more ships from different parts of the world!

Mary Michaelis may have moved to 311 Notingham W #207, San Ant 78209. **Biff Milliken** met **Westy** when the latter met with some others in CA in Apr. **Eve Noake** wrote that she & **Don** were sifting through memorabilia going back to cadet ltrs they still have. In addition, Eve sent a pic of the Triumph that they bought new in Italy in 61—and still use! **Bob O'Brien** also sent a pic of **Barbara** sitting on the steps of their Upperville farm, which she loved. We are most happy we saw her (& Bob) last Oct.

As we write, the postman just delivered a card from **Partridge**. Naturally, it's mailed "on the road," as he bikes through CO and WY. He just left **Ev Hahney**, who had a bad fall. Bob decries the lack of a "motorcycle umbrella." He's encountered nasty rainstorms. **Persons** was at the airport in Apr, having visited his sister in Macon. The **Ripples** called from HI in May; **Dick** is recovering from pneumonia. **Romlein** left San Ant and is now in Albuquerque. Enjoyed a half-hr visit with **True** at the airport in Apr. **Clint** has been having trouble with his heart, but fortunately he still can travel around a bit. In a recent *Friends of WP Library* mag quiz, it stated that it is against Army regs for an off to wear a "handlebar" mustache. However, one does! Who is it? Answer: **"Sutherland."** Out W in May, **Westy** visited **Steve Smith**, who suffered a stroke in late 91, and **Bill Jones**, who had a severe artery opn in Dec.

Our counterpart at Navy, scribe Bill Ellis '36, wrote us for the first in a long time.

Hope you all have *had* a pleasant summer!

'37

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The big news is the 55th, but before that, some sad news. **Bill Amos** sent me a ltr from **Betty Andrews**, saying that **Bill** passed away quietly in the hosp, Palm Sun, 12 Apr after having another stroke (a very severe one on 7 Apr). Svcs were held at Ft Rosecrans in San Diego, an area of "very warm, wonderful memories for our family, for we vacationed there many yrs. A ret Navy chaplain performed a lovely svc and helped us all to face the reality of what had happened. Bill cherished your friendship. He was delighted to receive the St Pat's Day card, all the way from Australia." Bill was ret very early in his career for physical disability. He has a very interesting bio in the 50-Yr Book.

Gus Prentiss received info from the AOG that **Geo Simmons** died suddenly from a heart attack on 2 May in Dresher, PA. His memorial svc was held there 5 May; burial was at WP 6 May. Si spent most of his svc in the Sig Corps in AK in WWII and in Korea during the 50s and 60s. He ret in 59 to work for Natl Scientific Labs Corp. In 66 he joined US Civ Svc as Sig Adv to the Korean Adv Gp and later was Long-range Sig Planning off for Eighth Army. He has a son, Dr Millard Simmons of Morgantown, WV, and a daughter, Connie Hong Simmons Yang. Si had signed up for the reunion; we regret his untimely death and missing the opportunity to meet his family.

1937: Compton, O'Malley, Clagett, Ohman, Frazier and McDowell

Elsewhere is a short piece on the 55th by Cmte Chm **McDowell**. He and his cmte did an outstanding job. As the MC at the Thayer dinner the last night, **Geo** was in his element. His wit and the resulting enjoinders from others made for a hilarious eve. **Bob & Ginger Gildart** made many trips to WP to reconnoiter and make the personal contacts to ensure a successful reunion. **Howard & Peg Smalley** assisted in the execution. Before we knew it, the 3 days were history. My only criticism is that the time was too short. Forty-eight percent of living classmates in attendance may be an Acad record.

I can rep "all present and accted for!"; i.e., the absentees had valid excuses. **Dick Barden** had an opn and is in the care of a wonderful nurse, his **Sue**. While visiting Charlotte Brisach ('30 widow) in Fairfax, VA en route, **Pudge Burton** had a heart attack and was rushed to Fairfax Hosp, where angioplasty opened a coronary artery that was 95% blocked. They were pleased with the prompt treatment and fortunate to be with Charlotte, who took charge and care of Pudge until they returned to San Ant on 3 Jun. All their family were there, incl Tuffy and his family. They just returned from his change of cmd ceremony at Ft Buchanon, PR. He is now at Ft Sam.

Hank Byroade had to leave **Jitka** at home because she returned from Prague in not-too-good shape. She picked up a bug and also was distraught over conditions in her native land. **Render Denson** had a stroke about a mo before and had to cancel. Get well for the next one! **Fred Diercks** had to cancel because of tests at WRAMC. They still haven't found out what's wrong with him. **Doc & Bev Leist** had to cancel because he injured his leg when he fell off a riding mower.

Jim Peale cancelled because of family problems, hopefully not serious. The **Scherrers** became involved with moving to Resident Club Villa, 2818–5C, Hilton Head, SC 29928. They also had business to attend to at their summer place: 1701 Larrabee Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225. **Jim Skeldon** had trouble with his knee. The **Ungers** had a conflict: the celebration in Tokyo of the 20th anniv of the return of Okinawa to Japan. Afterwards, Finn and Bayly flew to Beijing for a tour of China, which incl Xian, Shanghai and Hong Kong.

Random observations: **Bill & Dotty Amos** livened up our 3-day reunion and had energy left over to continue on to Nova Scotia. They don't spend much time at their digs at the ARC. The **Blacks** brought their attractive daughter & her husband. **Hallock**, **Bud Hines**, **Klocko** and **Ken Wade** found time and energy to play a round robin of tennis. On the second day, Ken's **Norma** left when she received word that her 94-yr-old mother in MI was dying. She flew there and had several precious hrs with her. On the bus ride home Ken had problems (a bug maybe). He recuperated at the **Bud Hineses'** before returning home, but he was well enough to entertain the Fairfax residents on the organ. I also heard that **Irene Himes** took a turn playing it.

Tom Compton, handsome as ever, looked fully recovered from his cancer ordeal. He & **Ruby** returned to CA after a swing through his home town in OH. **Stan Connelly** brought his attractive daughter MJ & her husband and two grandkids. Physical problems have not dimmed his enthusiasm and jovial wit. **Helen Curtis** took good care of **Coy**, who had radiation therapy just 5 days before the trip. They were unable to wipe that cheerful smile off his face.

The **Dannellys** brought daughter Cathy Scholl, her hubby and two daughters, who were seen doing some extra sightseeing with

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1937: Pat Frazier, the Comptons and Mary Edwards at her home, Apr 92

lucky cadets. Alan **Dodds** kept his father out of trouble. Alan grad from NYU with a degree in TV and movie directing and is working in NYC as a messenger until he finds a job in his field. The **Eriksens** put over 5,000 mi on their RV en route to WP, parked it on Buffalo Soldiers Field (Cavalry Plain) and then took off for Nova Scotia, stopping off at the **Smiths'** in Mystic, CT on the way.

1937: K Co awaiting march to Battle Monument

The **Fraziers'** son Doug and grandsons Evan and Spencer had lunch with the Cl in the Mess Hall and then went sightseeing in MA. The **Hackfords** brought their son, COL Dick Jr USAF, from Andrews AFB, where he is stationed. The **Hallocks** ret from the Sr Exec Svcs Corps and now oscillate between their E and W Coast homes. We had the pleasure of mtg a recent addition to the Cl, as of Feb 91: **Irene Himes**. This couple gave a dazzling performance on the dance floor. Asked how he had parlayed la Dance á la Vizzy into his present expertise, **Cecil** admitted to post-grad work with Irene and going to dances 3–4x wkly. **Jim Duncan** and **Betty Spengler** gave them some spirited competition.

Chester Johnson had a private audience with the Supe re his project, a memorial to the many grads who lost their lives in PI in WWII. The Cl donated $55,000 for this purpose as our 55th Reunion Gift. **Stu & Dorothy O'Malley** and **Sally Mercado** joined us at home prior to the bus ride to WP. Stu wrote a very interesting autobio, which I enjoyed reading at *one* sitting—couldn't put it down! Upon return to Ft Myer, Sally Mercado was a guest of the **Lemmons'**, who missed the reunion because of an important Masters Swim Meet in which he won 4 personal firsts and was in a medley which came in first—a personal clean sweep for him. This was in the over-80 gp.

Mickey Powers brought her charming daughter Amy, who works in the Wachovia Bank in Atl. The **Seedlocks** drove to the reunion, and lucky they did—**Bob** was able to rush **Norma** to Stewart Field for her flight to MI.

The **Stegmaiers'** tall, distinguished son Edwin Wallace (**Ruby's**) took good care of him. After the reunion they headed for Carlisle Bks, where **Steggy** did more research on the 100th Inf Div in the Army Archives. His son is coping with cancer, but you wouldn't know it to look at him. He is an outgoing and charming gentleman and devoted to Steggy. Ruby has been ill for some time and is at home in Steggy's care.

It was good to see **JD & Frances Stevenson** again. Steve is having trouble getting around because of leg problems from damage while a POW of the Germans in WWII. He enjoyed being with his old friends. **Sally Taylor**, daughter Karena and **Frank's** sister Roxie Davis, along with **Coy & Helen Curtis**, were almost left behind at Ft Myer. Luckily, John Frazier decided to swing around to the parking lot where we had assembled for the 50th, and there they were. They either didn't receive or didn't RTP. Karen is a nun with the Kanossian Order, formed in the 1400's in Italy. They have missions worldwide and devote their lives to the education and care of the poor and elderly. She returned to her station in Luzon in mid-Jun. She is a delightful young lady, and we thoroughly enjoyed her co.

After lunch in the Mess Hall, **Van Vliet** took off to inspect the 1st Div, which was retained as a memorial to the spartan cadet qtrs we knew. Van's son VV III '70 had, as a first classman, inscribed on an attic timber the names of all his ancestor grads: BG Stewart VV 1840 (great-great-grandpa), John Huff VV '13 (grandpa), our classmate and his own. No word of Van's success in getting into the attic to take photos. Van was very busy with his camera and tape recorder during the reunion.

Ten out of 16 living C Co mbrs attended the reunion in spt of the Cmdt, all of whom were from C Co. **Swede Lindquist** was the guidon bearer for the march to Thayer Monument. We are sorry that his **Babs** was unable to attend because of a long-term illness.

Dr Petersen (author) called me out of the stands at our photo formation. He was at WP to research a book based on the diaries of my roommate **Roly Ames**. Roly kept a secret diary during the fighting on Luzon after Pearl Harbor and his imprisonment. He buried 4 notebooks in Cabanatuan, which were recovered after the war.

The presentation of **Claudine Evans'** portrait of **Tom Truxton** to the Acad, orchestrated by **Bob Gildart**, Tom's teammate, went off very well (best I've seen). In addition to the formal presentation, Tom's widow, **Peggy Truxtun Dyer**, made a few impromptu remarks. Artist Claudine Evans, who recovered nicely from her recent heart attack, charmed us with her remarks. The Supe's and Lax Coach's remarks were espec to the point and inspiring. The full-length portrait of Tom in Lax gear depicts him exactly as we remember him.

At our final dinner at the Thayer, **Ken Wade** outlined plans for Honolulu in 93. In the euphoria of the eve, **Stan & Louise Smith** came back in for Mystic, CT for 94, and **Pop & Anne Metz** are now sched for New Orleans in 95. Details will be in Cl bulletins.

Backtracking a bit. We had 36 at our co-ed luncheon at Ft McNair on 17 Apr. **Sally Taylor** brought her daughter Sister Karena (mentioned earlier). We brought our son Don Jr & MAJ Rachel Cardin **Shive**, who is stationed with the NATO HQ in Izmir, Turkey; he is her dependent and househusband. They are back here for her 3-mo staff course at the AFSC, Norfolk.

Mette Parker was presented with grandson Nathaniel Hendrikson Parker on 1 May. **Pete Kreiser**, who is not well, wanted TV tape shots of cadets on P-rade. His request to Action Line of his local paper brought a response from a Canadian tourist from Toronto who had a tape of *Flirtation Walk* and sent him a copy. Anyone interested in same, contact Pete.

Jack Chapman sent a clip from the *San Fran Herald* showing a feisty **Monk Meyer** in his Cannery Row ofc, with his many awards

1937: Irene & Cecil Himes in ctr of crowd

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covering all the walls. The Monk was "roasted" at a testimonial dinner at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey. He founded the Monterey chapter of the Natl Football Foundation in 74 and in 87 received its highest award, the Gold Medal. Other recipients incl 6 presidents and GEN Douglas MacArthur!

Bill Lewis, who didn't feel well at the reunion, was stricken afterwards in MA and taken to the Gloucester Hosp, where he had an opn on an aortic aneurysm. **Margaret**'s daughter flew in from AZ to help her. Margaret called 13 Jun to tell me that she was flying home with Bill the following wk, and that her daughter would drive the car home.

'38

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On 10 Apr **Jane Smith** had bypass heart surgery in Richmond unexpectedly. She & **Art** delayed their annual trip to MI for the summer until Jun. She is recovering well during the interim.

1938: Jane Hulse, Jane Smith, Mary & Joe Conell and Art Smith at Ft McNair, Mar 92

Andy & Annette Anderson have moved back to Ger with new address—Tabernae—Montanus Strasse, 6748 BAD BERGZABERN, Ger. On 21 Apr, during his visit to CA, **Carter Duncan** saw the **Chancos** and his former wife Pat, who was undergoing surgery. Later in Melbourne, FL, he talked to the **Fredericks**. He is enjoying the weather there after 8 winters in IL. On 23 Apr **Ed Machen** rep that **Bud Mearns** is getting excellent care in the "splendid new VA hosp" in Augusta. **Jidge**'s address is 810 Tarpon Blvd, Fripp Isl, Frogmore, SC 29902.

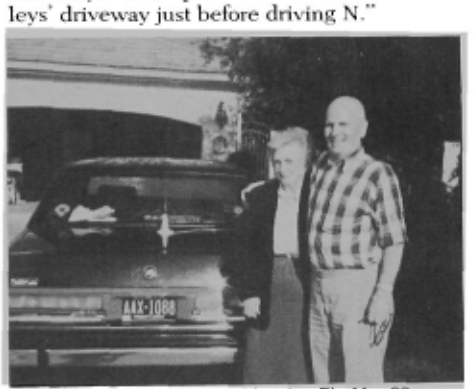
On 11 Apr **Bettie & Hubie Strange** celebrated their 50th wedding anniv. From Bettie: "Our children surprised us with a celebration dinner. Our youngest son Bill was born on our 6th wedding anniv in Vienna, Austria, so he asked us to join him in Lebanon, IN (20 min away) to celebrate his birthday. We arrived at his house at 6:00, and at 6:30 he said, 'Let's eat at the Country Club.' Off we went and there was a crowd! We were surprised and pleased! For the lovely eve Hubie & I were so proud of our kids. They were all there with their kids and Hubie's relatives, who live in Indianapolis. A photographer appeared, and 3 people who had been at our wedding told fabulous stories. Jack, our eldest son, read all the congratulatory items. (Needless to say, I am keeping an album.) It was a glorious eve."

They have 5 children: Charlotte Scarcelli, Beth McNerney, Bob, Bill and Jack Strange; 14 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

1938: Bettie & Hubie Strange's 50th wedding anniv, Apr 92: Bob, Charlotte, Bill, Beth and Jack

From Bettie, "We are excited again! Our grandson John (Jack's son) graduated from USMA!! On 26 May we met Jack & his wife and her parents at New Windsor, where we all cheered John. The grad was superb!"

On 20 Apr from **Dick Bromiley**: "On 27 Mar **Harve & Peg Barnard** left Sarasota for their new home in Lansdale, PA. The Barnards and **Edee** & I have lived in Sarasota for 20 yrs and have had many memorable and pleasant times together—social, golf, travel—as good and close friends. Their last two days were spent with the Bromileys. Their pic was taken in the Bromileys' driveway just before driving N."

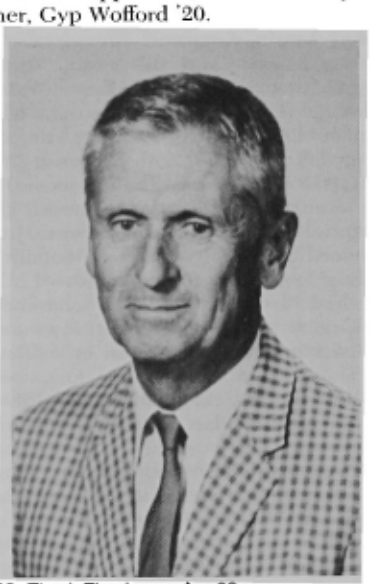


1938: Peg & Harve Barnard leaving FL, Mar 92

The Bromileys may relocate to MS. Their son-in-law MG Paul Harvey & Lynne live there after ret from USAF. He is a Republican candidate for Congress from the 5th Congressional District. Dick chairs a '38 cmte, with mbrs **Muriel Amick, Mary Missal, Art Smith** and **Hugh Wallace**, to propose memorialization at USMA of the Unbroken Line. Their proposal will be considered at our 55th Reunion. If any *ASSEMBLY* readers have any ideas or comments, please contact Dick or any cmte mbr.

The 24 Apr luncheon at Ft McNair was attended with wives by **Bixby, Brown, Lewis, Mrazek, Sussmann** and **Voegtly**; also by **Chavasse, Nim Collins, Miller, Bill Smith, Schmidt**, and **Bill Walson**. Nim informed us that she expects to move to the Fairfax soon. Bob Brown has more leisure time after 15 Apr deadline of IRS, but Anne says he is as busy as ever. **Frank** Miller expected **Peggy** back from Israel later in the day. A pipe burst plus faulty plumbing workmanship currently have his attention. The Mrazeks enjoyed an Elderhostel at Ocean City recently and plan another soon. We discussed the planning and fundraising by AOG for the new Alumni Ctr to be built at WP. Any decision for '38'er participation may be deferred until our 55th Reunion.

Our classmate **"Thack" Thackeray** is the '92 recipient of the annual Award of the Wofford Cup, which was established by Jim Wofford of Upperville, VA in memory of his father, Gyp Wofford '20.



1938: Thack Thackeray, Apr 92

Gyp was a mbr of the US Army jumping team and later coached the first civ jumping team after WWII. Jim Wofford and his two brothers were mbrs of the US equestrian teams after demise of the Horse Cavalry. This natl award recognizes Thack's distinguished career and his role in developing equestrian eventing in the USA over 30 yrs. He has served as a judge at the most prestigious 3-day events in the USA and Europe, incl Olympic Games and World Championships. He will do so again at the Olympic games in Barcelona this summer.

On 6 May, during a visit with relatives and friends in CA, the **Lewises** had a brief mtg with **Jim**'s "L" Co roommate, **Jim Craig**. They had also attended coll in OK together before USMA. Craig's wife **Ellen** was ill and unable to attend. The two Jims had not seen ea other since the early '60s and had much to discuss. **George Bosch** dropped by for a visit with Jim Lewis later at the motel. Our classmate George ret from USAF in 61; worked two yrs in accting and later as a teacher; then 12 1/2 yrs as an engr for CA Hwy Dept. He & his wife have one son and one daughter, plus two grandchildren. He and his son played golf until recently, as well as some hunting and fishing. He appears to be in excellent health and quite interested in news about USMA and '38'er activities.

A 16 May ltr from **Castex Conner** updated me about status of "I" Co obits, which he has only two yet to publish. Other news from Castex: "Actually, I have been quite busy this yr. My sister Alice lives in LA and has been very ill since last Christmas. (She attended our CO Mini.) I've been on the phone almost daily with her and my two brothers. **Petie** & I have two new grandchildren (both boys) "en route"—numbers 12 and 13—one due in Jun and one in Jul. I had cataract surgery 5 May; my vision still is cloudy. I arrived at the dr's ofc 7:30 am and was at the door en route home at 10:00 am. Amazing! Took a trip to San Ant, TX in Apr—we have a son there. Petie has a sister and brother there—not much time to visit classmates, but did see **Lou Coira** at church on Good Fri. I go bass fishing every chance I get (about once per wk). Not too much success this yr so far

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(travel and eye surgery)."

The 19 May luncheon at Ft McNair was attended with wives by **Barschdorf, Bixby, Izenour, Lewis, Lotz** and **Brown**; also by **Chavasse, Mary Missal, Bill Smith, Mrazek, Trudy Hannum, Alice Stilwell** and **Walson**. Trudy's guest was Eleanor Garruss, who attended our mini in Nov. **Junie** Lotz briefed us on preparations for our 55th Reunion, 23–26 May 93. He & **Shirley** visited WP recently to make arrangements and reservations. They saw **Muriel Amick** and the **Jannarones**. Junie announced that all prospective attendees responding to Ltr #1 should receive Ltr #2 about the 55th during Jun. **Kent Schmidt** had heart surgery 18 May at Newport News and is recuperating well at home now in Williamsburg. The Barschdorfs leave soon for a visit to MS. We were delighted that Alice Stilwell was with us for this last mthly luncheon until next fall.

On 23 May, the **Barnards** rep having a good time settling into a new home. Their daughter Judy and family live in Norristown and son Robert lives in Somerville, NJ. They enjoy more family get-togethers now. Harve hasn't played golf since May 91 but expects to try the local course soon. The Barnards' new address—458 Country Club Dr, Lansdale, PA 19446; tel (215) 361-1163. **Johnny Johnson** lives about 15 mi S.

Rep on 26 May from **Hugh Wallace**: "The **Artmans** are expecting a new grandchild soon. **Beno Bruton**'s grandson grad from Alamo Heights HS with valedictorian honors and received a 4-yr dean's scholarship to Tulane Univ. **Doug Polhamus** is out of rehab hosp and now at home and recuperating more ea day. **Mona Preuss**, her son and family are headed for the beach at Gulf Coast this wk. While in Wash recently, **Helen Skaer** attended a get-together of those ladies who have been sponsors of Navy ships and have broken a bottle of champagne on a ship's bow. **ME York** attended the big Doolittle Raiders reunion and enjoyed seeing old friends from that era. The Wallaces flew to KS for grad of their first grandchild. "Karen is our KS daughter and mother of the grad. Her 3 sisters, as a surprise, drove up from TX for the event. We filled up a whole row of seats and must have seemed like Murderers Row at Yankee Stadium. **Jan** & I leave for our annual two wks at Cancun this wknd." On 27 May **Junie Lotz** and **Jim Mrazek** had lunch at the Natl Press Club and heard SecDef Cheney give an informative talk about how the mil forces may be reduced.

On 30 May from **Bill Strand**: "The **Hallingers** in Dec visited Ahmedabad, N of Bombay, for 3 wks with an Indian friend they met 27 yrs ago while he was working on a master's degree at USC. This was a wonderful visit with an old friend—not the conventional tourist trip. From India they visited friends in Ceylon, Beijing and Hong Kong. In Jul they will attend a granddaughter's wedding in CA. The Strands spent most of Apr in Eau Claire, WI, getting his 98-yr-old mother settled in a nursing home and closing her apt. Treasures she had saved incl many items Bill had sent from USMA. Please contact Bill if you need a '35, '36, '37 or '38 *Howitzer*.

On 28 May from **Lotz**: "A quick summary of 108 replies to the questionnaire, attached to the 225 newsltr I mailed, shows 68 classmates, 58 wives and 10 widows intending to attend. Twenty classmates rep inability—mostly for physical problems. One negative

1938: Bert Harrison and Bill Strand at Yearling Summer Camp, 35

response failed to rep his/her name. More details in future Cl notes and Cl newsltrs.

Some editing, omissions or deferrals to future cols are necessary due to space limitations. We hope to see you at the 55th!

'39

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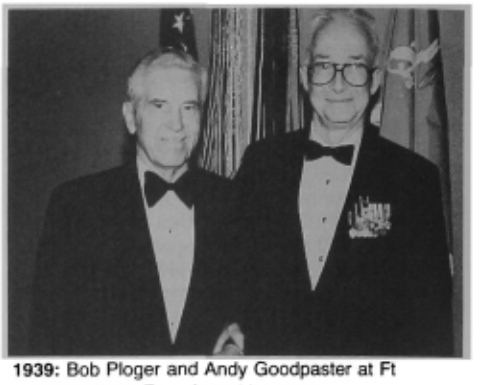
Sleepy Coleman continues to amaze! In his own words, ". . . We had to get serious about getting in shape to survive the OR Sr Olympics. . . divided by 5 yr age gps, but. . . effort even if no one else is competing. **Claire** did the 1500 meter walk and got a gold. . . . I got 6 golds and one silver in the 1500 meter run. . . almost died, really hot. **PJ Long** would have been proud. . . . Then I horsed around doing the high jump, running broad jump, shotput, discus, javelin and finally the 100 meter dash."

1939: Sleepy Coleman with his OR Sr Olympic medals—6 golds, 1 silver

Prior to the Olympics, **Sleepy & Claire** helped their young son put together old houses moved from Cal-Tech campus in Pasadena to lots in the city. Projects incl whatever—plumbing, electric, carpentry, etc. (Well, at least all the above kept Sleepy from solo-sailing the Pacific or backpacking in the Yukon!)

"Engr Regt Award"—**Bob Ploger** wrote that **Andy Goodpaster** was presented the Annual Award of this Regt (reorg this yr as the Army Engr Assoc) at Ft Leonard Wood. Andy & **Dossy** drove there and had time for a chat during the pre-banquet reception with Bob, not only an interested observer but also an active ex-organizer of this function.



1939: Bob Ploger and Andy Goodpaster at Ft Leonard Wood Engr Award banquet

Ed & Grace Hamilton—invited a large gp of '39'ers and other friends to their housewarming dinner party, 20 Jun, celebrating their "phoenix" home rebuilt after being totalled and in appreciation for many kindnesses after that catastrophe.

In this FD pic at Tucson, the answer (as in "Jeopardy") is: **Frank Kobes**. What is the Q?

1939: FD, San Ant: (Front row) Fidelis Newcomb, Tom Davis, Tom Whitehouse, Phil Davidson; (back row) Joe Bowman, Bob Rogers and Ed Kurth

Jack Christian—**Perry Hoisington** at Apr Cl lunch distributed pp of a lavishly illustrated book, *Little Friends*, an acct of WWII legendary fighter pilots incl our Jack. As described in **Andy Goodpaster**'s obit of Jack (Jul 91 *ASSEMBLY*), he fought one war in the Pacific and then was transferred to England to escort bombers in massive flights over Ger—one war too many. (Your scribe visited Jack at airbase N of London in early 44, where Jack spelled out in detail his full story—escape from Mindinao by sub, fighter pilot from Australia incl Guadalcanal, and then transferred to ETO. Oh, for a tape recorder of that lengthy conversation!) Book, pub by Random House and authored by Kaplan and Saunders, should be fascinating to many, espec '39'ers.

The Apr Cl lunch in the Pentagon set a new record—19 '39'ers plus spouses and guests, incl auslanders **McDavids, Showalters** and **Simons**. **Norm Farrell** noted available supply of our 30th and 50th yrbooks, reunion caps and 50th placemats. Later, **Sam & Bettie Samuel** and the two Farrells got together for lunch in Old Town Alexandria.

Carl Buechner will soon be fitted with a prosthesis to replace his left leg, removed at the knee in May. Cause thereof, not diabetes, was an infection from earlier surgeries. Even so, Carl hopes to return from FL to Cape Cod

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1939: Nancy & John Maxwell, Charlie & Nina Kepple, Elder & Esther James, Jean & Harvey Fraser and Lydia Kobes. (Q: Who was the photographer?)

1939: Apr lunch in Williamsburg: (Front) Linc & Rosalind Simon, Jim & Fran Shepherd, Betty Myers; (rear) Bur & Lucile Showalter, Ted Hunsbedt, Barbara Robbins (x-Legler) and Pappy Myers

ASAP for a late summer/early fall sojourn, but says, "I guess I'll yield to **Dan Minahan** my claim as champion '39 skier, but I espec appreciate **Tom Simpson**'s thoughtful attention here in Orlando as well as the friendship of all of '39, which makes life worthwhile; a real, great Cl."

Korean Conflict—**Bill McCaffrey** has done it again with his incisive review (*Army* mag, May 92) in which he pulls no punches as to the pre-Korea gross mistakes, both mil and political.

El Paso—**Gerry Reeves** proudly sends word that grandson Shane was accepted for (and by now has entered) USMA '96. May '39 genes ever prevail! FD attendees: **Bill Barnett** and daughter Susan, **Abbie Boylan**, Gerry Reeves and **Levin & Dorothy Ann Lee**. **Marshall Wallach** from VA appeared for mem svc for GEN James H Polk '33, under whom he had served as sqdn cmdr in 3d Cav Gp, WWII.

Hilton Head—FD incl **Ed & Pat Smith, Bob & Jean Williams, Ken & Allie Lou Collins, Jim & Rachel Keller, Hallie Patterson, Matt Legler** and **Walt & Ann Higgins**. Higgy added that the Club and Health Ctr provide them, in a nearby apt, "a nice lifestyle and a nearby golf club that gives me all the golf I need. . . . "

Tommy Thomason's ltr said that **Nernie** in Apr entered the nursing home section of Belvoir Woods Health Care Ctr at the Fairfax and was receiving the best of care and attention. He arranged for a gourmet Easter lunch catered there for them and their daughter's family.

Huey Long—From both coasts (**Farrell** in E and **Medinnis** in W) comes word that Huey now has a "matched pair of knees," recovering from opn this yr more quickly than first last summer; home after 4–5 days and walking with 4-legged stroller; tennis soon!

Final Farewells—We sadly rep the deaths of, and send most sincere sympathy to, the families, friends and close associates of:

• **Charles W Horner** x-'39 on 4 Apr at WRAMC; interment 9 May in Arlington Natl Cem with mil honors. Survivors: **Joan** and 5 children. Chuck, who treasured his WP and '39 assoc, continued with a distinguished Army career.

• **George M Higginson** on 6 May after a long illness in Austin, TX, with burial at WP near friend and classmate **Seth Hudgins**; attending at WP were several family mbrs plus A Co roommate **George & Jane Pickett** and **Speedy & Dottie Hull**. As always, **Mike Krisman**, anchorman at WP, arranged for Cl floral wreath and impressive ceremony with mil honors.

• **Margaret G Twyman** (widow of our **Bob**) on 11 May in Tucson, with burial in Milwaukee. Survivors: one son (who flew in from Budapest) and other mbrs. A lady of many talents, accomplishments and honors incl Bds of Trustees, *Who's Who* and other commissions and appts. For complete obit in NM paper, write '39 scribe (thanks to Sam Goodwin '40).

"Changes to Directory"—**Alfaro, Eloy**, Box 871 447, Panama City, Rep of Panama; tel 507 23 8875. **Brockman**, Mrs **EF**, add; tel (313) 693-2611; add (2) 1437 El Dorado Dr SW, Winston Salem, NC 27103. **Coffey**, tel (609) 497-1319. Crandall, zip 06416. **Dziuban**, tel (714) 697-2429. **Hall**, 12105 Ambassador Dr #1234, CO Springs, CO 80921. **Higgins**, 77 Bird Song Way Apt 206, Hilton Hd Isl, SC 29926. **Kobes**, delete Vistoso, Sun City. **Lampert**, Chestnut Pk Rest Home, 815 Chestnut Pk, Waynesville, NC 28786; tel (704) 456-5858. **McConnell, William J**, delete TX address. **Mial, Fran**, tel (619) 670-0690. **Miller, RB**, nickname **Ben**, tel (619) 485-5736. Mulheron (**Nancy Poinier**), 1905 Atlanta Ave, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951; tel (407) 723-3599. **Reeves, Gerry**, add (2) c/o Chas R Reeves, PO Box 642, Rock Springs, WY 82902; tel (307) 382-6687. **Rigley**, apt 7202. **Samuel**, VA, tel (703) 343-0962. **Seipel**, (2) (Feb-Mar), 2585 SE 2nd St, Pompano Beach, FL 33062–5421; tel (305) 942-6890.

'40

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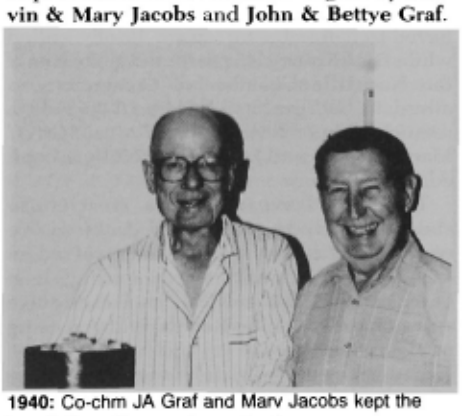
It's time to rep on *USMA '40 in 92*, the impressive mini in Nashville engred by **Marvin & Mary Jacobs** and **John & Bettye Graf**.



1940: Co-chrm JA Graf and Marv Jacobs kept the hospitality suite open long after taps

At final count, 82 classmates, wives and widows of '40 had checked into the massive

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Opryland Hotel, found their rms, then blazed trails to the Cl hospitality suite. This was real exploration: the Opryland has almost 1,900 rms in 8 connected bldgs. While the hotel is immense, it easily spts gatherings ranging from small families to major conventions. The hotel also offers easy access to the many historic and entertainment features of the Nashville area; in fact, we stayed fully occupied without going near a single country music bandstand.

1940: Don Baumer, Mike Bavaro, Sandy Baumer and Frank Meszar at Nashville, discussing the location for the next mini

1940: Walt & Loma Lavell explain the next day's choices at Nashville to Bill Shanahan

The mini was set up to take advantage of this capability. We gathered ea eve for a carefully planned party, leaving the days free for sightseeing, touring the nearby theme park, tennis, golf, swimming or visiting with classmates.

At the Benny Havens Icebreaker the first night, we found that the visitors from farthest away were **Rollie & Helen Hamelin** of HI. We were delighted to note that 4 widows were present: **Dot Heidtke, Mary Kyle, Peppy Millican** and **Betty Parker**. The cries of "You haven't changed a bit" were briefly stilled while Dick Kinney '46 presented, on behalf of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce, an award to '40, the first USMA Cl to hold a reunion—big or little—in the "Music City." **Marvin Jacobs** and **JA Graf** gracefully accepted the award.

The second eve we had a great cruise aboard the riverboat *General Jackson*. We were seated as a gp in the theater, served an excellent dinner, and enjoyed a rousing show based on Broadway musicals (incl an on-stage appearance by **Lucille Renola**) with a rousing patriotic finale.

The banquet on the final eve brought another good dinner and a measure of nostalgia, nicely tempered by toasts with the champagne provided by **Marv & Mary Jacobs**, who therewith celebrated their 52d anniv.

We learned at the Nashville mini that **Ned**

1940: JA Graf and Marv Jacobs accept the Nashville Chamber of Commerce award to '40 from Dick Kinney '46

1940: Steve Morrissey, Bid Moore, Ray Renola, Criss Moore and Betty Morrissey made assembly for the *General Jackson* cruise

1940: Lucille & Ray Renola on the foredeck of the *General Jackson*

1940: Mary Jacobs with Mike & Janet Bavaro

& Doris Flanders, assisted by a cmte incl **Marcus & Fran Klunk** (present at Nashville) and **Bill & Kathy Porte**, are considering their own mini for 4–8 Oct 93 at S Lake Tahoe, CA, elev 6,200 ft. They plan an interest-gauging mailing to the Cl this summer. If there is sufficient interest, the cmte will probably reserve housing for the mini at the Embassy Suites, just on the CA side of the border, but near the resort and casino facilities in NV.

Some of you noted that, though I forecast a new Cl roster in the last (Jul) issue of these notes, it wasn't finished in time for the Nashville mini. It sounds a bit like "the dog ate my homework," but, two wks before the mini, my hard disk crashed with, among others, all my Cl records. In time, I'll reconstruct these from old backup files; meanwhile, please be patient.

John McLean has gathered figures for the annual rep required by our Cl constitution on '40's funds, which are in two separate accts admin by the AOG. Our biggest, most important fund is the '40 Gift Acct, set up to hold contribs and pay expenses for our 50th anniv gift, *The Illustrated History of WP*, published and presented to USMA last fall. ON 31 Mar, the balance in that acct was about $55,400 (amounts are rounded). Income in the preceding yr incl 69 gifts totaling $6,800 and $3,900 interest on the acct. In addition, $29,600 came in from the sale of copies of the special edition of the *History* that the Cl bought as part of the basic contract with the publisher. Incidentally, sales through the AOG Gift Shop of remaining copies of the special edition will add to the balance for the next yr or so. Against this income, $39,400 was paid out in the yr to complete payments of $138,700, the total cost of preparing and publishing our 50th anniv gift.

With our 50th gift fully paid for, disposition of the balance in our Cl Gift Acct is still to be decided. Early discussions have considered funding a 55th Reunion Gift or, as another option, releasing the money to the unrestricted WP Fund acct for programs the Supe and the AOG may select. The options, when further defined, will be presented to the Cl for decision. Meanwhile, be assured that continuing contribs will be gratefully received and added to the current '40 Gift Acct as a good start toward any future Cl gift.

Our second acct with the AOG is '40's Admin Fund, which had a balance of $9,300 on 31 Mar. The previous yr's income usually is from classmates' donations designated for the Admin Fund. Last yr, income also got a major one-time increase with close-out of the 50th Reunion Cmte's Fund (this also incl the admin costs of producing and distributing our 50 Yearbook). The new balance should meet expected needs for mem donations, mini-reunion seed money, communications with the Cl, updating the Cl Roster and other admin requirements in the next few yrs.

Woodie Vaughan shared with us a ltr he recently wrote **Bunny Knight:** "A few mos ago, I was forcefully reminded of **Archie**. During a visit to Atl, our son took **Beth** & me to a restaurant called *The 57th Fighter Gp*. The motif was of a typical airbase in Europe during WWII—complete with obvious damage from enemy action. The restaurant was full of pics and mementoes of the gp. At the entrance is a pic of **Archie Knight**, the wartime gp cmdr. One of the exposed rafters has his name embossed on it. The Cl of '40 strikes again! Our visit brought memories of a fun-loving cadet and a distinguished off who was admired and respected by those who knew him."

I'm sorry to rep several items of bad news. First, we heard from the AOG that **Harry French** died 31 Mar in Prairie Grove, AR. The Cl offers its deep sympathy to **Lou**, who is at PO Box 208, Prairie Grove, AR 72753. Lou told me Harry had been in apparent good health before he died in his sleep with a

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massive brain hemorrhage. You may recall that Harry was born and raised in AR; after an outstanding career as a fighter pilot and air defense expert, he ret as a BG in 68 to study, write and teach in his home state. He received his PhD from UAR in 81 and continued to live and write in Prairie Grove until he died. For an idea as to how Harry appreciated you, his classmates, turn to his entry in the 50-Yr Book.

Another item of bad news was a call from **Lora**, telling that **Tony Wermuth** finally lost his long battle against multiple heart and pulmonary ailments on 4 May in Long Beach, CA. The Cl offers its condolences to Lora, who tended Tony through his yrs of illness and who can be reached at PO Box 4129, Long Beach, CA 90804. On 2 Jul, Tony's ashes were laid in the cem at WP, where his first wife **Judy** is buried, along with two of their sons, Philip and John. Most of us recall Tony as our ed of the *Pointer*; as an inf cmdr; a P in the Dept of English; and in high staff billets. However, few of us know of his PhD in poli sci from Boston U; his many works in literature and intl affairs; or his work as dir, Soc Sci Studies for Westinghouse's Adv Studies Inst. Tony's departure will leave a gaping void.

The 3d item of sad news was that **Martha Clapsaddle**, widow of our late **Pete Clapsaddle**, died 9 Jun of emphysema. Martha lived for many yrs in Midlothian, near Richmond, VA, where Pete worked for Michelin Tire after his ret until his death in 76. Martha was buried at Arlington after a graveside svc 15 Jun, at which **Jim & Margaret Milner** rep the Cl.

Marge & I enjoyed seeing so many of you at Nashville. Now we'll start thinking about Lake Tahoe.

'41

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By the time you read this, the great '41 feature, "Dances with Area Birds," will have appeared on pg 24–25 in the Jul *ASSEMBLY*. No doubt the Cl of '93 is looking for a theme for their 100th Night Show, so your old **Bill Vaughan** and **Pete Tanous** may yet make it to Broadway.

Another item you will find in that issue is the article on the 92 Distinguished Grad Awards. The first 4 recipients were Van Fleet '15, Ridgway Apr '17, Goodpaster '39 and Dr Sundt '52. As you know, the Thayer Award, by AOG fiat (with the exception of MacArthur, Bradley and Eisenhower), cannot be presented to USMA grads. The new Distinguished Grad Award is to be considered an equivalent to the Thayer Award. Criteria for nominations from the classes appear in the article. The invitation to make nominations for this award was sent out last Aug and is to be done ea yr; thus, we will have other opportunities. I say let's get a '41'er nominated.

By now, perhaps, you have heard that one of Sam Nunn's staffers played action officer on Section 501, PL 102–190 terminating the time-honored policy of commissioning grads of USMA (and USNA and USAFA) as Regular offs. Former Army C/S Shy Meyer, Chm, WP Soc Cmte, circulated a ltr highlighting the fallacies in the premises underpinning this legislation. This legislation, if not repealed, will surely result in destroying a major incentive for outstanding Americans to seek an appt to a svc acad. In Mar the Supes testified before the House Armed Svcs Cmte, and the ensuing House Def Authorization Bill would repeal Nunn's brainchild. However, the Senate Armed Svcs Cmte, which Nunn chairs, must also be persuaded, and they are expected to meet this summer.

In the past two wks, we have lost 3 outstanding classmates. **Sy Coker**, after a long and valiant struggle with Parkinson's disease, died on 22 May. On 29 May, while doing his swim therapy in the USAFA pool, **Tom Corbin** died of a massive coronary arrest, and on 7 Jun **Dick Travis** lost his heroic battle with an inoperable pancreatic tumor.

Sy Coker will be remembered as the Engr Off, 9th Armored Div, whose troops defused the German demolitions that were set to cut the Remagen Bridge. Sy personally went without sleep for 3 days supervising the security and repair of the bridge. His action permitted the critical crossing of the Rhine, which brought V-E Day much closer.

1941: Dick Travis leading the 323rd Bomb Gp

Tom Corbin became a COL with less than 4 yrs of svc during WWII while cmding a Medium Bomb Gp. Later he cmded a SAC Air Div and subsequently the AF Special Air Warfare Ctr.

Dick Travis flew bomber combat in WWII and later converted to fighters, where he rose to the MG's job of cmding an Air div.

Aree Coker can be reached at 4220 Scotland Rd, Alexandria, VA 22309; **Jean Corbin** at 82 Raven Hills Ct, CO Springs, CO 80919; and **Tad Travis** at 6304 Bannocks, San Ant, TX 78239. Write these gallant ladies; they deserve our spt. Contribs in lieu of flowers may go, for Coker, to Animal Allies, PO Box 353, Fairfax Station, VA 22039; for Corbin, to the USAFA Library, PO Box 188, USAFA, CO 80840; and for Travis, to the charity of your choice.

The svc for **Tom**, held at the Cdt Chapel, USAFA, was outstanding. Classmates present were **Mal & Alma Troup, Ben & Harrie Spiller, Jim & Lou Carroll, Bill & Jerry Brier** (down from Cheyenne), **Al & Louise Hayduk** (in from Grand Junction), **Pete Crow** (up from San Ant), **Mary Gauvreau** and **Kay Andrus**. **John Henschke** was not back from his trip to Australia, and I was on the program at a USAF rally in TX.

There was a max turnout to salute **Sy Coker**: **Molly Brown, Joe* & Ev Canella, Lucy Cooper, John Deane, Bob* & Emily Ellsberry, Charlie & Johnnie Fletcher, Jog* & Mary Green, Mike* & Eileen Greene, Jane Gribble, Burnside* & Marka Huffman, Bob & Rene Lanigan, Jack Norton, Spec Powell, Ed Rowny, Brad* Smith,** and **Barney* & Bettie Woodruff**. (Note: * designates pallbearers.)

On 22 Apr, BG John C Gordon '31, husband of **Petey (Woodward)** Gordon, died at age 86. Write Petey at 8033 New Braunfels #200C, San Ant, TX 78209; she claims to be a mbr of the Cl of '72 since **Hunter** was '41 and Jack was '31.

Jack Murray's granddaughter Kathy Herring is 16 yrs old and ranked 27th nationally in her age div in tennis. She is a former classmate and friend of Jennifer Capriati and, according to the clip Jack sent, "has no problem with 7-hr days on the tennis court."

Wally Lauterbach has had to go back for 5 1/2 wks of radiation; let us pray that it works this time. He sent a most interesting clip about the Brewster Flat earth station, his former cmd. His successor, Jim Veeder '72, boasts receiving more satellite signals than

1941: The Norton wedding party: Tom Corbin, Sally McNabb (Cheyney's sister), George Brown, Cheyney, Jack Norton, Nancy Norton McCord (Jack's sister), Burt Andrus and Georganne & Gene Gillespie

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1941: FD at Ft Carson: the Chapmans, John Henschke, Mary Gavreau, the Troops, Skowronek, the Spillers, Corbins, Andruses and Briers

any other station in the world.

George Adjemian phoned to rep that MG Robert Fergusson '36 had contacted him again on behalf of **Emory Austin**. The GEN, his cmdr at the time he was KIA, had written a vivid acct for input to *Gold '41*; however, it somehow did not appear in the final copy. Therefore it will be distributed, along with the Christmas Ltr, as an addendum.

Double-barrel good news! **Lyman Faulkner** married **Louise** McFadden, an Ashland widow, on 3 Jun in Carson City, NV. They have a new address and phone: 809 Hillview Dr, Ashland, OR 97520; tel (503) 482-8570. The wedding was not attended by classmates, so Louise has not met any of our nifty gang. They have 7 children and 10 grands between them. Second plus for Lyman: his brilliant son-in-law Barry McCaffrey is to become Spec Asst to the Chm of the Joint C/S and don his 3rd star. Hats off, Lyman; we are very proud of you and yours.

POTPOURRI: **Herb Stern** wants me to remind you of the USNA Mini the end of Sep 93. So far 150 have said "We'll be there." Call or write him to sign up—it should be great! On a recent trip to CA, I stopped in to check out AF Vill W. **Lynn & Bena Lee** gave me the VIP treatment and a full tour, incl a stop at **George Brown** Ave.

Now I understand why the **Lees** and **Christensens** have signed up; it is extremely well-structured. Lynn also gave me a correction on **Tom Ward**'s phone no: (209) 296-5199. On a recent trip to the Masters, **John Henschke** stopped at Beaufort, where he got into a golf game with **Joan King** and her friends. John was duly impressed by the "golf lesson" she gave him. The Yenne controversy continues to heat up. **Johnny Brooks** called to say he plans to do something about it. Write him with your opinion, pro or con. **Betty McIntyre** rep that **George** has been admitted to a nice home and that she will visit kids and classmates here this summer. Somebody noted with dismay that the Elvis Presley stamp is receiving natl attention, while our effort to get one for

1941: An engr and a goat admire the choice of a name at Air Force Vill W

Sandy Nininger did not get off the ground. I was recently invited on a backpacking trip into the Grand Gulch of SE UT. Try to imagine hiking for 4 days, traversing 25 mi on the surface of this planet without seeing a single cigarette butt, beer can or gum wrapper! It was fabulous!

Jim Carroll, the #1 Tumbler on our Gym team, underwent a heart bypass and amazed his drs and friends with his recovery. **Stan Hays** sent the Eagle Court of Honor prog for his grandson Christopher A Hays, who aspires to become a cdt at USAFA. He is an outstanding young man whom I met last Jan. I am betting he will make an outstanding cdt. Stan also sent a copy of Patton's famous speech to the 3rd Army and a pic of Patton "doing his thing in the Rhine," as promised.

Mike Greene rep that **Wendy Knowles** is quite sick with a skin problem and that **Jock Mateer** is fighting a rare malady that causes paralysis. He also said that brother **Larry** was sweating a bypass opn. In the next issue you will find a full acct of Australia Revisited by **Cocky Cochran** and **John Henschke**.

To offset the preponderance of gloomy words that, of necessity, must appear in our Cl notes these days, I propose to meld in some "Flash Back" historical facts, anecdotes and pics from time to time. Please help me find

1941: Mike Greene at the Nininger Memorial Dedication, 11 Jan 92

such input material.

That's all for now, Limbaugh Fans!

'42

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Broadway shows may have had longer runs, but none was a bigger smash success than our 50th Reunion! Joy was tempered by the absence of those of you who couldn't be with us. *You were missed*! And because 150 of our remaining number, with spouses, kids and relatives—plus a most welcome coterie of widows—were on hand, there just wasn't enough time to have the special, personal visits so long anticipated! Kudos to the Reunion Cmte: **Allin, Bortell, Bobo Clagett, Cutler, Koisch, Reid, Robinson** and **Vogel**, espec to **Ecc**, whose dear **Genevieve** could not join the fun because of her need to be close to her oxygen supply. Kudos, too, to the Cl offs, the Gift Cmte, **Yates Hill** for providing a very detailed program and the Cl Aides, Jeb Baker, Ken Dahl and Cookie Flor Cruz, who is well along to producing a second future candidate! The aides were sharp, fun and efficient as could be, and it was great to see two of our offspring trying to get the old folks shaped up and on time! Shades of yesteryear!

1942: Cookie charmed us!

Some of the gp arrived before the 24th to a) rest up for the endurance contest; b) have a practice drink or two; and/or c) be humbled by the Usmay golf course. Registration was a boon to the lonely. Never have so many been hugged by so many! The buffet dinner at the Ramada was packed, with all of the helpful instructions given out by our ldrs lost in the din! In his unaccustomed state of bachelorhood, **Bobo Clagett** dreamed up a way to get some special attention. A non-serious fall outside the dining room produced a skinned chin and 3 pretty lasses to cradle his head, soothe his brow and ease his discomfort! We

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finally had to drag him in to dinner! His recovery was obviously complete, as the only snaps here on time for my deadline came from him!

Mon mem svcs in the Old Chapel were preceded by the emotional presentation of the Columbarium to WP by **Dick Maffry** and its acceptance by the Supe. The following svcs were conducted by **Jim Newman, Bobo Clagett, Charlie Mizell** and **Tom Rienzi**. The reading of the names of our 147 departed conjured up quick mental images of ea, whether from CDT days of the many who left us so early, from svc assoc or from social gatherings over the yrs. The gp recitation of the CDT Prayer and singing of the third stanza of the Alma Mater ended the svc but not our communion with our classmates, past and present. Afterwards, we visited gravesites and inspected the Columbarium. In a word, it is stunning! Never could I visualize something of that nature being so wonderfully well done. **Dick & Dotty** have made a utilitarian gift of their time, talents and treasure into a masterpiece! So fittingly, the first ashes to rest there are those of **Joe Hennessee**, brought home by **Marie** and eldest daughter Penny.

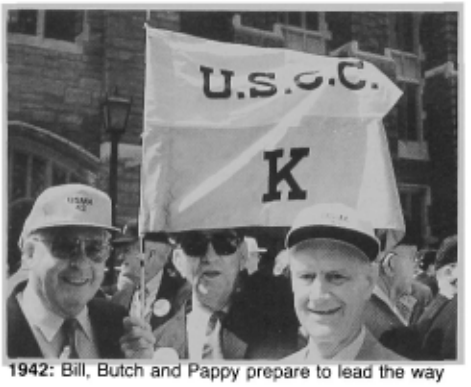
1942: Marie and Penny were most welcome participants

The Supe was put to work again accepting the handsome addition to our Eisenhower Hall patio. You can be proud! It is well-used and now more meaningful with the plaque listing the names of our WWII losses and the map depicting the actions in which we participated. **Bob Terry** did an excellent job of explaining to us what a plinth is and what problems have arisen with ours! At the Cl mtg following lunch in Ike Hall, we voted unanimously to accept his cmte's recommendation and replace the concrete siding with properly finished granite. Also, **Tom Rienzi** again urged that we consider HI for our next mini. Boat and bus tours followed, with the Alumni dinner-dance the eve feature. Unfortunately, the tempo of the music was nowhere near swingy enough for the 50-yr celebrants! Better they should have used the super tapes that **Barbara** spent hrs putting together at **Rip Young**'s behest and which were never used because it was decided not to have dancing at our final dinner!

Tues began with the Alumni march from the Library to Thayer Monument, now in front of the Supe's Qtrs. We warmed up by marching from the reviewing stands to the Library and were thereupon declared fit to straggle back across the Plain! The ceremony was moving, with our old Cmdt, GEN Fred Irving, placing the wreath. It also was reassuring in that we still weren't close enough to critique his performance! The Alumni Review—with us next to the dignitaries—and the familiar music were impressive, as they always will be. However, the presentation of AOG medals to GEN Andy Goodpaster and Dr Thoralf Sundt lengthened the proceedings to the point that more than one of our heroes was greatly relieved to get to the bleachers and sit for the Cl pic! At lunch in the Mess Hall, two cdts were assigned to ea table, and a fine, sparkling gp they were. The Cl and the **Maffrys** were recognized for their gifts and the aforementioned medal recipients addressed the assemblage. Their remarks are printed elsewhere in this issue. An excellent dinner at the Thayer that night concluded the formal activities, but the lights were on at the Ramada long after Taps had sounded! Feelings ran so strong that G Co even designated the whole tribe as honorary runts so that we could sneak into their hospitality house in the **Cockrells**' digs!

Wed morn was appropriately damp as we bid teary farewells after one last assault on the buffet breakfast. However, the affectionate goodbyes were far warmer than any sunshine could have been. With apologies for probable errors, the participants in the hugs, handshakes and kisses were the **Adamses, George Allin, John Anderson, John Atwood**, the **Bakers, Ballards, Jack Barneses, Roger Barneses, Bartholomees, Baxters, Beesons, Bermans, Bonassos, Bortells, Bob Bringham, Brughs, Buchanans, Bucks, Ginger Cage, Caruthers-es, Paul Cerar, Dave Clagetts, Bobo Clagett, Frank Clays, Lu Clay*, Cockrells, Jack Cockrill, Colladays, Corcorans, Craigs, Crittenbergers, Ecc Cutler, Dottie Davis, Deanes, Joel Dilworth, Doyles, Duffies, Elys, Evanses***, Ed & **Kathy Flanagan** Farrell, **Farringtons, Fenders, Fergussons, Finneys, Fiskens, Pete Flor Cruz, Fords, Wally Frank, Garvins, Gateses, Geigers, Gernerts, Grimshaws, Gustaveses, Lee Hamerly, Gloria Hamilton, Hanleys, Hansts, Harmelings, Harrells** (no problems at the front desk!), **Hayses*, Marie Hennessee*, Hesselbachers, Hewitts, Ben Hills, Yates Hills, Fred Holdrege, Horridges, Houses, Shirley Hozier, Jean Hughes, Hunters, Doc Hydes, Iveys, Rita Jaynes*, Lee Joneses, Jim Josendale, Josephsons, Kennedys, Koisches, Kosters, Krafts, Lamberts**, Bob & **Jean Smith** Leu, **Lows, Maffrys, Markses, Martinezes, Masters, Mattinas, Maupins*, McAdams, McGuires, McMasters*, Dick Mileses, Mizells, Moreys, Munnses, John Murphys, Ray Murphys, Jim Newman, Offleys, Ogdens*, Omanses, O'Neals, Eric Orme, Poncho Palfrey, Pecks, Plotts, Dan Raymond, Redlingers, Rehkopfs, Johnny Reid, Reinbolds, Retzers, Rices, Riedels, Tom Rienzi, Robertses, Robinsons, Rosells, Rubensteins, Pete Russells, Roger Russels, Ryders, Scotts, Shedds, John Short*, Bob Shorts, Dean Shorts, Shutrumps*, Lynn Sifford*, Sittersons, Slatons, Jerry Snows, Bill Snows, Spilmans, Helen Standish, Louise Stapleton, Stephenses, Tabbs, Buck Tarver, Terrys, Tommy Thompsons, Pat Thompsons, Ulsakers, Vivians, Vogels, Wachendorfs, Wallers, Bill Warrens, Watkins, Jack Watson, Weekses, Wigels, Westenhoffs, Sid Williams, Frank Williamses, Dick Wise, Woods, Wymans, Rip Youngs** and **Skip Youngs**. (The * denotes accompanying family or friends.) Surely I've goofed somewhere, but I gave it my best shot!

You will note that our ranks were swelled by a goodly number who have not often been with us. Thanks to them for joining us! Reluctantly, I rep that G Co attendance led all the rest, with A Co one file behind. However, K Co outshone us all with their very own guidon flying from **Pappy Garvin**'s fishing rod!



1942: Bill, Butch and Pappy prepare to lead the way

A few states with modest numbers of inhabitants had 100% representation, but, as would be expected, VA led all the rest in numbers with 33—and that out of 35 candidates. Not to be overlooked is that 23 Californians made the long trek. But most heartwarming of all was that 11 of our widows joined hands with us, bless 'em! I might add that if our amateur photographers had any luck, there will be a full spread of color photos of the big reunion in **Dick Horridge**'s forthcoming edition of *Threads of* (really) *Grey*!

A surprising number had the intestinal fortitude to go on to **John & Jean Baker**'s Castine Clambake. **Carl Ulsaker** took time out from their wedding preparations to write that they had been joined by the **Adamses, Jack Barneses, Caruthers, Colladays, Deanes, Lee Hamerly, Harmelings, Shirley Hozier, Iveys, Martinezes, Mizells, John Murphys, Ogdens, O'Neals, Rehkopfs, Tom Rienzi, Pete Russels** and **Shedds**—a record attendance. The weather was superb for golf, sailing and chowing down. **Jack & Carolyn Deane** again outdid themselves with a lobster feast; the Bakers' USMC son explained what the gyrenes are up to (looks like the Bakers' past passion contributed greatly to the success of the 50th and Castine!); and John's never-ending fund of stories even wowed Jean!

Heard at the reunion that **Nancy Hunter** and **May Caruthers** already had the 25 Jun Eastern Shore picnic well in hand. Wish we could be beneficiaries of the leftovers—but as I recall, they are few and far between!

A note from **Marie Hennessee**, incl the kids, thanks all for the sympathy and spt given, which made her glad that she'd overcome her misgivings and attended the 50th. She sent special thanks to the **Maffrys** for providing the warm, lovely resting place for **Joe** and to **Ecc Cutler** for his phone calls and advice.

A pre-reunion phone call from **Bob Bringham** rep that **Dick House** had a major battle with leukemia, to incl a bone marrow transplant and two bouts of chemo; that **Norma Cockrell** had broken both bones in her arm; and that **Chuck Bortell** had a hip replacement. The good news is that all were at WP and looked too fit to get a drop of sympathy!

Just had a call from **Bette Lou Plott** to rep that she & **Bill** had been properly celebrated on their 50th by their kids and friends, with pix of the good old days, balloons and ribald comments about the passage of time! **Duke & Jane Grimshaw** were also feted by their kids, as no doubt were other eager beavers who have not rep in yet.

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Phil Wyman put on another golf tourney for the DC gang, with the S team of **Ulsaker/Allin** (winners of low net), **Mizell/Koster** (3rd low net), **Terry/Reid** and **Newman/Waller** beating the N team of **Snow/Young** (2nd low net), **Bortell/Wyman** (4th low net), **Ford/Robinson** and **Hesselbacher/Vogel**. Don't ask me how the N vs S selection was made!

On leaving WP, we followed the **Offleys** to Newark Airport (getting there was *not* half the fun) for them to turn in the car they rented on their return from Spain. Thanks to **Johnny Reid** and us, they and their 400 lbs of luggage made it to DC! **Bob Bringham** hosted them until they joined **Pat Gates** Lynch & Bill for a few days at Le Visenet. We stopped for a brief visit with the kids and a chance to see our new great-grandson—and his two doting sisters and parents!

Due to limited col space, some of my prose may seem more sterile. I hope all the fun isn't taken out of Cl notes. Perhaps the use of smaller type will solve the problem and let some personal touches continue to slip through. With that hope, my thanks to all whose efforts and whose attendance made the 50th such a treasure. Let's all take good care of ea other and hang in there for another 5 yrs!

Jan '43

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As rep in the Mar ed of our Cl notes, our one-and-only **Pappy Doyle** died suddenly 7 Nov 91 and was memorialized in a svc in his hometown of Clearwater, FL 9 Nov 91. Subsequently, as planned by **Jane Doyle**, Pappy's ashes were formally interred in the columbarium at Arlington Natl Cem on 15 May 92 following a mem svc in the old Ft Myer Chapel and a formal mil procession/ceremony to/at the columbarium, for which some 14 classmates served as honorary pallbearers. Later, Jane and mbrs of her family met with classmates and friends (incl Pappy's WWII sqdn cmdr) to reminisce and empathize. Less than a mo later, **June Dannacher** called **Joe Conmy** with the tragic news that her husband **Bill** had died suddenly of a stroke on 5 Jun 92. He was buried at WP on 12 Jun 92 and, in addition to June, is survived by their two daughters (Lynn Buchanan and Nancy Huppi) and 5 grandchildren.

Jan '43: Jane Doyle (ctr) surrounded by her son-in-law Gene & daughter Ruthie and grandson Alexander, son Butch, and daughter Patricia & Bill Cooke at the reception following Pappy's interment in Arlington Natl Cem, 15 May 92

According to the biographical sketch that Bill submitted to **Pete Grimm** for our 50th anniv yrbook, he was severely wounded during the Battle for Leyte Gulf while serving with the 96th ID. After lengthy hosp, Bill was ret for physical disability and became a prof (and later chm) of Mathematics and Physics at Valley Forge Mil Acad. In 55 he joined the newly-created computer lab of Franklin Inst in Phila as a research mathematician and worked on the first-generation UNIVAC.

Jan '43: Our late Bill Dannacher (ctr) with associates in the then-new computer lab at the Franklin Inst, Phila, 55

Jan '43: Alice Ross with her brother Howard Wehle, son John, granddaughter Rachel Harris and daughter Janet Harris at the reception following John's funeral at Arlington Natl Cem, 5 Mar 92

Subsequently, Bill introduced the first computer mainframe and taught the first computer course at Villanova Univ, where he continued to teach until he ret.

Jan '43: Bill & Peggy Knowlton congratulate newlyweds Bill Jr '70 & Sondra Knowlton following their wedding in Olathe, KS, 14 Mar 92

Here in the VA area, some 21 classmates and 9 wives got together at the Ft Myer O Club for a 16 Jun social/business luncheon. During the business portion of the luncheon,

- Cl Pres **Bill Knowlton** provided us with a preliminary sched of activities for our 50th reunion at USMA, 23–26 May 93;
- **Frank Camm** praised the efforts of Cl Secy **Pat Wardell** and **"Bev" Beyan** to identify/locate the primary next-of-kin of some 45 deceased classmates (primarily of WWII vintage) with the objective of presenting ea of them with a copy of our 50th anniv yrbook. In this context, Bev is requesting any info on the next-of-kin for the following Army Air Corps/USAF classmates: **Don Bruner, John Catlin, Jack Clark, Clough Gee, Herb Kolb, Jim Ledbetter, Jim Reynolds, Mac Smith, Ed Suor, Bill Tallant, Frank Thomas, Bill Tucker** and **Malcolm Wardrop**.

Jan '43: Pete & Ann Pavick with Bobette & Bob Watson from Santa Rosa, CA at Ft Bliss, TX Founders Day

Please send any info on these next-of-kin to Bev at 8802 Edward Gibbs Pl, Alexandria, VA 22309; tel (703) 780-4961. The list of missing next-of-kin of deceased Army classmates will be rep in our next Cl notes.

- **Bob Baden** provided additional info with regard to our 50th Reunion accommodations at the Park Ridge Marriott adjacent to the Palisades Interstate Pkwy; and
- **Pete Grimm** (ed-in-ch of our 50th anniv yrbook) informed us that the actual production of the yrbook has begun, though completion of the Cl history and selection of some photographs are still ongoing. In this context, Pete was delighted to hear from some 36 Cl wives who served in uniform during WWII, 26 of whom even incl vintage snapshots. According to Pete, distrib of the yrbook will begin at the end of Apr 93, with plans for preparing/distributing a post-reunion supplement now eliminated.

As Cl Secy, **Pat Wardell** also rep the following major changes in our 1 Jul 91 Roster of classmates, wives and widows:

- **Larry Bischoff**, now at 2590 Patriot Heights, CO Springs, CO 80904;
- **Paul Ellis**, now at 8650 Poison Oak Rd, Temple, TX 76502;
- **Jeb Stuart** moved again and is now at 424 Mendoza Terrace, Corona Del Mar, CA 92626; and
- Mrs **Albert L Lane** (now Mrs Ann Hurlbut), at 138 E 500th St, Jerome, ID 83338.

Incidentally, **Pat** just sent his 14th volume on VA genealogy to the printer and is hard at work on 4 more.

Among the recent travelers in our Cl were **Ernie & Dottie Raulin**, who came to the DC area to visit their daughter Leslie, a LTC in the Army Dental Corps at Ft Meade, MD. Leslie, however, is now on a 3-yr "sabbatical" at the U of MD to obtain her PhD in microbiology and, in addition, will shortly become a full COL—certainly a first for our Cl! Congrats to the Raulins! And speaking of daughters in the svc, **Bill Knowlton** ran into 1LT Nina **Page** (ANC, daughter of **Wray & Nina**) on a recent ceremonial visit to Berlin.

Meanwhile, **Ralph & Sally Hofmann** flew non-stop from Atl to Honolulu to cruise the

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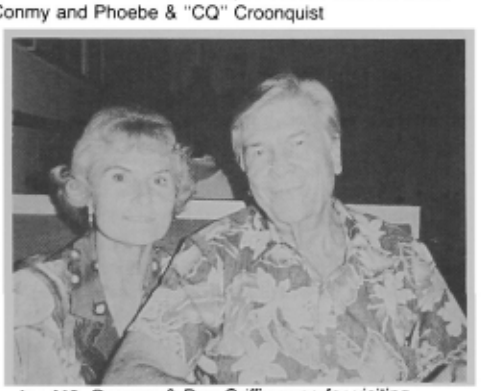
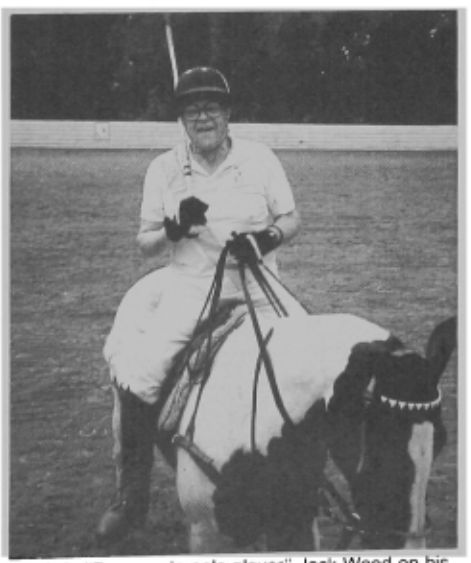
Jan '43: "Present and accounted for" at the DC area Founders Day celebration: Joyce Rebh, Frank & Arlene Camm, Ed & Dot Bennett, George Rebh, Marie & Joe Conmy and Phoebe & "CQ" Croonquist

Jan '43: Ernie & Dottie Raulin from Montecito, CA visit with their daughter Leslie, Boots Minckler and Jeanne Rebh in Arlington, VA



Jan '43: Dagmar & Don Griffin pose for visiting "mainlander" Ralph Hofmann at lunch in Honolulu

Jan '43: Ralph & Sally Hofmann (ctr) visit "B-wig" & Priscilla Berenzweig at their beachside condo in Honolulu



Jan '43: "Born-again polo player" Jack Wood on his favorite pinto after a chukker at the Temescula Polo Club 90 mi S of his home in Riverside, CA

isls of HI aboard the *Constitution*—the ship on which they returned from Italy in 55.

During their visit to Oahu, they enjoyed seeing the **Berenzweigs** and **Griffens**. Back on the CA mainland, **Jack Wood** hustles up and down the coast from Riverside to Ft Irwin organizing/promoting the activities of the WPS of the Inland Empire and Palm Springs, of which he is the VP. In addition, he rep that his Security Arms Co, Inc is "alive and well, thank you" and involved in mkting a central fire alarm system and a discount shopping svc. On top of all that, Jack has lost 20 lbs and is back playing polo with a private club S of Riverside. Like father, like son—he's "Tiger Jack!" Meanwhile, down in Beaufort, SC, **Fly Flanagan** is busy "repelling" the shouting curbside preachers who have "invaded the town" (as rep in the 27 May 92 *WSJ* and 14 Jun 92 *NYT*), but not the **Flanagans**' Parade Rest. According to Fly, he's just sent his copy-edited manuscript on the Just Cause opn in Panama back to his publisher (Brassey's of Macmillan) and is about 1/4 of the way toward completion of his next book (*North to the Euphrates*) on the opns of the 101st Abn Div in the Persian Gulf War. In addition, he continues to write about his experiences, observations and reflections on Army life in his "Before the Battle" series of articles in *Army* mag—the latest entitled "Keep the Army Community Together." As Fly remarks, "I just hope that I live long enough to write about everything that I have in mind." More power to you, Fly!

In closing, we offer our very best wishes to **Clarence Davenport**, who is recovering from prostate surgery at WRAMC. When he was asked how he was doing, Clarence is rep to have responded, "Not bad for an old man after such surgery," but he's got spirit!

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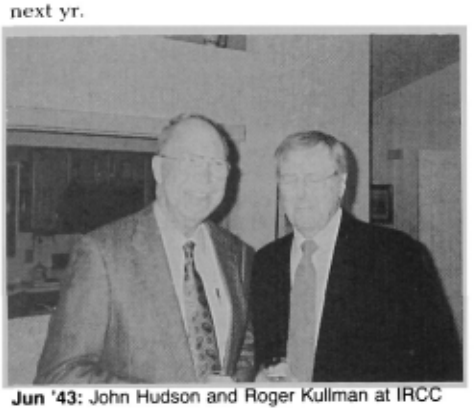
In this election yr, please note that **Jack Morris** has been re-elected to another term as trustee-at-large on USMA's AOG Bd of Trustees, commencing in Jul 92. At the same time, **Stan Pace** begins his term as our Cl trustee. With that kind of rep, we can't go wrong!

Dick Shaefer (by phone) and **Jim Bower** and **Chuck Puckett** (by ltr) have asked about our 50th Reunion, and many more, no doubt, also are curious. Here's **Bill Malone**'s memo of 28 May on the subject: "The dates are Sun noon, 23 May 93 through Wed noon, 26 May. Rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Holidome Inn in Suffern, NY (still considered to be the best bet available). Firm plans cannot be made with the Acad and AOG authorities until fall 92. Your cmte (**Bernie & Ann Rogers** and **Bill & Nancy Malone**) has sched a visit in Sep and should put out Reunion Bulletin No 1 shortly thereafter. For now, block out the dates Sun, 23 May 93 through Wed, 26 May 93."

Thanks to **Tim Ireland** and col files, here are more pix from the **Jim Walker** Mem Golf Tournament held 20–22 Feb 92 at the IRCC at Melbourne, FL. **Ken & Nancy Smith** are planning to join the growing Cl contingent there, so they may be around for the tourney next yr.



Jun '43: John Hudson and Roger Kullman at IRCC

On 15 Apr 92 the WPS of DC hosted an

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Jun '43: Bill Malone, Cobe Hurley, Gloria Dudley and John Bowley

Jun '43: Bud O'Connor and Gerry & Jack Morris

Jun '43: Chow hounds Keith Pigg and Bill Scott

Jun '43: Bob Mathe, Fran Ireland, Dutch Ingwersen and Wally Magathan

Jun '43: Bud O'Connor prepares to cut cake for granddaughters

Jun '43: Snuffy Rhea, Janey Glasgow and Art Surkamp

"Academy Forum" at the Ft Belvoir O Club, at which the Supe, Cmdt and Dean made presentations on current activities and plans at USMA. All 3 of these Acad leaders are accomplished speakers who assured us that cadet life remains a "Spartan experience" of educational and mil excellence. Whether the present legal provision dictating that Acad grads be commissioned initially in the Reserve will be set aside before it takes effect in 97 is unknown, but if it is not then the uniqueness of the academies and the presumption of long-term career commitment will be lost. Taking advantage of this rare opportunity to hear the Acad sr ldrship were **QC Atkinson, Calnan, Childs, Cover, Gordy, Hill, A Jones, McAdam, McGregor, Malone, Roos, Umlauf** and **Wickert**.

On 28 Mar **Bud O'Connor** was lured to one of the elite watering holes of N VA, where a surprise crowd of some 75 celebrants—incl a no of classmates—greeted Bud in honor of his joining the elite 70-yr category. This grand affair was splendidly arranged by son Terry O'Connor and his siblings. Bud was pleased!

When **Cecile** & I visited **Tommy & Suzanne Tomlinson** last Feb, Tommy told me that **Valerie Sonstelie**, widow of **Bob Sonstelie**, had relocated from the Seattle, WA area back to FL and could be reached at The Moorings, 1155 Reef Rd #C4, Vero Beach, FL 32960. Bob & Val's son Richard '66 has recently moved up again, according to a clip from the 13 May 92 *NY Times* sent to me by **Bill Spahr**: "Richard Sonstelie takes the helm this wk as CEO of the fast-growing Puget Sound Power and Light Co. . . . He has been pres and COO of the utility, and will retain the title of pres." **Tommy Tomlinson** himself underwent a serious prostate opn in Apr, as rep from **John Moses**, but at this writing (mid-Jun 92), he plans to resume his teaching duties this summer at N FL Univ.

The next two pics, from Herndon, VA last Mar, were provided by **Jack McGregor**. Incidentally, Jack has now shaved off his moustache for the first time in many decades.

Jun '43: Joe O'Hare, Jack McGregor, Hank Morgan and Chef Atkinson

In a reminiscent mood, **Jim Bower** wrote recently: "When I was 12, my grandmother gave me a set of 6 *Bill Bruce* books written by MAJ HH (Hap) Arnold—the father of our classmate, **Bruce Arnold**. I kept those books over many, many yrs and finally, in concert with Bruce, donated them to the WP Library in Bruce's name. (It is interesting to note that Bruce's father wrote these books to encourage young Bruce to read.) For the Jun '43'ers who grad into the Army Air Corps, we all remember with pride that GEN Hap Arnold pinned our wings on and spoke at our grad.

"**Del Perkins** is recovering very successfully from a prostate opn and is going to have a hip replaced. In my own case, along with **Bobbie Keck**, Pres Ford, **Sam Pinnell**, and some others, I now belong to the 'iron knee' soc." Many thanks for the input, **Jim**.

How about this for backup? Soon after receiving **Jim Bower**'s ltr, I got this from **Dutch Ingwersen**: "Encl is a pic of **Pat** & me with **Del & Jean Perkins** at their home in Brownsville, TX on 15 Apr. Del then went into the hosp on 19 Apr for a hip replacement. Jean said everything went well. . . . Now that I'm ret again, we're playing lots of golf. After our TX trip in Apr we went up to High Point, NC, where our daughter presented us with another fine grandson on 5 May."

Jun '43: Dutch & Pat Ingwersen and Del & Jean Perkins

In this col in the May 92 issue I rep how **Harry Heintzelman** broke his neck on 24 Jan 92 in an accident in his own home kitchen! Sustained by **Ruby** and by his own indomitable spirit, Harry responded to fine med care and went home from the hosp long before initial estimates indicated. Then, on 1 May, he was able to be picked up and brought to Ft Myer to rejoin the Cl Fri lunch gp. Since then, he has continued to gain strength and ability to walk with a cane, although much more therapy still lies ahead. Harry shares this note from **Bud & Dorothy Hough**, who wrote (in part): "We send our sincerest wishes to you for a full and speedy recovery. We also send our best regards to you & Ruby, and please also relay our greetings to our DC classmates & wives. For our part, a few yrs ago we became cruise escorts for Golden Age Travellers (a sr gp with over 9,000 mbrs). We have enjoyed our many cruises. We have been very busy at times, but it has been lots of fun. Aloha!"

Bob Clark, as you will remember, died on 6 Jul 89. Now I have an announcement card from **Priscilla**, saying "Priscilla Clark & Kirby

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Jun '43: Bud & Dorothy Hough on Rotterdam Circle HI cruise

Clements announce their marriage on Sat, 18 Jan—First United Methodist Church—Montgomery, AL." The return address indicates that she can be reached at 1740 Hillwood Dr, Montgomery, AL 36106. Our best wishes to these newlyweds.

My collaborator, **Jack the Duke of Novak**, made available a ltr from **LB Smith**, his old roommate: "**Ann** & I are heading for Winter Harbor, ME again this summer. We have a Revcon motor home and spend the summers near Acadia Natl Park. It is a quiet and relaxed atmosphere, with the nearest stoplight 35 mi distant. We hike the trails, read from a laundry bag full of books and sleep with two blankets. San Ant in the summer is sweltering, so we stay away from mid-May to early Oct. We will be attending our granddaughter's grad from Princeton and plan to tour the Cape Cod region with **Edie Shiely**. Here in San Ant our Cl has really come back to life, thanks largely to **Jim Phillips**, who has played ch honcho for the effort. We have 20 or more classmates here—and talk about enthusiasm. We are mtg every other mo now, and always have a fine time. Jun '43 is alive and well in this area!" Best wishes to you, LB, and many thanks.

Speaking of roommates, **Dan Cullinane** (my own) has written from Temple, TX to the inscrutable **Atkinson** that "**Peggy** & I are in remarkable health. Daily I discover new aches in my carcass, but they do not prevent me from using my mower regularly and tickling the golf ball now and then. Peggy is pres of several women's activities, and I am about to end my yr as pres of the local Lions Club." I rejoice to think of Dan valiantly pushing that mower onward (stout fella!) and presiding over the Lions' den. To horse!

On 27 May, Congressman Les Aspin, chm of the House Armed Svcs Cmte, addressed the WPS of DC at Ft Myer. He spoke on future policies for the Army Natl Guard; he was well-received. He stated that the House Authorization Bill approved by his cmte nullifies the requirement to commission Acad grads in the Reserve starting in 97. He expected this to pass the House but could not answer for the Senate. Classmates present were happy to be joined by **Bernie Rogers**, world chm of the USO. After his address, Congressman Aspin came by to exchange a word of greeting with Bernie. On hand were **QC Atkinson, Buzalski, Childs, Hamblen, Heintzelman, T Johnston, McAdam, Morgan, Naylor, O'Hare, B Rogers, Roos, Schroeder, Umlauf** and your's truly.

Malone and **Wickert** had a lunch party arranged for Jun '43 on 19 Jun at the Chesapeake Hills Golf Club in Lusby, MD. Will tell you about this next time. (Did you notice? Not one demise rep in this col. Keep up the good work!)

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We have had a glorious spring—cooler than some would like, but it let us enjoy a real rush of simultaneous blooms of azalea, pink and white dogwood, mimosa, crabapple, double-flowering peach, Bartlett pear, tulips, Rose of Sharon and several other goodies. L.A. in May was bland in comparison—until the riots commenced. Track my wife; she brought L.A. floods in Feb, earthquakes and riots in May.

Ray Gordon sent a good wrap-up from S CA: **Howard Metzler** plans to ret the end of Jun as Assoc VP for Development, Pomona Coll. (That means fundraiser, in these parts.) The coll brass threw him a surprise birthday bash in Apr. Congrats, Howie! **Hank Aurand** has put some of his just-developed software on the Shareware market and, with its sales moving along, has turned back to creating other programs.

Bill & Mazzie Steger are off to DC and France through Jul and then to a B-29 reunion at Boeing-Seattle in Aug. **Don Ingram** is busy debugging his new state-of-the-art facility for Ingram Paper. **Channing & Marie Gilson** have their Pasadena home on the mkt and are planning to move to my erstwhile second hometown of LaJolla. Lovely spot! **Leverett & Dorothy Jenks** are off to Istanbul in Sep to commence a 3-wk yacht tour of the Greek Isles, thence to Roma and Firenze. **Bill Bell** has finally sold his house in Bakersfield and moved to CO in Apr. In that matter, fellers, send your own $.19 address change cards to **Don Gruenther**. I wannabe neither your circular file nor your clerk.

There was a mini-square (two tables of bridge) in Antigua recently, **Bill Marks** and **Bill Courtney** rep.

1944: The mini at the Lord Nelson Club, Antigua, 92: Marks, Courtney, Pat, BJ, Anderson, Marge, Rock and Nick

Rock & BJ Steer started it, recruiting **Bill & Marge Marks**, who called the Courtneys. **Nick** just said, with perhaps more generosity than discretion, "The more, the merrier" and returned to his nap. **Carl Anderson** turned up for a couple of days. The photo provides evidence that the ladies were along to add couth and charisma—and to make sure these guys woke up every morn. Some were held over a couple of days when your friendly AF's C-141 was delayed. Courtney sez that the Antigua roads are not improved, but the real estate looks better with more paint. A new hotel of some 2,400 units is a-building. Nick's large-caliber cook is still with him, all were happy to acknowledge.

The name of Deborah Marie Shahid, granddaughter of **Ed & Kay Samuel**, was on the roster to grad from USMA with the Cl of '92; her parents are LTC Fred J Shahid '58 & Sallie Samuel Shahid. If the sched worked, on behalf of the Cl of '44, Ed presented an engraved silver tray to LT Shahid at grad.

1944: Jim Young receives AUSA award from GEN Thurman

Jim Young is shown receiving, from GEN Maxwell Thurman (USA, Ret) at a Feb 92 ceremony, a certificate of achievement and plaque from Natl HQs, Assoc of the US Army for his 16 yrs' distinguished svc on the Exec Cmte and as an off of the VA Peninsula Chapter, AUSA.

Dean Bressler spent a quiet 26 days on the Atlantic and Med in Apr as reward or recuperation from recent med adventures. All's well in Ft Collins, CO, at last word.

Despite the fact that **Bob Drake** (best man) and **Paul Kutchinski** (usher) were late to her wedding just after Jun Wk 44, **Beth Blanchard** consented a couple of yrs ago to join **George** in ret near the home of **Fran Drake** & Bob (George's cadet "wife") in the sand hills of NC. Bob & Fran had a pleasant visit with **John & Gretl Donaldson** in Paris last fall, where Johnny continues with the American Battle Monuments Commission.

Dan Lee sez **Paul Kutchinski**, encountered in San Ant, claims his TX ruby-red grapefruit out-juice those of FL and CA. You hams may call him up on K65CO.

LTC **Theodore Deane Silva** x-'44 was a plebe in L Co, found in plebe yr. He went on to flight sch and to fly more than 100 WWII combat missions over Ger and Italy as a B-17 pilot, was on Occupation duty later, then in SAC as an air crew cmdr. In 69–70 he cmded the 21st Spec Opns Sqdn, flying the CH-3E "Jolly Green Giant" helicopters on some of the toughest rescue and special missions in SE Asia; he ret in 71 after a final Pentagon tour. The Silver Star, 3DFC, Bronze Star and Purple Heart attest to the quality of a guy whom we were proud to have as a classmate and were sorry to see leave us, but who went on ahead of us to cast great credit on himself—and us—with a record of svc to which we all can point with pride. A resident of Alexandria, VA, he died on 7 May 92 at the AF Med Ctr, Andrews AFB, MD. Our condolences to **Ruth**.

We regret to learn that **Cas Myslinski** is seriously ill in Pittsburgh in an advanced

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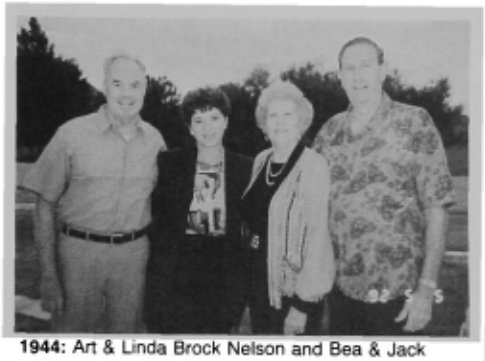
condition of Parkinson's disease. Any contact should be directed only through his family.

Les Babcock is seeking to replace his lost Cl ring. Interested donors may contact him directly.

On 22 Apr we had a Cl luncheon at the Secy Army Mess in the Pentagon; 27 local classmates attended. The record will show no mayhem and only enough disagreement to prove that some of us were awake.

Notice is hereby given, espec to all bragging that they have to make engagements early to fit their busy social scheds, that the Cl of '44 Christmas dinner dance will be held at the A-N CC on 3 Dec 92. Assembly will be at 1900 hrs, unless **Pat O'Donnell** tells us otherwise. This notice is given now since you won't receive any Cl notes in the next *ASSEMBLY* issue. However, I will solicit space from **Don Carter** in the Worldwide ltr due out o/a 15 Oct—*aider votre memoire*. All are welcome, Pat avers. Sign up with him.

Golfing with his brother in Phoenix, **Jack Petersen** was rep in town by mutual acquaintances to **Art Nelson**, who invited Jack & **Bea** to dinner in a beautiful house (which Jack earlier admired along a Scottsdale fairway).



1944: Art & Linda Brock Nelson and Bea & Jack Peterson in Phoenix

Art's wife, **Linda Brock**, is a leading auto dealer in the Valley of the Sun, where Art moved after he left Temple Univ Med Sch and its great bldg program, which he headed. His second career in Maricopa County and environs makes a unique story; more details hopefully in the future.

CLASS HISTORY. By other means, most of you will have been reached by volunteers who are soliciting you to send in stories of your adventures along the half-century trail we have marched, charged forward and flown together. In addition to their importance, there is some urgency that your input be received by end-92 if they are to weigh in the decision to go forward with this project.

I am informed that some authorities at WP believe there to be some disaffection for USMA among grads in the AF. I have no way to judge depth and extent of that. However, I think it would be a disservice to USMA, our Cl and the AF if the Air Corps contingent of 171 classmates, the largest branch selection of our Cl on grad, should fail to present in the '44 Cl hist the AF culture and experience as we have lived it. Except for high-level staff asgmts, '44 has made quite distinct and different applications of the WP heritage to country, combat and careers. Those applications I consider to be little or only superficially understood by many of our Army classmates. This is a time and place to tell your tales; this ex-bomber, -fighter, -recee, -airlift pilot oughta be able to spt them for you. Start engines!

As this is put on my computer, the 6 Jun date has slipped by for the 50th time since Pearl Harbor, the Doolittle Raid, Recognition and the Battle of Midway. How fortunate—and yes, how lucky we are—to find our names still on the roster! GSOYP,A!

'45

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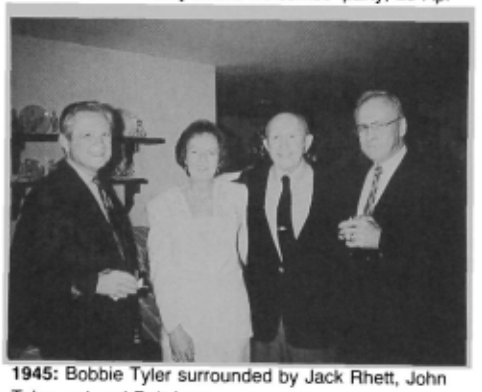
"The honour of your presence is requested at the marriage of Mrs Gerda Ursula Thomas to MG **Lawrence McCeney Jones, Jr**, US Army, Ret, on Mon, the 25th of May. Black tie, if convenient." It was a beautiful wedding, with many there in dress blues, followed by a sit-down dinner at the A-N CC for 200+. Prior to the wedding, **Jim & Ann Holcomb** held a party on 25 Apr for all the DC-area folks, plus some out-of-towners like **Jim & Nancy Munson**. **John Tyler** sent pix of this fine affair.

John now has ret after 49+ yrs, and he & **Bobbie** are going back and forth every 3 mos from Springfield to St Augustine, FL, where they have a condo on the beach. John is consulting for IDA and TRW on the future of DoD testing, evaluation and ranges for 3–4 days/mo. Thanks, John, for the news, and congrats to **Larry & Gerda**.

1945: Gerda & Larry at the Holcombs' party, 25 Apr



1945: Bobbie Tyler surrounded by Jack Rhett, John Tyler and and Bob Ives

At the wedding of **Pete Spragins'** daughter Cricket, at Beaufort, SC on 28 Mar, the Cl was represented by **John & Lolly Carley, Ted & Betty Lou Adair, Russ & Nancy McGovern**, and **Rolfe & Calista Hillman**.

A recent ad in the *New Yorker* invited readers to call or write about guided horseback trips in UT's high Uintas. This is our own **Arch Arnold**. **Rolfe** said that he, **Calista** and daughter Clissie tried it back in 75 and found it to be a true adventure—but a well-conducted adventure. (What happened to the llamas, Arch?)

Dipper Dallman sent me a clip from the

1945: Pete Spragin's daughter's wedding at the Beaufort Yacht Club, 28 Mar 92: Russ McGovern, John Carley, Ted Adair, Lolly Carley, Betty Lou Adair and Calista Hillman (pic taken by Rolfe Hillman)

Ann Arbor newspaper about our C-2 classmate, **Walt Campbell**. Walt has been a circuit court judge for a qtr-century and ret on 31 Mar. Walt has been called an outstanding legal mind by his colleagues. He is also an ordained Episcopal priest.

Peg McCaddon wrote that she and all the family planned to be present for the grad of the Cl of '92 at WP, as grandson Joe English is a mbr of the cl. They will present Joe with a Cl of '45 medallion showing Joe's hand holding young Joe's hand. The Long Gray Line continues.

Jane Rattan died 8 May at the Army Residence Community Nursing Home in San Ant. **Dot Root** wrote that she and Jane had been close friends since they both lived on Stewart Ave at Ft Benning in 53, and that Jane was a very special person who will be missed by all.

Pat Foley, wife of **Butch Foley**, died suddenly from cardiac arrest on 22 May. She was buried in Arlington Natl Cem on 27 May. We are all saddened by the loss of these two fine mbrs of the '45 family.

Don Henderson's status rep as of late Apr shows that, of the 135 mem articles needed, all but 16 have sponsors and 47 articles are completed. The WIN program (write it [your own] now) shows that 16 have been completed. The AOG notified Don that 13 articles are sched for pub in Sep and Nov issues, and 16 more in the Jan and Mar 93 issues.

Ray Griffith sent the pic of Tucson's FD. Ray said all keep busy, though most are ret. **Leon** produces wine from his vineyards, and Ray recently won the medal in Tennis Doubles at the Tucson Sr Olympics.

1945: Founders Day 92, Tucson: Henderson, Coulahan, Dombrowski, Griffith, Croal and Carr (Stein present but not in pic)

Al Bailey wrote that the FL Space Coast FD was attended by over 100, with the Cmdt as speaker. For those who can't believe these files have retained all their hair, Al sent a pic

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of '45 attendees.

Randy Heard stopped by to visit **John Swartz** in Feb. They took a short inland waterway pre-dinner cruise. **Paddy & Marge Driscoll** held their super St Patrick's Day Green Bash on 17 Mar at their beautiful Sun City Ctr home.

1945: Driscoll's St Pat's bash at Sun City Ctr, 17 Mar 92: Fehrs, Swartz and Driscoll

The qtrly luncheon of the Space Coast FL Cl mbrs was held at Patrick AFB O Club on 27 Mar. Hosts rotate. Hosts **Chuck Seeger** and **Dick Moore**, plus **Al Bailey, Ray Clark, Tom Gleason, Ed Gudgel, Bob Guthrie, George Jones, Norm Mallory, Bob McAlister, Herb McChrystal** and **Jim O'Brien,** attended.

Warren & Lois Stumpe were in FL for several days for Warren to attend a mtg of the Industrial Research Inst, an orgn for which Warren is a past-pres and now an emeritus mbr. While in the state they visited **Jane & Ray Clark** in their absolutely breathtaking new home along the Indian River on Merritt Isl. Ray secured good seats for all to watch *Endeavor* blast off.

1945: Lois & Warren Stumpe and Jane & Ray Clark at the Kennedy Space Flight Ctr launch of the shuttle *Endeavor*, 7 May 92

1945: Ray Clark and Warren Stumpe in 45

Only two other classmates are in the Milwaukee area: **Ed Michalak** and **Nile Soik**. They both ret from Allen Bradley while Warren ret from Rexnord and then Radian. Warren does a little consulting work and sits on several corp bds as well as being a mbr of several engr coll councils.

1945: Founders Day 92, FL Space Coast: (Back row) Dick Moore, Tom Gleason, Chuck Seeger; (middle row) Jim & Pat O'Brien, Katie Olson, Al Bailey, Betty Seeger, Dot & Ed Gudgel, Betty & Boots Blesse; (seated) Joan Gleason and Eileen Bailey

1945: Founders Day 92, FL W Coast: Betty & Bill Farley, Al & Johnnie Neville, Marge & Paddy Driscoll, Lori & Jack Fehrs, Ingrid & John Swartz and Hugh Parker

Andy Carhartt is now a volunteer Protestant chaplain at Fitzsimmons Army Med Ctr, where he and **Jack Richards** took their med exams in Feb 42 for entrance into WP. Andy works with HIV-positive soldiers and their families as well as chairing the Denver Presbytery's HIV work gp.

The DC-area spring Cl party was held at the **Iveses'** home in Alexandria. The usual annual Cl mtg was the longest in memory—almost 30 mins. The 35 classmates attending incl 8 from outside the immediate area: **Bob & Miriam Burgess** from Arlington, VT; **Van & Bunny Foster** from Fayetteville, NC; **Joe & Pat McDonough** from Annapolis; **Ky & Maria Murphy** from W Palm Beach, FL; **Al & Johnnie Neville** from St Petersburg, FL; **Ed Powers** from Colona, IL; **Harry & Nancy Shaw** from Easton, MD; and **John & Nancy Stoer** from Albuquerque, NM. The 35 classmates present acted as our reps and elected the offs and bd mbrs for the coming yr as follows: Pres **Dick Groves**, VP **Barney Broughton** and bd mbrs **Rolfe Hillman, Bob**

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McDaniel and **Bill Stewart**. Announcements: **Bob Waddington** was in the hosp after an opn to remove an aneurysm from his aorta. Plans were made for the annual decoration of '45 graves in Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax Mem Gardens on 24 May.

Our youngest son Jeff grad from the Uniformed Svcs Med Sch in Bethesda on 16 May. Now at the ripe old age of 35, he will be a med intern at Ft Benning Hosp and then plans to be a resident there in family practice for two yrs. **Mary Jane** & I were present for the grad ceremonies held at the Kennedy Ctr—most impressive. With 3 small children and two huge dogs, they somehow got through the problems of selling and cleaning up their home in Gaithersburg and buying and moving into their home in Columbus, GA. Jeff had 6 yrs' active duty as an Army veterinarian.

Let's hear it for a winning football season!

'46

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(190) As I start, it is the 48th anniv of D-Day. The word I get is that the Great Hall Project is going great. If we all pitch in we'll go over the top before you know it, and by our 50th we can all shout "hurrah!" **John Mathias** has mailed me a most current address list of the Cl, being mailed to Co Cl Reps along with their own Co list.

Jack McWhorter is massaging Cl data and setting up for the book he is preparing. He also is developing charts and graphs. Jack would like to be advised when someone learns of a classmate's death so that he may contact the widow or other family mbrs to begin preparing a mem article. Jack & **Millie** were visited by **George & Jean MacDonald** in early May as they were on their way back to Denver from **Bob Williamson's** in Savannah. In mid-Apr **Rusty Brunson** joined Jack & Millie for dinner. Rusty is working hard at becoming an accomplished artist. On 16 May **Judd & Delores Schulke** also visited the McWhorters to tour the Army Residence Community and USAA Towers in San Ant. Could it be they'll be leaving NJ?

Another FD photo, this from the Omaha WP Soc's 29 Mar 92 dinner showing **Jim & Norma Fuller** and **Ferd & Jo Anderson** (R) with the Trustins '45 (L).

1946: Founders Day 92, WPS of Omaha

Necrology: **Fields E (Bill) Shelton** passed away on 13 May 92 in Killeen, TX (I believe). **Elsa Schmitt**, **John**'s wife of almost 46 yrs, died on 14 Apr 92 in Mt Vernon Hosp, Alexandria, VA; she had been there since 15 Jan 92. John & Elsa had only recently left Verona to live in Ft Belvoir. John noted the following: Elsa was born at USMA on 13 Aug 26 while her father, WH Jones Jr '13, was a TAC; she was christened at the CDT Chapel, and she & John were married there on 5 Jun 46. Their son John is the Cl Godson. Elsa was buried in Arlington Natl Cem on 17 Apr 92. His address: 9002 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Apt 109, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060. As noted in Last Roll Call of the May *ASSEMBLY*, **Robert E Kaplan** died 18 Feb 92 in NY, NY. Bob was a resident of S Orange, NJ (near me). To the families of Bill, Elsa and Bob, I wish to extend the heartfelt sympathies of the Cl.

In the Mar issue I asked for your help in finding relatives of 7 classmates for **McWhorter**'s mem article project. It paid off in one case when **Howie Giebel** called Jack to advise that **John Bennett**'s wife **Sally** is now remarried to the CEO of Home Ins and lives in Short Hills, NJ. AOG received a call from Jeff Anderson '75, a classmate of my son (who incidentally is on his way to Wheaton Coll as PMST and now a LTC), to inform us that **Al Nemetz** suffered a stroke. Al, based on address list, is somewhere in Europe (perhaps Greece) and Jeff, I believe, is stationed in Europe also.

In Mar 92, **Corwin & Evelyn Boake**, from Ok, arrived in Istanbul for a two-wk tour of western Turkey. Without prior knowledge, **Pete & Connie Grosz**, from VA, booked the same tour. Needless to say, both couples were delighted to discover the other's presence. They enjoyed ea other's co while touring Istanbul, Izmir, Antalya and Ankara. A photo, taken at ancient Ephesus, shows Pete & Connie and Evelyn & Corwin.

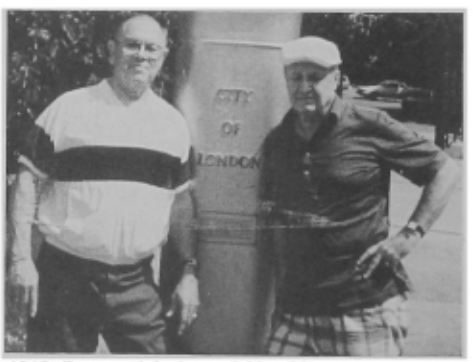
1946: At Ephesus, Turkey, Mar 92

Stan Baumgartner did a 25 km (16 mi) walk for the March of Dimes on Sat, 25 Apr 92 in the San Diego area. He states it reminded him of our plebe hike at Pine Camp—he recalled as a 28-miler. The troops slept well that night! **Prentice Whitlock**, on 16 May, grad from the Sch of Theology, Drew U, Madison, NJ with a master of sacred theology degree. In 83 he received a master of divinity degree from Drew. Additionally, he has a PhD from Fordham in 74 and from NYU in 85. He also has several other masters and is a full Prof (since 80) of Math at Jersey City State Coll.

Next photo shows **Jack & Joanne Miley, Joe & Mary Warren** and **Jim & Angele McClure** getting ready to go to a "Western" party on 16 May 92 in Sardis, MS while the Mileys and Warrens were visiting the McClures. Jack & Joanne were in France for two wks this Jun; they plan a family reunion in Aug at a beach in NC in a house that will hold all 18 of them. They spend a lot of time flying around the US visiting their kids and grandchildren and expect #9 in Aug. Miley's parents are in their 90's and his mom still drives. **Sam & Ethel France** expect #5 later in the yr.

1946: The Mileys, Warrens and McClures

Harl & Judy Koch made a 16-day trip through the W looking for Indian lore and the like. They covered CA, AZ, NM and CO. While in Phoenix they visited with **Jerry Butler**, one of Harl's roommates at WP. **Bill Withers** wrote **Randy Adams** a ltr suggesting the Cl promote the idea of willing our Cl rings to AOG; in this way they could develop a program of reusing the old rings in new rings to create a link to the Long Gray Line (see Mar 92 issue). Bill hopes to discuss idea at Reunion. Bill also gave us a rundown on his doings since 46. He left the AF in 54 and went to Cincinnati, OH to work for GE. He got into home bldg and other bldgs, as well. In 63 he & **Jackie** spent a yr in Europe, and his daughter Pam finished her last two yrs of HS in Switzerland. She is now an architect with her own firm in Vail, CO and has two kids. In Feb 92 Bill & Jackie moved to FL (11578 Lost Tree Way, N Palm Beach 33408).



1946: Daye and Jackson, 9 May 92

A photo of two '46'ers that got lots of applause on 4 Jun 46 was #875 out of 875 **Tom Daye** and #870 **Jack Jackson**, taken at London Bridge, Lake Havasu, AZ 9 May 92; it was Tom's 45th anniv.

1946: On the golf course, 12 May 92

Another photo of golfers **Bob Rufsvold, Ed Houseworth, Don Watson** and **Ralph LaRock** was taken 12 May 92 during a mini-reunion

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while Ralph & **Jane** were passing through on their way to VT from their winter home on Dataw Isl, SC.

'47

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Note above all the ways you can communicate with me. By PRODIGY, **Mockie & Mike Maloney** rep all is well in Naples, FL. The mo of May was absolutely superb weather-wise down there this yr, and now (early Jun) they are going back to summer billets in Hershey's Mill.

1947: Some of our more handsome classmates at Naples mini, 92: Mike Maloney, Bob Haldane, Hank Paul and Dick McAdoo

By computer ltr, **Marion & Mac McAdoo** rep that they will shift back to CT for the summer also. They sent pix of the now-famous Feb mini in Naples. Generally, attendees are (L-R): **Bernie Gardner, Mockie Maloney, Anne & Bill Cooper, Harry Kain, Marion & Dick McAdoo, Dixie Kain, Mike Maloney, Jackie & Tom Hayes, Cretellas, Mal Wright, Bud Vockel, Marcia Gardner, Helen & Harry Ball, Nelda & Jim Fraser, Barbara & John Gerrity, Judy Paul** (thank **Henry** for taking the pic), **Carol Vockel, Sue Wright** and **Elise & Bob Haldane**.

Betty Lou & Bill Reckmeyer rep in on INRI (Intl Research Inst) stationery that son Tony married in Dec; grandchild #33 has arrived. Both of them are still in great health despite Bill remaining as CEO of INRI and bldg a new home outside of Leesburg, VA. A news flash from the grade sch that the grandchildren of the Reckmeyers and the **Haigs** attend, states that Sam and Luke Crawford and Alexa Haig are the fastest runners in the mi run at sch. I am sure that they are faster than any of us now! **Lannie & Jack Dunham** encl a photo taken aboard the recent *Golden Odyssey* (LA, Mexico, Panama Canal) AOG cruise. Carol & Norm Robinson '48 also joined them in Acapulco.

1947: Aboard the *Golden Odyssey*: Tom & Barbara Clark '48, Jack & Lannie Dunham and Bill & Betty Conger

Marge & Bill Henry, with their son Scott, met **Marcia & Bernie Gardner** at the FD luncheon held at the Breakers Hotel in W Palm Beach, FL on 15 Mar. Later, when the Henrys traveled to CO Spr for their granddaughter's wedding, they visited with **Sue Biggs**. Marge's stationery showed a beautifully sketched pic of our Train Station at WP.

Happy news: Mrs **Barbara Anne Halama** & MG **John L Gerrity** announced their marriage on Tue, 28 Apr in Alexandria, VA. They will reside at 1708 Stonebridge Rd, Alexandria, VA 22304. We welcome you into the Cl, Barbara.

1947: The group at Pelican Bay Club in Naples, Feb 92

Sad News: **Bernie Adams** informed me that **Mel LeBlanc** died on 25 Mar in Gretna, LA from congestive heart failure. A full mil funeral was held for Mel on 8 Apr. The Cl extends deepest sympathy to **Peggy** and other family mbrs. Peggy had to enter Oschner Clinic in New Orleans for surgery on 8 Apr. She resides at 2169 Carol Sue Ave, Gretna, LA 70056; tel (504) 366-2413. Apparently, **Mel LeBlanc** served with **Ike Ickler** and Bernie Adams in the 26th Inf Div in Ger on first general asgmt. **Doc Haskin** and **John Mastin** were Mel's roommates during cadet days. I asked Bernie to write Mel's obit for *ASSEMBLY*, and Peggy has accepted Bernie's offer to write it. . . .

Betty gave **Pete Boerger** a word processor for Christmas, a gift I much appreciate because now I can read *all* of Pete & Betty's ltrs. I can only read half of some ltrs hand-scribbled by unnamed classmates/wives. Pete says he didn't get a computer because tennis, handball, golf, vol fire dept activities, security for Carolina Trace, etc, take up most of his time. If I didn't have my computer, I wouldn't be able to play tennis!

1947: Davy Perry, Bill Coghill, Bing Perry and Gerry Coghill at the Perrys' home in Monterey, 19 Mar

Gerry & Bill Coghill did *not* sail the S Pacific—the USAA exclusive 4-1/2-wk cruise was cancelled when the ship burned in Feb. Instead, they hopped a MAC flight to Travis AFB and then spent two wks vic Monterey visiting Gerry's sis, talking to the **Culins** (busy pouring more cement for addition to house) and seeing the **Perrys**. Anchorage has received a record 100+ in of snow this yr, half of which awaited the Coghills upon their return. See mailbox-high snow in pic.

1947: Springtime in Anchorage: Bill Coghill sending scribe a ltr

The big event of the yr for the **Geracis** was the marriage of son Stephen (Skip) to Christine Sell-Lehrer. The ceremony was in the Little Church of the W in Las Vegas, NV on 18 Apr, with just family and close friends attending. Son Allen was his brother's best man and

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daughter Martha, who flew all the way from Seoul, Korea, was matron of honor.

1947: Geraci's son Stephen's wedding to Christine in Las Vegas, 18 Apr

You'll receive this issue a few days before you depart for WP and vic for 45th. May it be a memorable reunion for you!

'48

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Our MS contingent represented the Cl with 100% attendance at the annual gathering of the WPS of MS, whose pres is **Curly Mounger**; pic confirms their attendance. **Bear Brennan** issued open invite to stay at his big house in Greenville for MS visitors.

1948: Brennan and the Moungers

Those of you needing tax help might call **Lyle Walter**. Lyle was chosen Ret Volunteer of the Yr at Davis-Monthan AFB for his work 4 full days a wk during tax time and 1/2 day a wk at the Visitors Ctr the rest of the yr. He recommends vol work to all who can spare a little time to help others.

Bob Pomeroy, prexy emeritus, concluded his off functions with the superb planning and execution of the spring 92 dinner dance at Bolling AFB O Club. Attending were the **Allens, Barondes, Bellingers, Braswells, Brattons, Brills, Doyles, Hallahans, Hollidays, Jerry Jones, Kastrises, Kritzers, LoContes, Macklins, Mummas, Packards, Patches, Plummers, Pomeroys, Schmidts, Shivelys, Bill Smiths, Starrys, Sunders, Swearengens, Wards, Wares, Whiteheads, Whitleys, Witkos, Gen Jones** and **Sylvester** (**Ginger Nelson Sylvester** was absent nursing a spring cold). Most of the same, along with the **Carl Andersons, Bradys, Sandmans, Seligs** and **Swenholts**, gathered the next day for a brunch at the Ft Myer Club hosted by the Allens, Brills, Patches, Shivleys, Starrys, **Anne Griffith** and **Nancy Pater**.

Lou Schalk couldn't make the affair because of ceremonies in CA commemorating the 30th anniv of the first flight of the SR71 Blackbird, of which Lou was the first pilot. Starry left after that wknd to make the dedicatory address at Leavenworth to induct SBM Young, J Devers and Bill Depuy into the Hall of Fame, followed the next day by dedicating the Abrams Auditorium at Ft Knox.

1948: The Hollidays in DC, spring 92

A highlight of May, if not the entire yr (or maybe decade), was the ceremony uniting '48 with '48. **Kathy Meinzen & Phil Day** were married at St Paul's Methodist Church in Columbus, GA on 2 May. Assisting as best man was **Bill Caldwell** and officiating close at hand were the **Hatches** from Atl and the **Mansours** from LaGrange, where **Nase** is well-known as Mr LaGrange.

1948: Newlywed Days at the Naples mini

Kathy & Phil's children were also in attendance. The Cl helped celebrate the occasion at the Naples reunion. The Days' biggest problem is to decide which house to live in this wk: Kathy's in Columbus, Phil's in Burlingame or the vacation place at Lake Tahoe. All the Cl joins in the very best wishes to our newlyweds.

Mercedes Hughes' daughter Sarah, after completing a two-yr Peace Corps asgmt in Mauritania followed by two yrs of Peace Corps recruiting in Boston, has been awarded a John MacArthur Foundation Jr Scholarship to work toward a PhD in poli sci at Northwestern. Mercedes keeps up her traveling ways, with a visit to Portugal and parts of nearby Spain this past spring.

Mid-spring saw 15 '48'ers join at lunch with Annapolis '47A & B at the A-N CC. The Navy war stories appear to be as imprecise as ours. A very nice function hosted by those we first met on CAMID, although **John Bellinger** ran into two tars who attended HS with him in Omaha. In attendance in addition to Bellinger were **Braswell, Bratton, Dingeman, Egbert, Hoffman, Kastris, Packard, Patch, Pomeroy, Shively, Swenholt, Thomas, Ward** and **Whitley**.

Our regrets to the classmates who were unable to make the Naples, FL mini-reunion. **Bob & Judy Cushing**, ably assisted by **Ken & Margie Pressman** and with help and participation from other FL-sited classmates, really did a job for the Cl.

1948: The Pressmans and Cushings, hosting at Naples

From a bubbling hospitality suite open at all appropriate hrs, to a BBQ on Marco Isl, golf, tennis, Everglades boating, fishing, etc, Sat's dinner dance, Sun's brunch and a phase-down cocktail party at Pressman's Mon night, it just could not have been better. Like always, visiting with those we do not see everyday made for a great time.

1948: The Bettis and Blakeslees at Naples

Coming from across the state and across the country were the **Barbers, Bartons, Bayers, Bettis, Blakeslees, Bradys, Brattons, Braswells, Caldwells, Carters, Crosbys, Days, Dingemans, Doodys, Garrisons, Genebachs, Hatches, Hoffmans, Marianne Kiernan** (who helped brother Cush in managing activities), **Leitners, Mathis, Moungers, Pabsts, Patches, Nancy Pater, Perrys, Dolly Petersen, Phillips, Pomeroys, Ruddys** (with guest Joe Font & wife, who you Riley '48 types may remember), **Schoenbergs, Steins, Stellings, Sunders, Swearengens, Taylors, Thevenets, Van Arsdalls, Wagoner, Ward, Wares, Whiteheads, Whitfields, Whitleys, Wally & Nancy Williams, Withers, Wursters** and **Youngs**.

Marianne Kiernan and **Bob Pomeroy** made a major contrib to future issues of this mag with their responsive and frequent pic-taking. You'll see more pix from the Naples mini in future issues, since space limits preclude incl them all in this Naples rep.

The **Waggeners** and **Barnett** couldn't make Naples, as they were involved in the Second Triennial Ozark Turkey Hunt. As Jack describes it, "After 14 days of reveille at 4:15 am, in the woods by 5:30, hooting, calling, cussing and tramping, we had a total kill of one decoy—bagged by Jim. . . (while). . . Mary Ella, without getting up at 4:15, hooting, calling, cussing or tramping, killed one nice

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1948: The Garrisons and Bartons at Naples mini

1948: The Phillipses, Ruddys and Leitners at Naples

turkey with her trusty 87 Oldsmobile. . . which was enjoyed for dinner." The pic shows Mary Ella with the tail of "her" bird, while Barnett displays his "kill," none of which was edible unless you like turkey-colored paint on plastic and wood.

1948: The Waggeners and Barnett

I regret to announce the passing of **Sam White** on 15 May in Branford, CT. Our deepest sympathy to **Joan** and daughter Laura. We lost Sam to cancer, after a valiant fight. His ashes were interred in a private ceremony in Jun at WP.

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Class Ring found; see Bulletin Board.

Good news—**Harry Maihafer** rep TX A&M Univ Press will publish "our" book on '49 in the Korean War—perhaps by spring 93. Harry says he's really happy, espec being able to pay tribute to those who didn't make it back. He's listed names/units of the 245 who served there. Now he's preparing a few maps (says being 21st Sec MT&G should make this interesting) and looking for some pix of individuals plus action/background shots. If you can help, contact Harry at 6601 Fox Hollow Rd, Nashville, TN 37205; tel (615) 356-5577.

John Miller has been appointed to the NASA Advisory Council and named Chm of the Cmte for the Space Station Freedom Program. As an independent advisor, John will review programs and counsel the NASA Administrator and the program mgrs. Congrats, John. For those space buffs who'd like a pipeline to the top for ideas, John can be reached at POB 38, Westport Pt, MA 02791.

1949: Geny & Charlie Smith

Dick Bowman says his heart is better than ever following some repair work (a new valve, as I recall). Two FD photos arrived. The one of **Charlie & Geny Smith** is "to let the Cl know how I am faring after chemotherapy." He rep a current hobby is doing calculus problems—using books in Spanish and Portuguese—each to his own. . . . He says he's very happy that Geny has her permanent Green Card. Charlie adds that he has discovered he is the oldest in the Cl (16 Dec 22). Hey, guys, do you realize what Charlie will celebrate in Dec? Good luck!

1949: George & Joan Orton, Joe & Joann Eagers and Neal Judd at Hilton Head Isl

The second FD photo is from Hilton Head Isl, SC, showing **George & Joan Orton, Joe & Joann Eagers** and **Neal Judd**. The Eagers did the arrangements and decorations for the dinner. Joanie writes that she's serving as George's secy to rep the news. She says their grandchildren think the Judds' place is the greatest, with dock, boat, dog and "ever-patient Neal & **Teddy**." Adults, too. A few mos ago the Judds gave a party "straight out of a movie set." Mbrs of the Jazz Soc (in which the Judds are active) played, under a full moon, as partygoers wined and dined the night away. Joanie says she & George are spting the med profession, so traveling is a problem. She notes that George's waist is now smaller than when he was a cadet. Sure knows how to make some guys a bit envious. She rep that **Peg Hickey** and her sister Joan visited in Apr, as did *all* children and grandchildren. She also says they have recent ltrs and pix from **Pat & Jack Forrest** and **Murray & Beth Williams**. Thanks, Joanie.

1949: Jim Wilson, Ann Lamar, Marjorie & Clay Moran and Kirby Lamar at F-1 micro-reunion

Kirby Lamar sent a photo of a "micro-reunion of F-1" on 3 Apr, to celebrate **Jim Wilson**'s visit. Kirby says Jim, who "has been hibernating in San Fran," came to visit his son in the DC area. Kirby adds that Jim expects to be back for the 45th Reunion. Kirby later sent a copy of **Jack Forrest**'s "excellent article" in the May 92 *Army*. Jack briefly reviews potential dangers to the nation if we excessively disarm. He writes that we are in danger of forgetting the lessons of history.

At the 19 May Pentagon luncheon were **Malcolm Agnew, Charlie Adams, Bob Black, Ted Boland, Dick Bowman, Jack Carr, Jud Conner, Jack Cronin, Hill Dickinson, Allan English, Bob Ennis, Al Fagg, Phil Feir, Tut Hendricks, Bill Hoffmann, George Hoffmaster, Ed Howard, Bill Huber, Don Keith, Art Kingdom, Wes Knapp, Bill Lake, John Maurer, Dean McCarron** (MA), **Gene Mechling, Clay Moran, Dick Morton, Wayne Norby, Larry Ogden, Bob Pfeiffer, George Pollin, Al Singletary, Duane Smith, Orton Spencer, Lee Surut, John VanderVoort, Ed Yellman** and your scribe. Bob Pfeiffer brought son-in-law Bob Curran '72 and a small Mid-Eastern prayer rug. The rug pic various automatic hand-held and shoulder weapons. Changing world, huh?

Don Keith rep the 45th Reunion Cmte visited several hotels and selected the ones for the reunion. There have been 214 positive responses, indicating about 400 people plan to attend. **Bob Leisy** is leading the planning for a mini-reunion at Lake Tahoe in 93. The 50th Gift Cmte, headed by **George Sylvester**, met in Houston in Apr (present were **Jack Hammack, Bob Kemble, Emil Nakfoor** and your scribe). The cmte plans to meet with the Supe in late Jul.

This Memorial Day flowers were placed on the graves of '49'ers buried at Arlington, as has been done for many yrs. **John VanderVoort** headed the team. Other vols were **Jack Carr, Jud Connor, Bill Hoffman, Wes Knapp**, and **Bob Pfeiffer**. **Ed Hindman** volunteered to place flowers at the Vietnam Memorial. You history buffs might like to know that, of the 43 grads of the Cl of 1849, 37 were alive at the start of the war in 1861. Twenty-four served the N (5 MG, 4 BG, 2 MH) and 13 the S (1 MG,

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7 BG). The last 3 (all CSA) died during the final 50 days of 1910. A name from that cl you may recall: Stephen Vincent Benet.

1949: Ann & Bill Stemple in Phoenix

1949: Don & Erika Keith, Jim & Mickey Hartinger, Frank & Bette Hinchion and Mike & Avis McNamee

We have room for a few more pix from the Phoenix mini in Jan. The one of the **Stemples** was taken by **Ted Demuro**, and the next shows some L-1 files & spouses. Frank says **Ray & Ann Klemmer** left before the photo was taken.

1949: George Sylvester, Collier Ross and Jack Albert

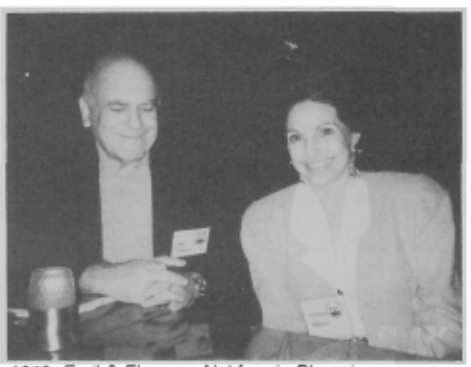
Next is a chow scene featuring **George Sylvester, Collier Ross** and **Jack Albert**. The final 3 are of the **Cralls, Rosenblatts** and **Nakfoors**. Some guys look good even with their eyes closed. . . .

Jack Haynes sent a pic postcard of himself and 10 other swordsmen, made at the same time they were making a video ad for a local bank, all with their faces covered by masks. But one can tell Jack by the Minor A on the left shoulder of his fencing uniform.

The sched '49'er fall luncheons at the Pentagon are 15 Sep and 10 Nov. Call **Art Kingdom** at (703) 569-9360 for a reservation and to confirm dates. For your long-range planning: Are you ready for a '49'er Millenium Ball, 31 Dec 99, at many places throughout the US—all interconnected via a video network?

1949: George & Muriel Crall in Phoenix

1949: Dick & Lois Rosenblatt in Phoenix



1949: Emil & Florence Nakfoor in Phoenix

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Summer is finally in the air here in DC. The biggest news, I'm sure, is the apparent election of **Eddie Ramos** as pres of the Philippines. Though the official declaration has not been made, and there may be challenges, the quick count put him well ahead of his rivals. Just at the time most of us are enjoying ret, Eddie is taking on a vast responsibility and a difficult challenge in svc to his country. All of us wish him & **Ming** the very best in such a great cause. It has been a source of great pride to all of us that he has carried over the WP motto and teachings into his life of svc.

A couple of other items in the news: **John Wickham** was honored by the local United Way chapter for his ldrship of the annual fundraising campaign, where, despite the recession, he raised some 5% more than the preceding yr. And those of you who read the 11 May *US News* saw **Joan Vinson Stallings** leading the Maryland effort to draft Ross Perot. Joan had accompanied Perot to Paris in 69, trying to get info on **Bobby** and other MIAs.

Out in Las Vegas in Apr, Co D-1 had a get-together, worked out by **Otto Kuckhahn** and **Tom Fife**, enjoying renewing old friendships over "happy hours," dinners and shows. Of 23 living classmates who had been yearlings together in the co, 13 showed up with 11 wives: **Vern & Marge Gatley, Bob & Jan Ruckman, Walt & Ann Stanto, Dick Keller, Bob & Janet Gard, George Cannon, Bob & Sue Weber, Arch & Jeanne Wood, George & Hannah Bell,** Otto & **Trudy Kuckhahn,** Tom & **Sue Fife, Hank & Bertie Gilbert** and **Clark Duncan**.

1950: 97th Sig Bn reunion

At the same time, over in Ger, there was a reunion of the alumni of the 97th Signal Bn on its 50th anniv: **Grady Bannister, Al Crawford, Bess Bannister, Betty Crawford** and **Connie & George Fullerton**, all of whom had their first Army asgmt with the bn. At a dining-in Al was the guest speaker; then all attended a parade honoring the occasion.

Speaking of reunions, **Blackie Bolduc** and the San Ant "gang" rep that they still can accommodate people at the Menger in Oct for the mini—contact them.

A mini-reunion in FL for Oct 93 is well underway, guided by **Tom Loper** and **Ed West**. More info to come in an Oct mailing. The Lopers, by the way, have a new grandson, Tom III, born to CPTs Tom II & Kathy on 21 Mar in Salinas, CA. Both parents are '83 grads and are at the Naval PG Sch. Tom I & **Jinny** were at an Elderhostel in Crescent City, CA, studying watercolor techniques at the time, but quickly managed to welcome the new family mbr.

A couple of FD pix came in [see next pg]. **Gerry & Kathy Monson** represented us at the Omaha dinner, while in FL quite a crowd showed up: (rear) **Lou Dixon, Sib Sibbles, Ann & John Howard, Pete Todsen, Bruce Petree, Otto Kuckhahn, Bill Aman**; (ctr) **Joy Viskochil, Nancy Sibbles, Bill Ward, Elaine Dixon, Barbara Petree, Trudy Kuckhahn**; (front) **Elaine Ward** and **Woody Aman**. Lou rep that the gp there continues to grow.

While a no of classmates and widows have selected FL for ret, **Phil & Lorel Bolte** are making an odyssey of their search for a new residence. They have sold their house in the DC area, stored their furniture and packed their RV for a couple of yrs on the road. Not wanting to be out of touch, Phil has a mobile phone: (317) 984-4622.

Some others are taking shorter but equally interesting trips. **Andy & Fran Pick** sent a card from Egypt, written on a plane over Abu Simbel—"plenty of stone and sand." Next they were to take the *Sun Boat* up the Nile.

Macon Fooshe sent her card from AZ, where she had taken her two college grads, Ann Carter and Cabell, for sightseeing, tennis, hiking, golf and general togetherness.

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1950: Founders Day 92, Space Coast

1950: The Monsons

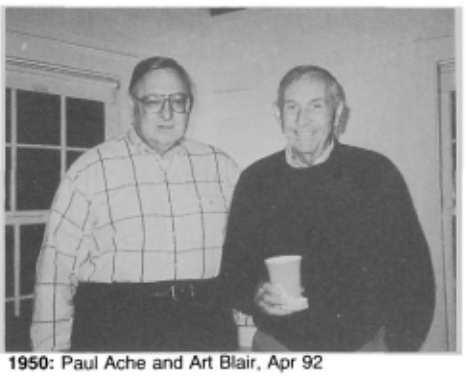
Our intrepid travelers, **Mel Johnsrud** and his brother Sherm, are off again for their 4th yr of travels, starting this time in MN and going to Las Vegas before attending a reunion of Mel's WWII regt in FL.

A little closer to home, the **Smitherses** gathered a gp from the Tidewater area at their "new" part-time home in Hampton, VA.

From Hampton the gp moved up to the **Joneses**' place near Williamsburg. Got caught up on the **Quarsteins**. **Vern** is on the faculty of ODU in Norfolk, VA, where he teaches business strategy, policy and human relations. He also does considerable research and writing and will have an article on job satisfaction published shortly by the Travistock Institute in London. **Mary** does vol work, incl work with the DAR and Casemate Museum at Ft Monroe. They live in Hampton; their 3 children are scattered. Pamela is a bank trust systems consultant, helping convert a no of large trust computer systems to new forms as the result of acquisitions; John is married, directs the War Memorial Museum of VA in Newport News and teaches and lectures on the Civil War; and Marianne is married and works for an environmental engring firm in PA.

1950: Weekend in VA Beach

Also down in that area, **George & Connie Fullerton** have a condo in VA Beach just south of Ft Story. In May they had a gp of us down for a bridge wknd; activities incl lunch on the *Spirit of Norfolk*, followed by a tour of the MacArthur Memorial conducted by longtime dir **Lyman Hammond**. The photo shows **Bob Lunn, Bill DeGraf, Lou Lunn, Laurie Eek, Robin** and Connie & George Fullerton.



1950: Paul Ache and Art Blair, Apr 92

Art Blair sent a pic taken with **Paul Ache**. Art & **Barbara** visited with Paul & **Betsy**. **Bill & Trema Berry** were to join them also, but Bill promised his granddaughter that he would run in some 10K race with her. The Blairs share Bryan, TX with **Harry & Jojo Coyle**, whom they see frequently when the Coyles are not traveling. At the time of Art's note, the Coyles were in Paris. Art, by the way, after spending days during "Desert Storm" talking to the media, has written *At War in the Gulf: A Chronology*, pub by Texas A&M. Art is the deputy dir of the Mosher Inst at A&M, which recently hosted a conf on the industrial base. Art said that **Dick Leavitt** gave the best presentation of the conf.

While on new books, **Larry & Jo Jackley**'s son has written one called *Hill Rat* about his yrs on Capitol Hill.

From Pebble Beach comes a pic of **Leo Wegner** and **Ray Singer** in the Del Monte Forest Invitational. Leo claims there is no truth to rumors that a special crew had been assigned to fix up the course after them or that

1950: Wendy Phillips, Tillie Smithers, Vern & Mary Quarstein, Sara Ann & Lyman Hammond, Hank & Phyl Singleton, Eloise & Jake Allen and Gloria & Mark Jones

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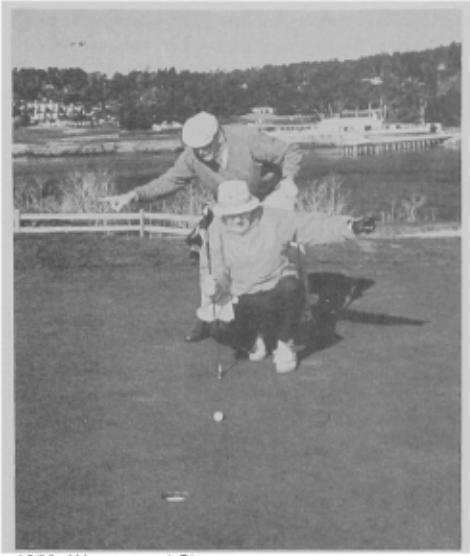

1950: Wegner and Singer

they are banned from future tourneys.

Chuck & Peg Tonningsen tell of some of their experiences in Penang, Malaysia: their mail is opened and any cash donations stolen; cars a bit expensive there—like $25K for a stripped Nissan Sentra; and little things like lawn mowers are hard to find. Among other things, they are teaching English to Koreans for their gp.

In Apr got a call from **DS Wilson**. He & **Cynthia** were on a 3-wk trip visiting children. In Phila they saw Melissa, who was expecting in Jun, and were on their way to see Brad in Chantilly, VA. He operates a Bombay Co store in Landmark. Walter got a great 40th birthday present—his LTC leaves. He is at Ft Lewis but will head to Korea soon. Lawrence is still with NORAD at CO Spr.

Morris Herbert ret in Jul after working 13 yrs for the AOG, most recently as VP for Communications. He & **Faith** will spend 4 mos in England this fall before returning to Highland Falls.

Sadly, **Robin Maresca** died 23 May in Alexandria, VA after many years of illness. She is buried beside **Maurie** at Arlington and is survived by her twins, John and Bob; by daughter Gigi DiViccaro; and by granddaughter Jennifer. We all join in sending our sympathy to the family.

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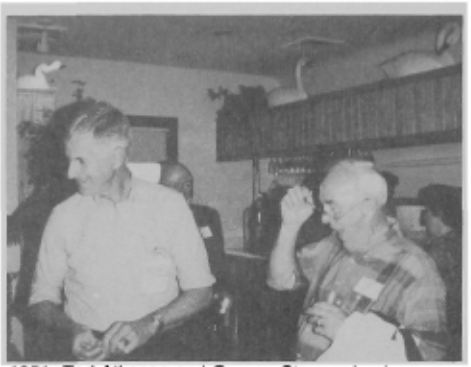
Cl Activities: The 40th Reunion Book has been mailed, and if any of you who attended the 40th did not receive your book, please let me know and I'll send one. Special thanks to **Dick Ryan** and **Otto Doerflinger**, who did the lion's share of the work on the book.

Interested in a ski mini reunion at Steamboat Springs, CO, the second wk of Feb 93? **George Stannard** is OIC. It is Winter Carnival wk, with lots of activities inside and out for young and not-so-young, for skiers and non-skiers. It is a BIG wk and reservations must be made soon. Call George at (703) 659-2280.

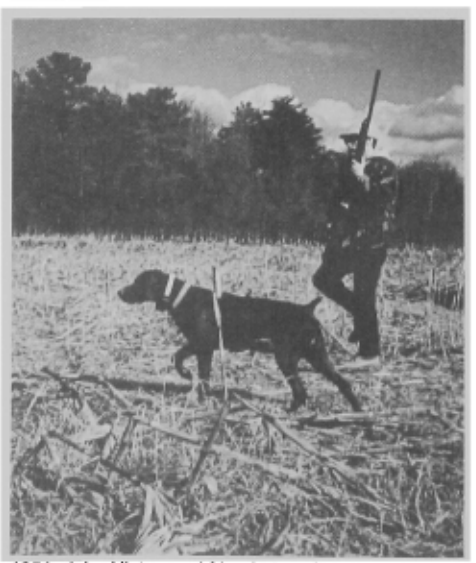
Jean & I were honored to rep the Cl at WP during Alumni Wk for the presentation of the Outstanding Grad Award to GEN Andrew Goodpaster and Dr Thoralf Sundt. This long-overdue award was funded by '51 and resulted primarily from the efforts of **Shy Meyer, Roscoe Robinson** and **Elmer Pendleton**. Well done!

1951: Stop me if you've heard this one—Tom Williams at A-N Game



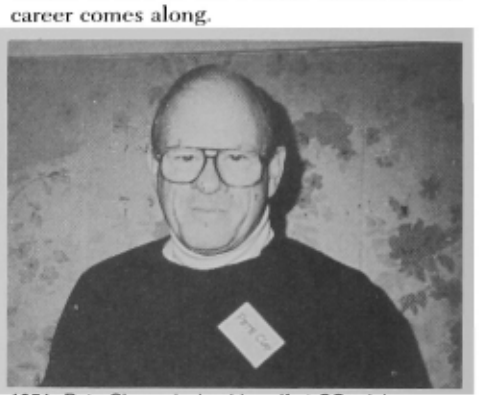
1951: Ted Atkeson and George Stannard enjoy a joke at Outer Banks mini

1951: Joan Keesling and Sally Atkeson at Outer Banks mini



1951: John Hinton and friend at work

Regional Spotlight: Mid-Atlantic area. Reps are **Earl Keesling, George Gardes, Ken Holle, Bob McDonald, Don Van Matre** and **Dan Wardrop**. Dep reps are **Dean Mulder, Otto Doerflinger, Godfrey Crowe, Walt Klein, Pete Beczkiewicz** and **Paul Summers**. Dan Wardrop rep **George & Faith Stannard** visited **Lew & Marillyn Casbon** in Ger last May, then toured Holland and England. They also flew to Brooke AMC in San Ant for son James' grad from orthopaedic residency. Bob McDonald rep **Howie & Dotsy Steele** are first-time grandparents—daughter Robin had first grandchild, Nathan Alexander, last Thanksgiving. **Bobby & Gerry Hendricks** took daughter and 3 grandchildren from Tampa, FL to a wedding in OR last Feb. They also had a winter wonderland visit to Timerline Lodge on Mt Hood. In Jul Gerry started second ret (from UTC) by spending a great summer at their 1000 Isl vacation home with grandchildren, boats, etc. Bobby & Gerry intend to live in Mt Vernon unless a third career comes along.



1951: Pete Clay enjoying himself at CO mini

1951: Tom & Gail Hastings, Dean & Nancy Mulder, Rocky Milburn, Bill Baird and George Stannard at CO mini

1951: Don McGann and Terresa Stockdale (Bill & Alice's daughter) at CO mini

Larry Crocker is still with ScienTech Inc, currently spting DOE on construction of a new reactor to replace aging reactors at Savannah River. In his idle hrs Larry works on updating the Offs Guide (which he has done

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for 20 yrs). The latest ed is the 46th. In Mar Larry & **Pat** flew to HI to visit Pat's sister. They also traveled to Las Vegas, but Larry rep that winnings did not spt an early ret. Youngest son Rick & wife presented Larry & Pat with a grandson recently—#5.

Bob Yerks rep that he is TDY to Monrovia, Liberia on asgmt with Intl Bank, a subsidiary of USLICO Corp. He manages the Liberian Flag Fleet of over 1,800 vessels—not your typical job for an Army type. He is also involved in negotiating a protocol agreement with the Liberian Govt. Since only the capital, Monrovia, is in govt hands, it is a testy situation, but Bob & **Iris** hope to stay 3–4 yrs, taking two trips home ea yr. Bob celebrated FD solo by toasting "all you great classmates," and asked that I send his best to all.

George Gardes rep that Her Honor, the mayor of Middleberg, VA, **Anne Lackman**, has decided not to run for another term. **Bill** successfully ran for town council and takes ofc 1 Jul. In May Bill was promoted by SecDef to Dir Central Imaging Ofc. His ofc does for DoD what NASA does for signal intelligence. Congrats, Bill. **Otto & Martha Doerflinger** have been to the Caribbean, NY and Atl, but travel plans are on hold until daughter Jean's wedding in Aug. George Gardes rep fishing for rock fish in Chesapeake Bay. He caught 25 but threw them back. Rock fish have to be 3 ft long to keep. **Dean Mulder** rep from Bowie, MD that he is an engr for Prince George County and **Nancy** is Prof of Nursing at PG Comm Coll. Dean had surgery for cancer of the prostate, has recovered and is expected back at work in Jun. Son Steve is an atty in Anchorage, AK. Daughter Susan and family live in Newark, DE; she & her husband are with Dupont.

1951: Bill Quinn and Cessna

Sorry to rep **Earl Kessling** has been in intensive care at WRAMC for problems of oxygen-poor blood. **Joan**, our prayers are with you & Earl. **Chan Goodnow** rep family goal is to give **Ann** all possible spt. She is doing well—her lung capacity actually has increased. Chan & Ann visited FL in Feb and had a great eve with **Shirley & Russ Walthour**. In Jun, Chan & Ann planned to renew their H&H golf series with **Scotty & Ron Roberge**. Last yr the Roberges won, and Chan got to spring for brunch at the Hyatt Regency in Balt Inner Harbour. An operating table heart attack slowed Chan down last yr, but he's now hitting his driver 240 yds. He enjoys his job but looks forward to ret in Sep. **John Hinton** rep from St Inigoes, MD that he went to Atl to join **Walt** and his sister **Nancy Russel** at the wedding of their youngest daughter Anne. **George Meighen** also attended.

John Hinton rep his short-haired pointer pup completed his first hunting season and

1951: Gordon & JoAnn Danforth, Bob McDonald, Jeanette Howes, Rita McDonald and Ed Suver at CO mini

turned in some champion performances.

Here and There: **D'arcy Charney** rep that she is working 3 days a wk for her son, who took over **Ted's** business. **T Nance** rep that he spent a few wks in British Columbia. His leg continues to heal, and he has hopes of skiing next season. T rep **Del Ring** is also among the walking wounded. He broke a finger while playing with one of his horses. **Roy Herte** rep he was the lone '51 type at FD in Monterey. He also rep that **Mary Ann** ret in Jun from teaching.

1951: Don & Sara Leehey and Ed Zuver at LA Founders Day dinner

Ed Zuver rep that, after a 40-yr gap and after attending our 40th Reunion and CO mini, he is really getting into the spirit. He went to the LA FD because the WP Glee Club was there. Ed stayed with the **Leeheys** and attended FD with them. Ed and other former Glee Club mbrs sang the Alma Mater with the Cadet Glee Club, and a great time was had by all.

Thanks for your great spt. Keep those cards and ltrs coming.

'52

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Our 40th Reunion was thoroughly enjoyed by 410 grads, wives, widows, children and guests—a very encouraging and welcome number. The reunion cmte's arrangements worked out well, particularly the choice of the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown. The unstructured first day gave all of us a chance to renew friendships in a variety of activities—river cruise, golf and local tours. **Jerry Brisman**'s buses made the connection with the Acad comfortable and convenient. All in attendance were most gracious in their praise of **Tom Rehm** and his cmte for their plans and efforts. Deserving special mention are **Walt Ulmer** (mem svc), **Paul Malone** (ambience), **Dick Wiles** (finance and acctng) and **Luddy Harrison** (assistance from his spot at the AOG).

1952: Sundt and AOG's Distinguished Graduate Award medal

The reunion was highlighted by two presentations of particular interest to the Cl as a whole. The AOG presented its Distinguished Grad Award to **Thor Sundt** during the Alumni Review.

1952: Sundt and the McKnights at Tarrytown Banquet

In a follow-on ceremony in Wash Hall, Thor responded by recalling the formative nature of plebe yr, principally resulting from the actions and lessons of "The Ace." In so doing, he raised the "plebe story" art form to a new level, all of it exceedingly complimentary to then-COL Collins, the system and the Acad. Its essence was that, in situations where one senses justice is lacking, self-discipline carries the day—and allows one to succeed and achieve even great success. Spines were stiffened and emotions visible as Thor recounted some basic truths about WP and ourselves. His performance, delivered under very trying personal circumstances, will reside forever in our memories. I hope those not present will be able to view recordings of this inspiring performance.

The other presentation, very moving for a different reason and emblematic of the goodness that only the best of us can manifest, was made to **Vince & Ruth Bailey** for their 25 yrs of devoted care to **Metz Seebach**. A beautiful Steuben bowl was presented as a token of Cl appreciation, along with an inscription as follows: "To Ruth & Vince Bailey—for com-

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1952: Hannan, Pat Ralph, Hastings and Ralph

1952: Raiford tells bicentennial plans

passion and dedication beyond measure—May 92."

As you may recall, **Metz** suffered severe head injuries in an auto accident at Ft Benning in 52 and subsequently was placed on the ret list with 100% disability. The **Baileys** were frequent visitors of the **Seebach** family in subsequent yrs and were able to help in several ways with Metz's affairs. In 68 Metz's father became ill just as Vince was preparing to depart for VN. The Baileys committed themselves to Metz' care and Ruth accepted responsibility as court-appointed conservator, a task she still performs today. Ever since, they have looked after Metz, at times in their own home, but usually in nearby qtrs under their continuing supervision. Throughout the yrs the Baileys have provided love and care, seeking neither recognition nor reward. For all of this, they have earned the profound thanks and deepest admiration of the Cl. (Metz now resides at Sleepy Hollow Manor here in the DC area; he is in good spirits, welcomes all visitors and sends his best wishes to all.)

1952: Exec Cmte Chm Kenney runs business mtg

The business mtg was devoted mostly to plans for our 50th reunion and the Academy's bicentennial, but we took time to re-elect **Dick Larkin** pres for another 10 yrs. **Raiford** reviewed planning and achievements to date from his vantage point as chm of the Bi-Centennial Steering Cmte. **Mullane** discussed AOG issues from the pres' viewpoint. **Hayford** covered fund raising approaches. In response to a call for vols, **Lasher** accepted the post of ch fundraiser for our 50th reunion gift to the Acad. And **Leonard** explained the circumstances that led him to make a sizeable contrib to the AOG Gift Fund for the enhancement of Shea Stadium. A newsltr rep on these matters and incl the mins of the business mtg will be sent to the Cl this summer.

The picnic Tues eve, held indoors due to weather, turned out to be a lively affair.

Malone regaled us with the genesis of all the artwork he produced for the reunion and delivered other remarks that reflected humor-

1952: Malone's "Name the Femme" Contest, circa 52

ously on the human condition—just the right touch to close an emotional day. **Ashton** delivered a short paper on the changes our generation has witnessed—again with much humor. His bottom line: "Those of us here lived through all of the above [changes] as well as the Great Depression and 3 wars, but we survived!! What better reason to celebrate!" (Call or write me if you would like a copy of his complete remarks.)

1952: Pimentel, Weinert *et al* headed for River Cruise

1952: The Hamiltons going aboard River Cruise

Other notes from the reunion: GEN Irving (our Supe) was present for his 75th Reunion; **Don & Martha Richardson** renewed their marriage vows at the Cadet Chapel on 26 May; **Pat Young** (**Roy**'s widow) was present for all activities and a renewal of ties to H-2; 15 mbrs of G-2 returned, the largest contingent; ex-cadets Klein (F-2), Lockett (M-1) and White (H-1) returned, with Lockett reviving memories of the 50 "Polio Platoon;" we have 3 mayors: **Nelson, Russomano** and **Tow**; a no of "lost" classmates appeared or were located and the Cl database is quite current; **Luther** ran a well-attended prayer breakfast, at which **Coffman** spoke; **King** is on his way to St Petersburg to commence his ministry with the Russian mil.

1952: Weyhrich, Dottie Cole, Wiles, Camille Peters and Ginny Wiles

Jim & Jeri Maloney are inviting the Cl to their new home in Chapel Hill, NC after the Army-UNC football game 19 Sep. They ask that you contact them by 1 Sep for directions. Call (919) 932-9775 or write to 210 Bolinwood Dr, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

FD reps came in from New England and Dallas. **Ed & Ann Gilbert** were joined by **Ken & Elaine Kronlund** at Hanscomb AFB, Lexington, MA to hear **Denny Mullane** talk about the Plebe System, academics and new facilities. **Dave Lyon** rep a good turnout in Dallas, with the **Brewers, Clements, Day, Driskills, Gearhart, Guess, Ann Hill** and the **Tows** in attendance.

Here are a number of photos to add to the reunion rep. Also see **Thor**'s speech and the special feature on reunions in front.

'53

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A ltr from **Si Nerone** came in Apr, just after I had sent in the col for Jul. He asked me to relay the sad news that his former wife **Edie** had died suddenly on 2 Apr after emergency surgery at a hosp in her home town of Louisville, KY. Their children were able to reach her in time, but Si was only able to attend the funeral. Because he soon will move from Rome to some as-yet-unknown destination, anyone who wishes to be in touch with the family should write to their son: CPT Marcus Nerone, 1359 Virginia St, Columbus, GA 31901; tel (404) 576-5094.

The big interest in these parts over the past few mos has been the 40th Reunion. Co reps have been volunteered or drafted to make sure that ea of us has been informed and urged to attend. The response was enthusiastic for getting the cruise ship, so that decision has been made. No matter what weather we encounter, or with what hospitality we are greeted at WP, we are going to have a ball! This

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will be a reunion that is worth the cost and effort, and one to be remembered and recalled in future winters. **Bud Tardiff** sent a fax with some facts incorporated here. Some of us are hoping to take the whole package of staying aboard the ship during the doings at WP and then cruising to Bermuda. I say "hope" because we do need quite a few more passengers before the cruise becomes a reality. As of mid-Jun 92:

Apr-May 92 Cl polls show the following: classmates/spouses/widows coming to reunion—505; taking the cruise—302; using ship as hotel—135; using other accommodations—68; guests taking the cruise—27.

Estimated costs (not incl costs for USMA-sponsored events): charter cost—$755,000; ship's capacity—820 passengers in 410 staterooms; 8-day cruise—22–30 May 93; available passenger days—6,560.

Cost per passenger day:

Cruise Passengers	Ship Hotel Only	Passenger Day Average Cost	Passenger Days Used
820	0	$137	6,560
700	120	$148	5,760
600	150	$164	5,250
500	150	$190	4,450
400	150	$227	3,650
300	150	$284	2,850

As you can see, we are headed for a fantastic reunion (505 attendees!!); however, we have a way to go for the cruise part. Obviously, it is important for the entire Cl to spt the cruise by joining it and by promoting more guests to go along with us. Using the ship as a hotel while at WP helps the situation to some degree, but unless we can sell most of the excess passenger days, the cruise option will be economically unrealistic. We are negotiating with the travel agency and the cruise line for a grace period during which, if we can not produce a sufficient no of passengers, we can pull out and our payments will be returned without penalty. Beyond this "point of no return," Cl liabilities become substantial.

With 2/3rds of those classmates and widows who indicated an interest in the cruise responding to the 5 May request for a deposit, we had sufficient funds to make the initial 10% down payment (approx $75,000) for the cruise ship. A larger payment was due in Aug, leaving 4 more payments due 60 days before the sailing date. We know it is difficult to commit so far in advance. Unfortunately, this kind of lead time is necessary in order to secure a ship large enough for our purposes.

If you have not made the decision to do the whole thing, then re-think it. We know that the 40th is usually the most popular and most attended. I would certainly advise attending if at all possible. If you do something that does not turn out well, you can always gripe about it; but if you do not do something and later regret having missed it, you can not go back and make it up. I often have had an urge to cruise and to visit Bermuda, and I'm sure those who have would like to return. This way, there is justification for the time and cost, so I can rationalize it with my conscience.

Now to the sales pitch. The more of us get on the ship, the better we can all afford it. Do not limit your thinking to just yourself and your OAO. Talk your kids into it; get your relatives to go along; urge your friends to join in. They will not feel out of place—and it would not be possible to get a more congenial and fun-making gp than us—right? Check with your classmates. Is your roommate planning to be aboard? Do you know classmates who have been out of touch and think they won't fit in? Tell them they are wrong. Don't sit back passively and wait for me or the other co reps, or **Bud Tardiff**, to make all the arrangements. A little work on your part right now will pay off in increased enjoyment during the reunion—and lower prices!

1953: Horny Toads: George Williams, Bill Hosmer, Joe Wilson (seated), John Oblinger and host Jack Myers

Speaking of reunions, I have just received the After-Action Rep on the 92 Mushaway Horny Toad reunion. Held this yr at the home of **Jack & Mary Lou Myers** in Rancho Palos Verdes, a suburb of LA, on the wknd of 1–3 May, they had serious competition in the form of riots. Because of the disruption in airline scheds, **Joe & Pat Wilson** arrived late. **Bill & Pat Hosmer, John & Edie Oblinger** and **George & Ann Williams** completed the cast for what must have been an educational and beneficial wknd, punctuated by tennis and, on Sat night, a trip to dinner via a big, black stretch limo. An estimated 80% of the toads will attend our reunion next yr. Their own reunion for 93 will be held at Casa Oblinger in El Paso in Oct.

1953: Palos Verdes Peninsula and tennis players: George & Ann Williams, Joe & Pat Wilson, Jack & MaryLou Myers, John & Edie Oblinger and Bill & Pat Hosmer

Bob Beveridge filed his close-out rep on the Philippines with me. He & **Joan** will be at Kadena about the time you read this. Bob thinks the Mt Pinatubo disaster was an unfortunate but opportune ending to our US presence at Clark and Subic. I agree, and would make the same reactionary recommendation I made when we gave Panama back: Give it back in the condition it was in when we got it. Bob & Joan plan to make it to our reunion next yr, and then to Joan's reunion at Cornell the following wk.

The Wash area contingent of the Cl had its now-traditional summer picnic at **Al & Pam Lindholm**'s in May. My wife **Sanelma** & I were late arrivals. She had to attend the Cathedral Choral Soc's dress rehearsal before its Sun performance of Verdi's *Requiem*. (This, by the way, was the 50th anniv of the gp. Its first performance, in 42 wartime Wash, was the same piece.) By the time we got there, most of the gossip and all of the announcements were over. The turnout was good, and I won't even try to list all the attendees. We did, however, have several very welcome out-of-towners: **Sam & Fran Rogers** were up from DC, **John & Judy Smythe** came down from PA in an RV, and **Betsy O'Connor** drove down from NJ.

The annual mtg of the Cl was held on 23 Jun at Potowmack Landing Restaurant. That is getting to be a habit, too. It's a good restaurant, right on the water at the Wash Sailing Marina, S of the Natl Airport runway, with plenty of space so we can have a luncheon with our ladies. Cl offs elected are **Ed Andrews**—Pres, **Max Noah**—VP, **Tom Brain**—Treas, **Whitey Miller**—Secy, and yours truly, still Scribe.

I have enjoyed many aspects of being scribe. From what I have heard from those who did the job before me, it must have been much more difficult to get info in the days when most of us were still moving around the world and trying to excel. You all have been very good about providing material for these words. Let me reiterate—don't rest on your laurels. Keep up the effort. Don't be modest. Your friends want to hear about you, or better still, to see a photo.

When I checked in with **Norm Delbridge** before finalizing this, he said that he had just gotten a call from **Dick Fisher**, in FL, enthusiastically spting the cruise.

That's it till Nov, troops. Remember—take the cruise and sell it to your friends, send in poop for the col, and keep **Whitey Miller** or me posted on your address and phone no.

'54

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Bob & Liz Morris rep that **Bob Short** died of respiratory failure in Memphis on 19 May. He earned 3 academic degrees, incl a PhD in higher ed from N TX St U. The Cl extends its deepest sympathy to Bob's wife **Millie** and their 3 children: Steve, who served in the USAF in both Panama and the Gulf; Susan in Memphis; and Cindy in Studio City, CA. As a cadet, Bob Short invited his cousin Liz to WP to date his roommate Bob Morris, and they've been dating ea other ever since.

In a moving ceremony at WP on 24 Apr, Supe LTG Howard D Graves dedicated the MG **Lewis Aspey Mologne** USMA Cadet Health Ctr. Cl attendees were **Rose Mologne, Larry & Nancy Skibbie, Jim Burris, Jack & Caroline Chesbro, John & Irene Klein, Andy Maloney, Dick & Fran Renfro, Hal & Barbara Stout** and **Jack Sulik**. Speakers were LTG Graves; LTG Frank Ledford, USA Surgeon Gen; and Drs Paul Lenio '55 and James McHone '70, who served or trained with Lew. Catholic Chaplain Msgr John J Cunniffee gave the Benediction. Lew delivered our daughter Carol at the WP Hosp.

Elliott & Joyce Gritton write from Reno that he ret in Jan after 19 yrs with NV Public

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Works Bd in Carson City as a mech engr. Elliott pursues his interest in the Navy and is sched for amphibious (that's both right- and left-handed) maneuvers out of San Diego.

1954: Cary Peyton and Joyce & Elliott Gritton celebrating FD at McClellan AFB, Sacramento, in Mar

They rep that **Cary Peyton** also ret in Feb as Dean of CA St Coll in Turlock with 25 yrs in the CA higher education system. Cary & **Sherry** live in Livingston, CA. Sherry is a counselor at Coll of the Sequoias in Visalia, where they may move soon. Cary plans to attend the 40th if we send him a 1:25,000 map of NJ.

Ben & Irma Breslauer send evidence of our Cl attendance at the LA Chapter FD dinner in Mar. Big Ben is pres of Breslauer Financial Svcs in Studio City, CA.

Sorry 'bout that photo that **Dan & Judy Tobin** sent last yr of a gp at the FD dinner here. It got trapped in all the money.

Frank & Betty Hart had a merry mo in May. On the 1st, they hosted a nice buffet to honor **Pete Leone**, who was visiting **Chuck & Helen Wilson** during his tour with students from their sch in Chicago. Pete left **Barbara** home in Lake Forest in charge of giving away their home prior to moving to Tampa-St Pete. Other guests: **Jim & Barbara Williams, Joe Devlin** and **Chet & Monica Piolunek**. On the

1954: Frank & Betty Hart, Judy Tobin, Doug Stuart, Bob Adams, Jim & Barbara Williams and Dan Tobin in a solemn moment at DC Chapter FD shindig in Alexandria, VA, Mar 91

30th, the Harts hosted the Cl social at Ft Myer. In the largest turnout recently, 33 couples and guests attended. Present were **Bob & Lucile Adams, Ed & Vinnie Aguanno** with daughter & husband, **Bruce & Liese Bidwell, Tom & Barbara Brown, Jack & Caroline Chesbro** (from NJ), **Bill & Jean Epling, Skip & Susie Forman, Joe & Dottie Ganahl, Don & Betty Gaston, John & Dolores Gheen, Bill & Etta Mae Hannon, Frank & Betty Hart, Jim & Mary Lou Henry, John & Anne Hudachek, Maurie & Beth Leiser, Jack & Barbara Miller, Beale & Betty Minturn, Roy & Fay Muth, Jim & Dolores Obendorfer, Ray & Mary Pace, Gerry & Jeanette Parshall, Chet & Monica Piolunek, Mark & Barbara Reese, Larry & Nancy Skibbie, Oz & Emma Steigelman, Hal & Barbara Stout** with daughter, **Doug & Emmy Stuart, Dan & Judy Tobin, Dale & Valerie Vesser, Newell & Pat Vinson, Lou & Judy Wagner** and **Bill & Anne Lyn Welsh**.

Ed & Julie Keiser moved from Alexandria, VA to Boston to help build the harbor tunnel there.

Ben Schemmer rep on his unscheduled heart opn while in Munich. He credits **Jack & Ginny Galvin** with helping pull him through with transportation, med spt and visits. Ben is well and challenging all cos that L-2 will best them in contribs to the Reunion Gift Fund. Ben is pub/ed of *Armed Forces Journal Intl*; he & **Monika Lys** (née Schubert) live in DC.

Warren & Nancy Palmer write from Fairfield, CT that youngest son John grad in May as an Army MD and CPT from the Uniformed Svcs Univ of Health Sciences in Bethesda. Grad was preceded by dinner the eve before at the A-N Club and followed by a party at the home of youngest daughter Maureen in Falls Church. Maureen is a CPT in the Army Nurse Corps.

1954: All in the family: CPT Maureen Palmer Schafer, CPT John M Palmer and COL (Ret) Warren T Palmer

After Warren pinned the bars on Maureen in 85, she was assigned to Keller Army Hosp at WP. There she met Cadet Joseph Schafer '86 at Holy Trinity Chapel, and they were married there in 86.

Warren also writes that **Frank Sweeney**'s widow **Eleanor** died of cancer in Nov 91. After Frank's death, she successfully raised their 7 children and earned a PhD in psychology. As plebes, Warren and roommate Frank met Manhattanville Coll roommates Eleanor and Nancy at a tea hosted by Fr McCormick at the same Catholic Chapel. Fr McCormick observed Eleanor's funeral mass and burial next to Frank in the WP Cem.

Palmer's daughter Martha is married to Neil Rogers; they are both attys for Suffolk County, LI. Warren Paul is pres of his real estate co near Detroit and is assisted by his wife Vicky, an atty. The Palmers have 9 grandchildren and are co-chairs of the Columbus Day celebration and 150th Anniv Yearbook Cmte for their cathedral.

Shortly after deadline we learned that, from Mar to May, **Dion & Jenny Johnson** in DC made a fabulous trip around the world. They lodged and dined in student/faculty facilities and traveled to Taiwan, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing. They rode the Trans-Siberian Railroad to Moscow (where Dion practiced his plebe Russian), then to Poland, Hungary and the Czecho-Slovak Republics. Jen lectured on educational tech while Dion figured out exchange rates.

After many requests about the 40th Reunion Program, we're going to print it anyway. This is subject to minor adjustments caused by weather, terrain, etc. Thu, 4 Nov am/pm: Arrival, regis and golf for the athletic supporters. Fri, 5 Nov am: Tour of USMA; visit Supe; lunch. pm: Co socials; Dinner/business mtg. Sat, 6 Nov am: Mem Svc; parade; lunch. pm: Army vs AF at Michie; cocktails/dinner. Sun, 7 Nov: Brunch at motel; departure.

Somebody please send me some snappy one-liners for closing this col—**Monica** is

1954: Ike & Marsha Coron, Tom & Suzan Shukay, Jim & Betty Dalton, Irma & Ben Breslauer, Ann & John Kilingberg, Al & Sharon Milder and Mary Alice & Doug O'Connor at L.A. Chapter FD, Mar 92

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exhausted. Be sure to avoid infatuation and practice safe rapport. Skoal!

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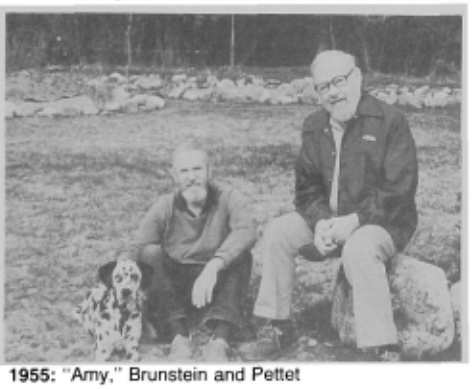
Let's talk a little first about the great progress made in setting up the 93 Mini-Reunion, to be held in CO Spr from 26–29 Aug. By the time you read this, you will have received a mailer from the Cl announcing the event, asking you to indicate your plans, and setting up the essential framework of a great holiday and a memorable time to gather in what I *know* to be one of the garden spots of the globe! If you haven't received any sort of mailer, please call the TOLL-FREE # indicated above, and I'll get one to you. By the same token, if you have gotten one and know some classmate who hasn't, do the same and we'll cover that gap. Big thing now is to ensure that as many classmates, ex-classmates and friends of '55, as well as families, etc, know about the event. **Rich & Inez Cardillo**, out in Boulder, CO, with great help from **Quent Bates**, **Bob Camp** and a gathering cadre of good old boys, are leading the charge on this and already doing wonderful things. Gotta love it! Gotta go!

Another piece of Cl business: **Bob Strati** informed me that our $12,000 Cl donation this yr will be used to spt the Men's Soccer program and to provide for the appropriate recognition of that fact on plaques in the Holleder Ctr. Yet another great assist from '55, since we inaugurated this giving idea in 85. To date, we've supported tennis, hockey, wrestling, lacrosse, men's and women's basketball and now soccer. Bob also rep that assistance to the WP Prep Scholarship Program sponsors one of the 34 fully-funded scholarships in that program. Also, our Cl donated $5,000 to the Flight Mem project, which is now fully-funded and will be dedicated during the USAF-Army football wknd *this yr*. What a super record of thoughtful, meaningful giving. We owe a large "thank you" and recognition of the great work that Bob Strati has done for us to keep our giving projects along these lines.

Writing this on a beautiful, warm Jun Sat morn, I'm sure that you, like me, have been busy with spring projects, chores, etc, so it's not unexpected that the mailbox and phone lines are a little quiet. Not to worry—I did hear from **Bob Strickland** in the St Pete area, who rep that he and **Del Jacobs** visited during Del's stopover in the area. Bob, who has for some time been in comml real estate, shared some of the problems he and his assoc have been through in that area during the economic gloom period we've all seen; some light is beginning to emerge.

Yet another happy call from a long-not-heard-from classmate and AF buddy, **Ken Wilson**, who called locally to say that he & **Helen** had settled here for a time, as Ken is the district mgr for the Frank Basil Corp. Ken rep that the last of their 7 kiddos is now in coll and that one of his sons is in the AF, flying C-141s. Hope to get together with them soon.

Also had a short but very nice phone call from **Jim Fleeger**, who has been scarce for a while. Jim was searching for some news of other classmates. The find of the period, however, was achieved by good old **Dave Pettet** up in Spokane. In a super piece of research, he discovered that **Karl & Marion Brunstein** live less that 300 mi away from him in Meadow Creek, BC in rather remote surroundings in that majestic part of the world. Karl & Marion headed into Canada in the 60s, where he worked as an engr on the Mica Dam project, operated a ferry boat in the Kootenays and finally settled into a 30-acre spread that lies about 20 mi from the power lines. They gain their electricity from a solar panel; are out of reach of TV; listen to a lot of short-wave radio; live essentially off the land and out of the forests; and go to town when they take a notion. Dave rep that he had last seen his former roommate in 64 at WRAMC; Karl was doing post-PhD work at the Goddard Space Flight Ctr in Baltimore. No contact until a Christmas card arrived yrs later from Mica Creek, BC; then nothing. Karl & Marion's son John just completed Simon Fraser Univ near Vancouver, also centering his studies in the sciences. John was educated at home by Karl & Marion from K-9, then boarded at a nearby HS before coll. As only Dave can describe such things, the truly laid-back and self-determined lifestyle the Brunsteins have chosen for themselves is a classic of varying routes and differing relationships with nature. The nearby pic shows Dave and Karl and Karl's Amy, who, Dave says, has Karl trained to perfection, though she does allow him on the furniture from time to time! Thanks, Dave, for great news about another '55'er.



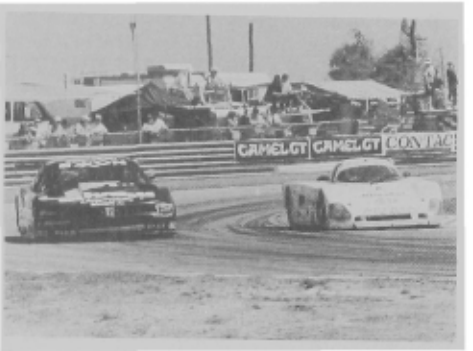
1955: "Amy," Brunstein and Pettet

Had yet another call from **Tom Horst**, who rep that he has recently ret (Boy, is that word creeping into a lot of news recently!) from Exxon, returned from a no of yrs in Europe and has settled in Morristown, NJ. Address is 27 Corn Hill Dr, zip 07960; tel (201) 455-0618. Guess that will set him up to hear from some old buddies! Good to hear from the "ret" Mr Horst!

Another old friend called recently: **Ken Fagan**, also among the "ret" population down in Ocala, FL. Ken, whose work for yrs was in photography, has recently focused his talents on auto racing at nearby Sebring Raceway. To that end, he sent along two great examples of his work; the following pics were taken during the height of the season this yr in Mar.

I'm again indebted to **Bill & Ronnie McWilliams**, out in CA, for furnishing me with a very full acct of the 6 Jun get-together of '55'ers hosted once again by **Jack & Marlowe Viney** in their new home. Bill's ltr is a work of art, so I'll just do a wholesale lift:

Dave & Toni Maurer: Dave is enjoying full ret. Says he doesn't know how he ever found time for work. Toni is one cl away from being a full-fledged paralegal. Says Dave: "Watch out, Perry Mason!" Daughter Lis expecting



1955: Ken Fagan's photo at Sebring

1955: Ditto

#3 in Sep—a girl after two boys; daughter Karen #1 in Jul; son Fred is still with Marriot in Toronto as controller.

Bud & Bonnie DeMaris: Bud has ret from Rockwell; still organizing the homefront after making work the priority for yrs; Bonnie still teaching art in a private sch.

Dick Regnier: Up from Ventura, where he has a law firm; is a trial lawyer, a certified civil trial spec. Bill says Dick's love of his profession is clear from the enthusiasm with which he talks about it—can't say enough.

Chick Bosshard: Now ret from the Def Logistics Agency, keeping magnificently fit with skiing, tennis, running, house building; is a strong advocate for redevelopment concepts of our central cities.

Jack & Marlowe Viney: Jack's wrapped up in 3 projects at Hughes involving application of mil technology to creating "smart highways." WPS and Bd of Govrs for Orange County and Palm Springs fill his time; Marlowe doing 4 days/wk in the emergency room at Humana Western Hosp. Busy people!

Jim & Nancy Miller: Jim has throttled back to consulting but still works hard; plans to ret in 93; anxious to find other classmates to visit and enjoy.

Cy & Isabel Casells: Came in from Escondido; Cassells moved there a yr ago; Cy doing some docent work for the SD Air Museum; Cy ret from NASA.

Don Jellison: Planning a shift of locations to Paradise, CA, now that he's ret; prefers the mtn country.

Bill & Ronnie McWilliams: Bill ret from Hughes in May; all the projects and honey-do's are keeping him busier than before; has taken on the mastery of the MacIntosh computer, planning visits to kids and grandkids in Boise. A great rep from a very active and dedicated gp of '55'ers in the greater LAX area.

Vicki & I are getting ready for the arrival of son Chas & wife from Monterey, where he studied Russian. He will be assigned to an AF Intelligence unit at Belvoir. By the time you

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all read this, I will have relocated from the position as dep dir of opns for DIA to a new one of dep dir (DoD) of the Natl HUMINT Requirements Ctr at the CIA; new position, new challenges, as part of a new orgn—should be fun. I'll miss working the Defense Attaché Sys, where there are so many great people around the world. At any rate, much as that word "ret" seems to typify our Cl news, I'll dodge it for a time. I still need your newsy inputs, written or phoned. Have a great summer and take care.

'56

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It is my sad duty to rep that **Joe Sanders** passed away on 1 May 92 of an inoperable brain tumor. A mem svc was conducted at the Rolling Hills Estates Convenant Church, CA, at which over 500 co-workers from Hughes Aircraft Co paid their respects to Joe (whose last position was Corp VP and Asst Gp Exec for the Space and Commo Gp).

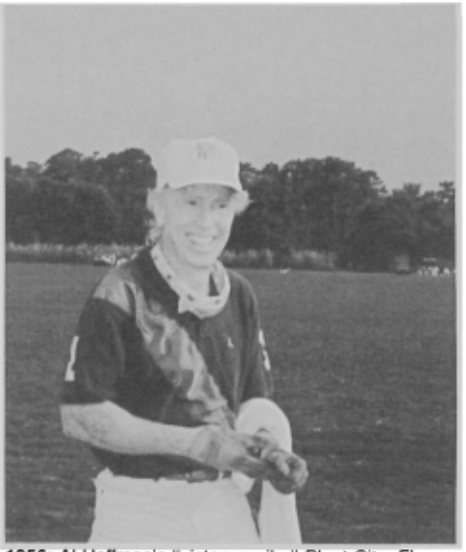
1956: Carleton Coulter III and the newest mbr of our Cl, CC IV (5 1/2 wks)

The Cl of '56 was rep by **Ted & Joan Dayharsh, Ted & Judy Grant, Lyle Kendall, Dex Shaler, Jerry Skatvold, Bob & Joan Stein, Stan Wilker, Les McChristian**'s wife and **Monte & Bruce Wallace**. The above classmates, along with **Joe & Shirley Dougherty**, contributed to a large black, gold and gray floral display—the excess proceeds were donated to the Cl '56 Rm Fund in Joe's memory. Our sincere sympathy goes out to **Linda** and sons Joe Jr and James. My thanks to Bob Stein and Stan Wilker for providing the info on Joe. Bob Stein, by the way, has taken on a new challenge as an independent distributor for the Natl Safety Assoc Environmental Products Gp.

Additional notes from **Greg & Shirley Wold**'s A-1 newsltr find **Jim & Jeanette Spires** in Cleveland, where Jim is very busy as a manufacturer's rep. **Ivar & Ellie Rundgren** have just finished their "Ivar-designed" home in Buxton, NC, able to withstand 140-mph hurricanes. Ellie said Hurricane "Bob" was their first test—and only a few shingles were lost. **June Winter** rep **Tom** recently was out in the Atlantic on a destroyer evaluating a new weapon sys and that he competed in 5

1956: Rude DeFrance and George Stapleton in Tampa, FL, Jan 92

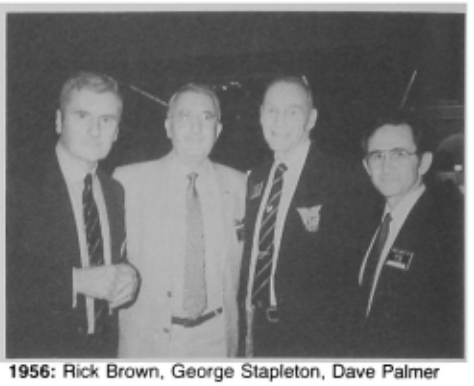
triathalons last yr. **Butch Harbold** keeps busy in Charlotte, NC with his med practice and flying. **Norm & Brenda Schwarzkopf** took the family on a CO Christmas ski vacation, and son Christian now counts skiing among his favorite sports, which incl tennis, fishing and scuba diving. Greg recently saw **Bill Cody** at a reception hosted by General Dynamics, where Bill is the dir for Land Systems, Arlington, VA. **Jim & Joyce Anderson** stayed with the Wolds in Plymouth, MI when Jim spoke at the MI WP Soc FD dinner. Greg was the outgoing soc pres. **Dave Palmer** gave the traditional FD speech at the Toledo, OH dinner, but Greg was out of town and could not attend. Dave Palmer's sched also incl talks at Memphis, TN and Jackson, MS. Back home in TX, Dave has been busy teaching and lecturing at seminars and colls, highlighting our country's historical and mil origins.



1956: Al Hoffman's "victory smile," Plant City, FL, Mar 92

Ed & Marilyn Kime's informative ltr from Vienna, WV rep that **Dave Palmer** gave a rousing FD talk there, attended by the Kimes and **Al & Ann Dye**. Ed stays busy with his gas-well investment cos, has volunteered to revitalize the WV WP Soc and is bldg a helicopter in his spare time. A family of 5 children and 6 grandchildren also keep them busy and happy. Son #1 flies an FA-18 Hornet off the *USS Kennedy* and will be married in Oct; daughter #1 has two children; daughters #2 and #3 gave birth to a daughter and son, respectively, during Mar, 8 days apart (in Jun 90 these same daughters had sons born 3 wks apart); daughter #4 grad from Mary Wash and will begin work for the US Navy in May as a project engr in Fairfax, VA.

Jim Anderson proudly rep that we have reached over $70K of our $75K goal for the permanent O&M of the Cl of '56 Rm. For those who are still planning to contribute, now is the time to send in your checks to Jim. This will allow the Cl to put behind us the '56 Rm obligation (our 30th Reunion Gift) and focus all our energies on the 40th Reunion Gift. The Cl Cmte has been working diligently with USMA to finalize our 40th Gift. Details from **Mike Conrad** will be out later this yr.



1956: Rick Brown, George Stapleton, Dave Palmer and Nick Mavrotheris at the 35th Reunion

Bob Sorley rep that the GEN Abrams bio, entitled *Thunderbolt*, has been chosen by the Mil Book Club as a main selection and Books on Tape will put out an audio version, both available in Sep 92. (**Dave Palmer** has been assisting Bob in the proofing dept.) [See excerpt of Bastogne chapter in this issue.]

Rude & Maude DeFrance's ltr from Carlisle, PA finds them planning a white-water rafting trip to W PA in Jul, along with **Bob & Ginny Sorley**. They also attended Sally **LeHardy**'s wedding, along with **John & Suzanne Wall, Bill & Jan Weihl** and **Jim & Billie Paradise**. **Gerry & Barbara Richardson** hosted a 35th Reunion Review luncheon with attendees **Jim & Joyce Anderson, Doc & Peggy Bahnsen, Jack & Nancy Conklin, Farrell & Nancy Patrick, Sal Salamone** and **John Snodgrass**. For starters, the 40th Reunion Fund has a balance of $2,467.00 (with appropriate thanks to **Bill & Barbara McPeek** for over half the donation).

1956: Don Ackerman and Fred Dent at Plant City Polo Club, Mar 92

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1956: '56'ers celebrating Al Hoffman's polo match victory, Plant City, FL, Mar 92: Luft, Ackerman, Shirey, Denson, Dent, Beauchamp, Stapleton and friends

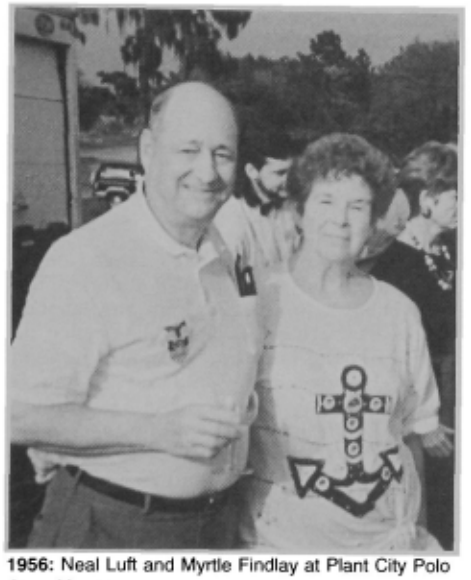
It appears we have enough seed money for the 40th Yrbk (edited by **Ward LeHardy**) and the reunion announcements. The key points emphasized in our comment/critique sheets were: (1) A well-planned, very grand time was had by all, with special thanks to **Farrell**. (2) Marriott Hotel did a super job, but was too far from WP. (3) More free time! (4) Keep reunions at WP during football wknd. (5) Barth Hall was a great idea. (6) Army must win football game! (7) Too many calories!! (8) Farrell and **John Snodgrass** will co-chair 40th. (9) **Gerry Richardson** will plan NYC trip. (10) *We're getting old!!!*

Amlongs's Log: In May, **Nancy & Jerry** were located at Prickley Bay, Grenada. As before, their 3-pg ltr chock full of adventures was a delight to read, but almost impossible to paraphrase in our col. In short, they are having the time of their lives. Present destinations o/a 1 Jun are Isla Margarita and Puerto la Cruz, Venezuela. You can contact them through Drew Cook at (410) 879-2269.

LeHardys' Log: Talked to **Ward & Judy** on 25 May ship-to-shore, with excellent commo. He wanted to thank all who chipped in to provide them with the Global Positioning Sys (GPS) (espec **Nick Mavrotheris**, who made the gift a reality), which allows them to pinpoint their location to within 10 ft. All they need now is something to calm the seas! As I write this ltr in early Jun, they are en route from the Galápagos to the Marquesas Isls (Polynesia). . . the longest stretch without land (about 30 days). You can contact them by calling Fred Chapman, Ward's NCS on MARS, at (703) 786-3786. [See "Victory Lap" article elsewhere in this issue.]

Jesse & Anna Blackwell moved from HI to Seattle, where Jesse will be the ch of the CE District Contracting Ofc. He and **John Grinstead** represented '56 at the Ft Lewis FD dinner in Mar.

All for now. Next deadline is 1 Oct 92.



1956: Neal Luft and Myrtle Findlay at Plant City Polo Club, Mar 92

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The Cl had a very special mini-reunion on 4 Jun, set up by **Nick Monaco, Dick Seward** and **JJ Cortey**. It started with a ceremony at the VN Mem in DC honoring our 12 classmates killed in VN, highlighted by a prayer, remarks by **Carl Vuono**, the reading of names, the playing of Taps and the placement of badges at the wall by classmates. We were honored to have John and Mike **Pritchard** participate in placing the badge for **Walt**. *Their mother*, **Mary Ellen**, was also present, as were many of our wives. A few lines from Carl's remarks: "Looking into the Wall, beyond the reflections of the present, you can see images of the past. Images that take us back to another time, another place. Thirty-five yrs ago today, we stood together at WP, amidst the gray stone bldgs steeped in the traditions of Duty, Honor, Country. . . . The world we entered was not a world at war, but neither was it at peace. The Cold War raged, the fading echoes of the Korean War still rang in our ears. We could not yet hear the first faint note of the distant trumpet calling us to svc in SE Asia. . . We were to learn the meaning of sacrifice. Twelve of our number paid the ultimate price. Their names, forever etched on these walls, were branded eternally on our hearts long before. For those of us here today, they were our friends, our comrades, our co-mates, our roommates. They were husbands and fathers. Vietnam will forever be part of Black '57, but it is a part that, while recalling our sense of loss, evokes quiet resolve that what we did was right. That evokes calm satisfaction that, when we were needed, we were there. So today, as we pause to honor those from our Gray Line who fell on foreign fields, let us remember that it was their sacrifice, their courage and their commitment that made them special. We and the Nation owe them an eternal debt of gratitude. They are '57 and American heroes. Well done—be thou at peace."

The gp then went to Ft Myer for a luncheon, and from there we went to the ret ceremony for **Hank Hatch**. The gp got larger as the day progressed. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate in the PM, and the ceremony was held indoors. Hank made a most inspiring farewell speech and related a comment made by a British officer in Kuwait. The Brit asked Hank if he knew the one characteristic that differentiated the American soldier from all other soldiers in the world, and then told him the answer: the American soldier is merciful. Think about it. A reception following the ceremony, and the mini-reunion came to an end. All in all, a great day. The ENR rep that, effective 1 Aug, Hank will be vice-chm and CEO of Law Cos Intl Gp. Hank was recruited by Law Cos' chm and CEO and joins former EP administrator Lee Thomas and former Atl Mayor Andrew Young. According to the article, "At Law, Hatch's emphasis will be on major projects and environmental work in the intl arena," says Sehgal. He says one task is to improve profitability. Knowing Hank, I'm sure Mr Sehgal will be a happy man this time next yr. Hank's wife **Shelly** will ret in Aug, and they will move to Atl.

Items from the luncheon. **Jim Salzman** was remarried on 7 Mar to **Ione** Suefert; they live in Springfield, VA. I must say he looked very happy. **Phil Stein** staked a claim to being the first in the Cl to draw social security. Because he is the survivor of a SS contributor, he starts collecting at 60 on 13 Sep. Not a happy circumstance, but a reflection of what job equality brings in our soc. **Bernie Loeffke**, who ret as the chm of the Inter-American Def Bd on 17 Jun, noted that he is the last Army mbr to ret (except for **Gerry Galloway**, who can stay 'til age 64) because the Army commissioned him late. He was held up while they decided whether he was qualified. I bet they're happy they made the decision to do it. Following ret, he will lead the completion of a 500-km run through S and Central America (I hope I got that right) for Outward Bound in connection with the celeb of the voyage of Columbus (1492 + 500) to benefit children. Parts of the run have already been completed in diff parts of the American continent. **Gary Stemley**, who came back on active duty as an

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MC during DS, is going to stay for two yrs to manage the installation of a new ADP sys for the Reserves and Natl Guard. We were able to celebrate the 35th wedding anniv of **Diane & Dick Stephenson** at the luncheon, since they were one of the eager couples who got married immediately after grad. Quite a few others got married within the first wk, but that's just not the same. Congrats to all the rest of you who have made it though the first 35.

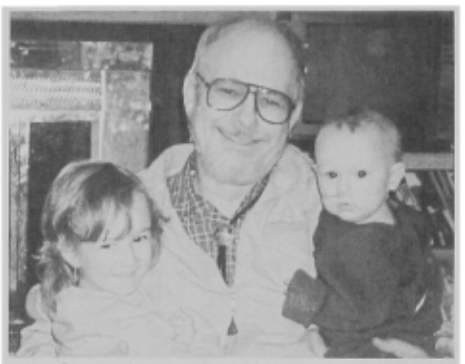
Several classmates have not received their reunion packets. If you have not, and you want to go, it's still not too late—I hope. Just give me a call. Remember, it's from 24–27 Sep.

Received 4 ltrs from **Tom Adcock** in less than a mo—a new record. The first was a "Doers Profile" about **John R Block** from the *Wash Times*. "Self-portrait—Confident, persistent, jovial and a perpetual optimist: Walter Mitty fantasy—cutting a C&W album that goes platinum: Greatest feat—surviving in Wash: Luxury defined—A Dairy Queen sundae and cold Diet Coke at the end of a 20-mi bike ride: Clothing store—Downtown street vendors for fashion ties: Last words—'Tough times never last, but tough people do' (Rev Robert Schuller)." You'll have to get the profile to get the rest. I asked him for some info on the Horatio Algier Soc, but it hasn't arrived. Articles from the *Wall Street Journal* about **Dana Mead** add to what I rep last time. Dana became pres of Tenneco on 1 May. The last had an article written by Hank Hatch in the *Engring Times*. The subject was defined in two sentences: "A fundamental challenge is facing the free world—the challenge of achieving 'sustainable development'. . . . The concerns of the 21st Century require a new thinking about development and demand a new role for engrs. . . as part of the decision-making process itself and as agents for change." Hank then described 9 design concepts for bldg the foundations and framework for "sustainable engring." Thanks for the articles, Tom.

Mrs Frances F Myers, mother-in-law of **Bill Bartlett**, sent a pic of Bill in a tank simulator in Myers Hall at Ft Knox. The occasion was the dedication of the Close Combat Test Bed Bldg in honor of her late husband, LTG Samuel L Myers '28. Bill & **Anne** and Sam Myers Jr '58 & Leslie joined the dedication. The bldg is a combo of Nintendo and Star Wars, and the family is very proud that it was named after GEN Myers, who trained a lot of offs in the Horse Cavalry and Armor during 40 yrs of svc. Thank you for the pic and the ltr.

1957: Bill Bartlett in tank simulator

Champ Buck, proud husband of **Pat**, sent a brochure from the N VA Assoc of Realtors, Inc's 91 Million Dollar Sales Club Dinner Dance and Awards Ceremony, held in Apr. Pat, associated with Mary Price-Howell Properties, was selected as the Sales Assoc of the Yr for outstanding sales production, community involvement and Assoc activity. "The award recognizes the one person who has done the most to demonstrate the high standards of our profession." Congrats, Pat. [Editor's note: Pat advertises in *ASSEMBLY*!] The pic in the last col from the FD dinner in San Diego was sent by **Don Cline**, who wrote for the second time in 35 yrs. He left the Army and Navy Acad in Jan 91 and became a district agent with Modern Woodmen of America. He rep the pic was taken before **Jack & Elizabeth Ellington** got there, and **John Peckham** left early. Don will not make the reunion; he will be in Ger visiting daughter Mary & Chris and grandson Kyle. Chris is the CO of a signal co. **Gloria** & Don have 4 grandchildren, distrib among 3 of his kids. Jeff is a youth minister in Fresno, CA, and he & Glenda have a daughter. Daughter Karen & Jeff live in OK City and have two children. Daughter Jenny is at home with Don & Gloria.



1957: Stuart Wright and daughters

Bill Cudmore rep from the Orange County FD dinner. Only 6 classmates attended, but there is news. **Suzanne & John McClanahan** will visit daughter Marian & her fiancé on the big isl of HI in Jun and are going to spend 4 days backpacking around the isl. **Jan & Tommy Thompson** are going to AK in Jun to visit children and grandchildren and to do some salmon fishing. Tommy was elected to the Bd of the Orange County WPS for a full term and joins **Jon Bokovoy**. Jon volunteered Sid to work the front desk at the dinner. He also wants **George Killishek** to know that his absence was noted, but at least George made a reservation this yr. **Jim & Mary Lou Russell** attended, but Mary Lou was disappointed that nothing spectacular happened. The first yr the fire alarm went off as they arrived; she's been waiting for a repeat. Jim ret from TRW in Jan and is wearing out his welcome at home. Mary Lou says she married him for better or for worse, but not for lunch. **Dick Bone** met Marilyn Horne, the opera star, whom he has admired for yrs, and talked with her for hrs about opera and her career. Bill also ret this yr, and he & **Margaret** are taking golf lessons. In Jan they attended the Intl Barbershop Quartet competition in Long Beach and cheered on her brother's gp, which finished 3rd of the 25 competitors in the sr div for N America. Bill and Tommy Thompson participated in the USMA/USNA golf tournament at El Toro Marine Base. Bill finished in the middle in the scramble gp, and Tommy won his match in the competitive gp. At the end of the competition the score was tied. USMA won the match by one stroke in the tie-breaker; that makes it 10 yrs in a row. **Sam Focer** sent me a copy of his book, *Hints for Hackers*, and you will all have an opportunity to purchase a copy since you will all be getting ltrs. **Ed Hickey** sent a pic taken at Highland Falls in Feb, at Mary Lou Bullotta's hair salon. Ed said Carolyn Gaspard was getting ready to greet our Cl tree in her backyard—I haven't figured out what that means. No doubt it will all be explained at the reunion.

1957: Carol Hickey, Carolyn Gaspard and Mary Lou Bullotta

Tom Hicklin sent pix taken at the FD at Fitzsimmons AMC. I incl the one with all the people—good looking crew. It looks like **Gerry Galloway** was touring the country giving FD speeches—speaking for his supper. Bill Cooper '47 was roasted for his svc to the Denver Soc and presented with a cadet saber inscribed "Coop the Snoop." I incl a pic of

1957: Ron Gooding, Mary Shaw, Gerry Galloway, Wiebke & Ed (Windy) Gale and Bob Martin

Fred Koehler and his houseguest in the last col. Now here's the info. Fred, who is on the L.A. WP Bd of Govrs, & **Bunny** hosted (for 9 days) 5 lady cadets with a Glee Club contingent brought to L.A. for a series of concerts, incl the FD dinner. Fred & Bunny (four sons and no daughters) finally got to see what it's like to have a bunch of females around the house. **Dave Preletz** handled the dinner and his wife took care of the concerts. **Ed Gee** & wife were the only other local '57 attendees. Fred joined Varian Assoc in Mar as the VP and GM of its Power Grid and X-ray Tube Products in San Carlos, CA, the world's largest manufacturer of amplifiers and tubes (employs approx 400 people). All of Fred's sons now have completed coll and grad sch. Three had ROTC scholarships, and two of them now have completed their 4-yr obligations. Son Dave went to MIT on an ROTC scholarship, got an EE degree, and then got an MD from UCSD. He married coll sweetheart Joyce Valderrama in Jun 91, who wore Bunny's wedding dress. He starts a residency in anes-

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1957: (Front row) Tom Hicklin, Pat Murphy, Susan Lindholm, Marianne Johnson, Eunice Stein, Marcie Pore; (back row) Tom Lindholm, Nan Duffek, Gerry Galloway, Mike Stein, Jack Murphy, Art Johnson, Jim Jameson, Mal Duffek, Stan Cass, Ray Karsian and Stan Pore

1958: Advance planning for Thailand 92

thesiology at Mass General this summer. The Army, however, is still in his future. Son Steve is married and living the yuppie life. He & Laura have a house in the "valley," two jobs, two commutes and two cats. Sons Fred and Gary are bachelors.

A pic from the Omaha FD dinner incls **Ron Gooding, Wiebke & Windy Gale, Bob Martin** and good old **GG**. Am up against the space limit. Watch for the next col.

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71st col. Last wk on 14 May the latest, shortest version of these periodic reports on '58 was submitted. The time is right to start the next one early, not due till 15 Jun. Please note the NEW ofc and fax numbers. Rolls-Royce's DC ofc has moved across the river to Rosslyn.

Here's a rep on **Tom Claffey**'s Project Obits. The AOG is pleased with the articles already generated and submitted. Some have been published, but upcoming ones are **John McKillop** B1 (Jul 92-written by Bob Tener '57), **Lee Gaughan** G1 (Sep 92-by **Doug MacLeod**), **Bob Olson** D2 (Sep 92-by **Burt Miller**) and **Larry Malone** M2 (Jan 93-by **Pete Brintnall**). Status of obit articles in progress: **Hugh Bauer** A2 (**Dave Coury** is working on it—goal is to complete it before 35th), **Kevin Brown** C1 (**Jerry Mitchell** is working with **Gay Brown**), **Olin Brown** I2 (**Dick Webb**), **Bernie Card** I2 (**Palmer McGrew** to finish mid-92), **Jack Carson** I1 (**Dick Reynard**), **Ken Clark** M2 (**Bob Tredway**), **Bob Degen** D2 (**Ed Ofgant** to finish before 35th), **Bill Denson** K1 (**Don Martin** recently volunteered to write), **Tony Evans** C1 (**Ed Weckel**, CCQ, is seeking a writer), **Ernie Geipel** C1 (**Charlie Bond** completed draft to submit ASAP), **Jim Godbey** F2 (**Skip Hettinger**), **Pat Green** ex-C2 (**Alex Pensiero**), **Ed Hale** L2 (**Jim Wildey** working with **Jae Stanton**, goal to complete by 35th) and **George Hussey** H2 (**Dan Charlton**), **Strube Jackson** H2 (**Joe McElroy** is working with **Ester Jackson**), **Roy Kirkpatrick** K2 (**Frank Franks** has draft, clearing with **Lorna Kirkpatrick**), **Dick Kittelson** M1 (**Otto Thamasett**, CCQ, needs volunteer/help), **Will Marshall** H2 (**Joe Luman** could use some help), **Rex Mason** B1 (**Ben Pelligrini**), **Charley Moore** L2 (**Ray & Kay Lou Tomlinson** have draft complete), **Mel Morrill** G1 (**Leo Smith** to finish by 35th), **Dave Nidever** L2 (**Paul Johnson** is working with Dave's widow **Diana** Jordon and brother Ed Nidever '55), **Chuck Normington** D1 (**Gene Wentworth** is working with **Joan Normington**), **Frank Phillips** E2 (**Ted Timberlake** is working with Frank's son in Greensboro, NC), **Jerry Rudolph** H1 (**John Devens** needs help). **Ted Smith** B1 (**Dick Price**, CCQ, needs a writer) and **Bob Stinson** ex-H2 (**George Sibert** needs to get the lead out). Great work, Tom; keep the pressure on!

Info from **Paul Klempnow** via Chm **George**. Seems Paul needs addresses of our SE Asia contingent of **Bob Bunker** in Singapore and the Thailand trio of **Pete Kullavanijava**, **Sammy Sookmak** and **Dave Depew**. Klempnow's wife works for a soap company and will travel to Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand to increase sales. Lawton suggested Paul contact **Ed & Andrea Jasaitis** for their insights on Indonesia. The Kempnows have a business trip to SEA, but the timing does not fit with Thailand 92. Meanwhile, Paul himself is some sort of political lobbyist. This is a good spot for an old photo of **Bob Pointer** with **Pete & Vimol Kullavanijava** at the Bangkok FD in 87. Perhaps they were planning for Aug 92 and the CI mini.

Scribe wants to commend **Norm Gustitis** for sending a change-of-address card to **Lawton**. Norm moved 1 Apr 92 from St Charles, IL to White Pine, TN. If only all of us were as thoughtful and cooperative as Norm, there would be no one lost. But, on the other hand, having a few lost classmates keeps detective Lawton busy!

Nice ltr from **Gay Brown**. "The other day I was sorting papers and reread many of the notes that came after **Kevin**'s death in 88. I will never forget all the phone calls, notes and visits of classmates during that time. It was such a feeling of spt to me and gave me that extra strength to get through those hard times. The stories at Kevin's bedside brought tears of laughter as we all remembered the 'good old days.' A year after Kevin's death I took a job at the Univ of NC at Greensboro. I've been plugging away—driven to prove I could do it. I finally feel I can do it, but up until now I've been too tired to think of much else. I just wanted to thank everyone again for 'being there' back then. It meant a lot to me."

Gay is an arts administrator who sold every seat in a 2300-seat house for every event last yr. She also is teaching and could use guest instructors, so invites classmates to call when passing through Greensboro, NC. Also staying busy with "1.7 grandchildren, a wedding in August and one son searching for the American dream." Gay considered Thailand, but the wedding ended those thoughts. She does promise to make future reunions, when possible, and asked me to tell **Bob Moore** that she has now found the time and energy to join the Methodist choir.

Jay May writes, "I believe Alfred North Whitehead's comment that 'without adventure, civilization is in full decay.' " And with that he sent the following account and photo: "I organized and led the Explorers Club successful mo-long expedition in Ecuadoran Amazonia to collect medicinal plants. Specimens were collected with help from witch-drs of the indigenous tribes and are being returned to scientists at the Univ of FL for analysis."

While in S America, Jack also successfully climbed to the summit of Cotopaxi, at 19,702 ft the world's highest active volcano. **Lee** was unable to join the adventure, since she is expecting their son in Jul (USMA 2014??). Congrats to Jack & Lee—hope to hear from you soon with the baby's name, birth date, size, etc. It has been some time since your scribe reported on births other than grandchildren!

And another change-of-address card: **Bill Kelley** is moving from Tamuning, Guam to Humble, TX. Perhaps the S Padre Isl mini-reunion convinced Bill & **Carol** to live in TX, closer to classmates.

On the Sun of Memorial Day wknd the joint classes of USMA & USNA '58 gathered at the VN Memorial to remember our classmates who fell in SE Asia. After the mem svc, most of us joined **Mark & Daun Sigurski** at the ANCC for a lovely brunch. The day coincided

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1958: Chief Alexandro and May with Explorers Club flag

1958: USNA and USMA '58 at Memorial Svc, 24 May 92

with a bikers p-rade in spt of POW/MIA—40,000 motorcycles in DC. Next yr we probably will move the event to the Sun closest to 4 Jun to avoid the crowds at the VN Memorial and the traffic.

Talked to **Terry & Harriett Connell** on 25 May. Terry's just back from Egypt permanently. Their eldest daughter Ann was married in Boulder, CO on 22 May to David Reeve, a philosophy prof at Reed Coll. Meanwhile, youngest daughter Martha manages an apartment house with 7 units—seems it was the location for some Hollywood film in the making. Terry is enjoying being closer to 4 grandchildren and said of his sojourn in Egypt, "not sorry I went, not sorry I'm back."

Tom Forman wrote that Thomas Garrett Forman weighed in at 8 lbs, 3 oz on 7 Jan 92, the first grandson to add to his three granddaughters. Two weeks to go, can wait for a little more info and get this one in early. . . .

Panic—just received the Jul *ASSEMBLY* in the mail and realized that, with **Judy**'s knee surgery on 28 May and ofc move to Rosslyn in Jun, my 71st did not get sent early, did not get sent in on time, is as late as the 70th. No call from the editor, no doubt waiting to see is I can do it without prompting. Spoke too soon—just called! On the way, wait!

The only news that must be added is that **Bob Baker** died on 6 Feb 92 of respiratory arrest. Bob had severe emphysema for a long time and spent his last 2 1/2 yrs (after he & Molly were divorced) with his sister Sally Rowse in Santa Barbara, CA. Sally provided this sad news to Lawton in response to his latest epistle to the Cl. Bob's prolonged illness forced him to ret early from nuclear power plant job in Richland, WA. He is survived by his 6 children: Roberta Ann, Betsy (married in Las Vegas, 4 children), Barbara, Bruce (an architect in Richland), Bradley (med student at Georgetown Univ) and Becky Jo. Think that Roberta Ann is a nurse in Richland and one of the daughters is a lawyer, but my notes are poor—sorry. Do know that there were mem svcs for Bob in his hometown of Payette, ID and at his yacht club in Richland, WA. Some of his ashes were scattered on the Snake and Columbia Rivers and the remainder were interred in Arlington Natl Cem. And the words repeat, "May it be said, well done, be thou at peace."

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The Cl was saddened to learn of the death of **Brooks Sisson** in KS City on 19 Apr. We extend our deepest sympathy to **Jan** and their children, Kevin, Scot and Kelli. Brooks died of cancer and was buried at the Natl Cem at Ft Leavenworth. **Hank & Joy Adamson, John Orndorff** and **Jerry Fogel** were at the svc. Contribs may be made in Brooks' name to the American Cancer Soc. Jan's address is 13110 W 83 Terrace, Lenexa, KS 66215.

I am also sorry to rep that **Alison Beard**, **Lou**'s wife, died of a brain tumor on 5 Jun. The sincere sympathy of the Cl is extended to Lou; to their 4 daughters, Sandra, Cheri, Julie and Kimberly; and to their families and friends. Lou's address is 2204 Casemont Dr, Falls Church, VA 22046.

There were two Cl sons in the Cl of '92. Barak **Cohen**, **Bill**'s son, and Mike **Haight**, **Chip**'s son, received Cl mugs at the reception at **Peter & Ann Stromberg**'s qtrs on 28 May. Our WP Cl contingent turned out in force, as did the proud parents. Our very best wishes go with these young men as they begin a career with what we assume to be the same enthusiasm we had 33 yrs ago.

1959: Mike and Chip Haight and Bill and Barak Cohen

Ray & Carol Baugh were in Ruesselsheim, Ger for the last two yrs of exciting and historic change, and every wknd they traveled to a different place. Ray was there for Hughes Aircraft, having been selected to assist General Motors in developing a sys engring approach to vehicle devel. On a wknd visit to Brugge, Belgium, the Baughts spent an hr driving around Brussels trying to find **Pat & Regina Passarella**, without success. It turned out that they had moved closer to Mons, where Regina teaches at the SHAPE elementary sch. They ran into **Dan Eckelbarger** and **Bill Burleson** at FD dinners at Heidelberg, where they also saw Butch Saint '58, a comate whom Ray had not seen since Butch's grad.

Last Nov the **Baughs** returned to their home in Fullerton, CA, where Ray now works with a 4-person gp charged with forming a joint venture in Saudi Arabia to pursue software and sys engring for Hughes. They see **Don & Kay Markham** once or twice a qtr, and visiting **Larry Minnich** in OR is on Ray's list of things to do.

Right now the **Baughs** are focusing on their daughter Becky's wedding in San Fran this Aug. Ray is in sticker shock contemplating the cost and is trying, he says, to take refuge in denial. Becky has the J Walter Thompson western acct for the USMC and has gotten to see **John & Norwood Grinalds** as a pleasant part of her job. Ray's son Brett is about to enter his final yr in EE at U of CA, Long Beach. He had been on an extended sabbatical from coll, says Ray. The Baughs' new address is 3 Southwind, Irvine, CA 92714.

Hank Larsen is the very first to respond by Prodigy. His ID no is MCFF51A, and he would like to hear from you. Hank is working on an *ASSEMBLY* obit for **Larry Greene**, who died in 67. **Bill Lehrfeld** and **Bud Steinberg** have helped, but there are still large gaps in their knowledge of Larry's life between 59–67. Any engr who served with him during that period, or anyone else with some knowledge,

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is urged to contact Hank, either on Prodigy or at his *Register* address.

Jerry Weisenseel took early ret at the end of last yr from the phone co in FL. He earned a DBA from Nav U in Ft Lauderdale and is taking it to Australia to teach quantitative methods, statistics, mgt info systems, and to do research. New address is Australian Catholic U, PO Box 968, N Sydney, 2059, NSW Australia, and he & **Marilyn** would love to hear from any of us who happen to be in the area. The photo of Jay with the spiny lobster is evidence of his 25-yr love of scuba diving and his sometime work as a commercial lobsterman.

1959: Jerry Weisenseel

The **Weisenseels** have 3 children: Karen (31) is married and an acct mgr for Bellsouth; Robert (29) is single and a sr at Embry Riddle U in Daytona Beach, where he majors in flight; and Lynn (26) is married and works as a personal banking rep for Chase Manhattan in Palm Beach.

On 22 Apr **Bill Mullen** presented a ldrship award to Cadet Brian Allin of the Methodist Coll Co (Fayetteville, NC) of the Campbell U ROTC Bn. The award, named the Mullen-Mansfield Award, is in honor of **Clayt Mansfield** and Bill's father, USMA '34, and it recognizes and thereby contributes to the continued tradition of selfless svc reflected in the careers of Clayt and COL Mullen. Present were Bill's mother, Clayt's mother, Mrs Elsie Smith, and his sister Claire. Bill's and Clayt's mothers instituted the award in 78. Bill ret this summer.

Ron & Opal Brass have moved from Augusta, GA to a new ranch home overlooking the Smokey Mtns near Asheville, NC. The address is 15 Tall Pine Trail, Arden 28704. Ron is a contract consultant with the new engr sch at Mercer U in Macon, GA. There's a lot of traveling, he says, but attracting new students into the engr program is very rewarding. Opal, with the Natl Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA), works on software devel for the huge satellite and ocean sensor database. She considers it the best challenge she's had since working on the Apollo moon mission. The photo was taken at the marriage of Ron's stepson, Steve Goodwin.

Ron has 3 daughters: Patricia (30) lives with her husband and 4 children near Atl; Cynthia (26) lives in Austin—both she & her husband are with State Farm Insurance; Kathryn (14) is

1959: Ron & Opal Brass with Sandie & Steve Goodwin

a HS freshman and has her eye on Duke Med Sch ("I'll never ret," says Ron).

Some short takes. Speculation on the "Capitol Comment" section of the May *Washingtonian* mag was that **Fred Malek** will replace Sam Skinner as White House C/S if Pres Bush is re-elected. **Gerry Stadler** was on a field trip with NDU to Turkey, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland in early May and, according to his secy, ret in Jul. **Polly & I** attended the opening day game at the new ball park in Baltimore on 6 Apr, and our presence was recorded by a friend in the accompanying photo.

1959: Opening day at Camden Yard

Bill Burleson ret and lives in Williamsburg. **Jerry Hilmes** ret this summer. **Bill Fitzgerald** is not ret but reassigned from Egypt to DC. **Tom McInerney** has been reassigned from the Alaskan Cmd to (I think) Vice C/S, USAF, in DC, a 4-star job. And our two Army 4-stars, **Ed Burba** and **Fred Franks**, are still firmly in control of our ground forces.

Tex & Caroline Turner have settled in Williamsburg, a 7-min walk from the colonial area, and love it. They see **Lou & Betty Ann Hightower** and **Bill & Ellen Zaldo** occasionally, and other old friends and family stop by from time to time. They have been on the road for weddings and for the birth of their son's first baby, a little boy. The photo was taken at the wedding of daughter Elizabeth Mary Turner last 18 Jan at Cornwall-on-Hudson, in the same church where her great-grandmother was married.

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An article in the *Wall Street Journal* entitled "Driving Back: Chrysler is Making Solid Progress Despite Turmoil Over Who Will Succeed Iacocca" rep that Jerome B York '53, Chrysler's ch financial off, has risen rapidly in

1959: Elizabeth Mary Turner and dad

the past yr to become a dark horse to succeed Mr Iacocca.

Jim Lincoln wrote passing along an article from in the *Army Times*. "LTG **Charles P Otstott**, Deputy Chm, NATO Mil Cmte, Brussels, Belgium, is to ret at his current grade after 31 yrs of svc. Otstott (54) holds a master's degree in engring from Purdue U. He also attended the Inf Sch Basic Course, USMC Amph Warfare Sch, CGSC, and the NWC. During the Vietnam War, he served as an advisor and bn ops off with the 101st Airborne Div (Air Mobile). Recently, he served as cmding gen, US Army Combined Arms Combat Devel Activity, Ft Leavenworth, KS; and the CG, 25th Inf Div (Light), Schofield Bks, HI." Haven't learned what Charlie & **Candy** will do for a second career.

On the way in to work from NJ this morn, passed a car with "USMA 60" plate—turned out it was **Herm Marmon** & wife. I waved and hit the passing lane.

Very sorry to see in the last *ASSEMBLY* that **Hen Phillips** died in Mar. We were plebe roommates first semester; I am sure all the Cl joins in sending our sincere condolences to **Mimi** and the children. Hen & I talked last fall, and all seemed well.

Understand **Hank Watson** has been under the weather, but secy said she had spoken to him today (23 Jun) and he sounded good. Get well, Watson, that's an order; you're up for room orderly, or scribe duty very soon. Hank is in VA Beach, VA.

Rescued by my Beast Bks roommate, **Grafton Jhung**, who called the afternoon these notes were due. He & **Sue** had been on a trip to Canada with AOG and were pleased to meet COL Kuzell & wife from Flagstaff, AZ. Kuzell was asst regt cmdr in 2nd Regt during our cdt days. He apparently has a very nice, albeit dry, sense of humor, which I missed during a Regt Bd plebe yr (7 & 7—not a beverage).

Graf played golf in Mar with **Sam Kouns**, **Emer Yeager** and **Bruce Nevins** at a course near Bruce's ofc in Petaluma, CA. Bruce & **Cindy** had their second child, Grace Caitlin (9 lbs, 1 oz) in May to join older brother Nicholas. Congrats! **Emer Yeager** is the CFO of a co in Marin County.

On this travelogue, Charlotte, NC was next; **Graf** had a chance to play in the Paine Webber Pro Am before the Paine Webber Svcs sr tournament. His firm handles/mergers a mu-

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tual fund for them. **Phil & Susie Chapell** dined with Grafton.

Mimi, **Grafton**'s daughter, is expecting in early Jan, making him a grandfather for the second time.

Also in May, **Jhung** had breakfast in HI with **Ron & Audrey Halsall**; the Halsalls had been to AZ recently to visit their son in coll.

All for now folks! Send ltrs—need more poop for col.

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Congrats to **Barb & Bob Rosenkranz** on his selection to MG; that's particularly good news in this "right sizing" environment.

Now, here's a new number for your address books: N7VCM. It is the Ham radio call sign of **Renate & Dan Conner** as they navigate the 7 seas in their 36-ft sailboat *Inertia*.

1961: Great explorers Dan & Renate Conner with *Inertia*

Back in Jun 91, they bought their vessel in San Fran and moved aboard permanently. Hoisting anchor and sail, they skimmed out to sea via the Golden Gate Bridge two mos later. After a leisurely voyage to San Diego for provisioning, they steered on to the Baja Peninsula, docking in San Lucas. From there they became landlubbers, crossing over to Puerto Vallarta for a mo-plus vacation. That phase completed, they sailed to just S of Acapulco, where son Paul joined them from New Orleans. By 22 Apr 92, **Renate & Dan** were off for the Pacific Isls. For 31 days, they braced themselves against nature's challenges and efforts to ravage their tiny craft—crashing seas, squalls, hot winds—results being busted masts, snapped stays, torn sail connections and a dead engine in the doldrums. At last, in the calm of 23 May, they landed at Hiva Oa. Here is where Dan & Renate even now may still be laboring to repair their rig before continuing the quest onward to Tahiti, Tonga, Somoa, Fiji and looking to drop anchor in New Zealand—perhaps at the very moment you are reading this. With a little luck maybe they will rendezvous there with **Marianne & George Henderson**.

Sandy & Joe Stringham have been in Mexico, too. Because Joe is the DATT in Mexico City, they have had the pleasures of traveling further S to Panama, meeting up with **Maribelle & Kaiser Bazan** and **Karen & George Joulwan**.

Joe & Sandy plan to ret in Destin, FL in 93. (Great idea and it's close to the Ranger camp.) **George** was mentioned in *US News & World Rep* as having been considered for SACEUR; but, the rep went on, the White House felt he was too valuable directing anti-narcotics efforts. Now, is that good news? Or is it bad news?

1961: The Stringhams, Bazans and Joulwan in Panama

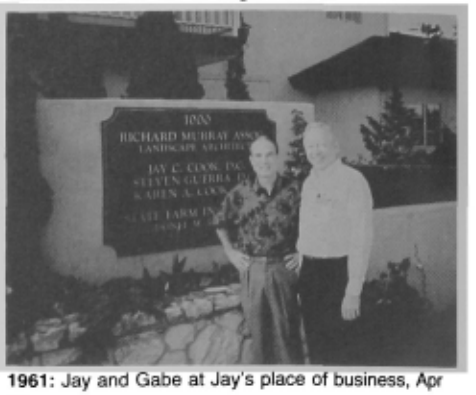
Susie & Gabe Gabriel met up with **Carol Jean & John McLean** at Vail for some serious downhilling. The McLeans have moved back to Cleburn, TX, where John has reopened his law practice. Later Susie & Gabe had work in Monterey (c'mon now, Monterey and work have got to be an oxymoron to those of us on the E coast). In any case, the fun part of the drive W was to be with **Mary & Jim Looram** and then **Karen & Jay Cook**.

1961: The McLeans and Gabriels in Vail, CO, Jan 92

1961: The Gabriels and Loorams in Pacific Grove, Apr 92

Two of the Loorams' children and one grandchild live in Hong Kong, which may be why Mary has stepped into the vocation of travel agent while Jim is plowing away with cos in need of orgn and distinguishing between ldrship and mgt. To explain the sign in the photo of Gabe & Jay, Karen is an acupuncturist while Jay does the chiropractoring; Gabe will return to install a med mgt info sys for them. Sounds like a perfect twist for pinning down one's business.

Rod Grannemann in Salinas, across the mtn from Monterey, had a 31st "mini-reunion" of '61's Riyadh Desert Rats: **Sally & JB Taylor, RJ Wooten, Gary Flack, Bruce Lammers** and **Bruce Mucho; Ekman** may also be joining this crowd via Vinnell. The **Van Gorders** and **Butterworths** were absent because of conflicts. While at some notably appropriate establishment for elegant dining, Mucho, in historical style and grace, regaled the crowd with detailed instructions in camel riding. Rod advises that all should be present at #35 because, by then, Burke will have his act down cold for all to experience.



1961: Jay and Gabe at Jay's place of business, Apr 92

Barbara & George Hricz celebrated their 30th wedding anniv with a leisurely trip to CA (obviously they missed **Mucho**) driving the coastal highway. They also celebrated son Shawn's grad from the NY Sch of Visual Arts—92 has been a great yr for them—no more coll tuitions! And, still in CA, the **Mallorys** are still holding forth at the Presidio of San Fran. You may have even seen Glynn on TV carrying out his hosting duties for Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to the Presidio when he (Gorby) suggested that it become the site for the "Gorbachev Foundation." (More of life's little ironies.)

Back along the other coast is Tampa, FL, where the **Urettes** (Mike is still bldg beautiful homes despite the recession) continue to keep tabs on some of our 'mates. The **Skillmans** are also in Tampa; **Greta & Bruce Dalgleish** are entrepreneuring in Orlando, as are the **Hydes**; and the **Paul Palmers** are in nearby Kissimmee. A little bit N in Atl, **George Seckinger** is a truly happy camper; Debi made them the proud parents of Jennifer Lynn (17 May 92), who, by this scribe's count, is for now the Cl baby—and who knows, Cl of 2015?

1961: The Hriczes and their Maltese, "Holly"

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1961: Jay Olejniczak with daughter Julie

In the DC area: **Mike O'Neil** is back at home after some surgery; he's doing much better under **Margaret**'s watchful eye. She's now the health nurse for the House of Rep, and daughter Kathleen is also on Capitol Hill, summer interning with Pfizer Co's Wash Ofc. **Glass, Blesse, Buckner, Kremer, Magness** and **DeVries** are continuing to plan for area events and steps toward local spt for the Cl Gift. **Will Conley** was in the AO visiting his daughter at U MD and was among those who made it to the 19 May luncheon; he mentioned that **Connie Leinbach** is the hosp cmdr at Ft Lee. **Dave Teal** was the luncheon "guest speaker," explaining the details of mil downsizing. He ret in Jun, as did **Larry Budge**. **Pete Heimdahl**'s ret ceremony was at WP; **Pat** & he now head off to WI for their "second career." To these 'mates and those others who too are embarking on this great transition, "Good wishes for even greater successes, good health and happiness."

Also in the WP area, **Jay & Sylvia Olejniczak** proudly attended the HS grad of "Daddy's little girl"—Julie—from Canterbury HS in New Milford, CT. Julie graduated with highest honors and received early admission to Wash & Lee Univ (bio/pre-med). Canterbury was Julie's 11th sch.

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As I write this, there are 143 and a butt days to the 30th Reunion gathering for the Cl of '62, SIR! **Kirschenbauer** rep a great response thus far. See you there!

1962: The Schmidts at M-2 reunion

1962: Founders Day 92, Wash, DC: (first row) unknown Cl guests, Ted & Harriet Stroup, Ann & Don Karrer; (second row) Pete Oldfield, Annel & Paul Kelley and the Dworsaks

A gp of us got together to put the "wrap-up" on the Cl Gift drive. The response to that project exceeds expectations of some who do not understand "our system," but we knew it could be done!

Doc Ellis gave me the following photos of M-2's mini-reunion attended by Doc & **Marilyn Ellis, John & Terry O'Neal, John & Diane Schmidt, Fred & Alyce Shaeffer, Hank & Jeannie Urna** and **Jim Kimsey**.

1962: Jeannie Urna, Fred Shaefer, Hank Urna and Terry O'Neal enjoying M-2 reunion

1962: Patty & Barry at Founders Day 92, Omaha

That's all I received in the way of news for this issue. I need your help to keep Cl news interesting. My Cl notes are due 15 Oct, 15 Dec, 15 Feb and 15 Apr. Send your news and clear and up-close pix. Thanks.

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Mike Vopatek sent an announcement indicating he has joined Wheet, First Securities, Vienna, VA (1-800-233-7584) as a financial consultant. **Judy & Tommy Thompson** are in the Omaha, NE area, according to the local WPS secy. A new address for **Allen Clark**: 3422 Pellinore Pl, Annandale, VA 22003–1228. BG **Frank Cardile**, Cmdr 438th Airlift Wing, McGuire AFB, was guest speaker at the Phila WP Soc FD dinner (13 Mar).

1963: Frank Cardile addresses WPS of Phila at Founders Day 92, 13 Mar

A couple of reminders: **Mike Summers** is chm of our 30th Reunion and is currently forming his cmte. Our 30th will be at WP 29–31 Oct 93 (football game vs Western MI). Secondly, **Bill Alexander** is chm of the cmte to select our Cl Gift to WP. Presentation will be at our 35th or 40th Reunion. Mike's work phone is (202) 336-7460. Bill can be reached at (717) 238-5737.

Received a plea for help from **Joseph B Mucelli**—560 47th Ave, San Fran, CA 94121;

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tel (415) 752-3015. He served in Vietnam and was a close friend of **Mike Soth**. Joe and Mike served together as advisors in Lam Dong province, II Corps. Joe was close-by when Mike was killed in a VC ambush, 21 Jun 66. Joe has made one trip back to Vietnam and plans to return for a second trip to Lam Dong province (18 Jun-28 Jul). Joe mentioned meeting Mike's twin brother (CPT, USAF) in Vietnam in 67 or 68. Joe is trying to contact any mbr of the Soth family. If anyone has any info, please contact Joe ASAP!

Late flash—**Pat Stevens** has been nominated for promotion to MG! He will become dir of Mil Programs in the Ofc of the Ch of Engrs.

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Today (14 Jul) I returned from a mo in Thailand and was informed by the AOG that my col was lost in mail and never arrived. Quick note: saw **Vic Kongsuvan** and **Bill Reynold**'s wife **Ann** while there. More to follow next time.

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Greetings again from Chicago. Received a nice pic of **Dan Christman** congratulating **Bruce Lowe** during engr off's basic course at Ft Leonard Wood. Bruce, according to Jack, is off to Ranger Sch; then he will be assigned to Ft Carson, where **Barry Zais** is the CS.

1965: Dan Christman and Bruce Lowe

Thames rep that he's now in Brownsboro, AL after having been in the 320 AADCOM. **George Ruggles** sent a nice note with an article about **Bob Huffhines**. Bob, who grad from Harvard Law Sch, works in WA representing indigents. George also rep that **Sue** is doing fine with her new co and is working out of the house. Daughter Stephanie grad from Northwestern, works in San Fran at a big law firm and plans on going to law sch. Son Jonathan is now working on a ranch in central OR, after which he'll probably go to Europe for a while. George is still traveling quite a bit and gets back to WP every so often. George sees **Doug Gentzkow** every few mos. He owns a nice vineyard near Corvallis, OR which produces some good wine. He is a pilot on his regular job.

Ed Foehl hasn't been seen other than for a brief appearance at the annual A-N game in Portland, according to **Ruggles**.

David Gnau rep that son Matthew received a 3-yr ROTC scholarship and also was accepted by Lehigh. During that entire process, he also received an appt to WP, enrolling with the Cl of '96. In the same Cl will be Mark **deLaar**, son of **Bob & Pauline**. This may be the first time that two first cousins of classmate fathers have entered the Acad. Yes, there still are plebe parents at WP. The new cadet does not choose one; they are assigned one. Just as when we were there, some of them take the asgmt seriously and others do not. **Chuck Shaw** is still alive and well, getting on with his life, as they say, in Napa Valley.

Jimmy Stephenson wrote from Minneapolis and sent the Cl Roster questionnaire in a little late. Jimmy rep that since most news at our age consists of unpleasant developments, he has no news to rep. I'm not exactly sure what that means, but it was good hearing from you, Jimmy. He has 3 children (two girls and a boy) and is still a lawyer with a large law firm in Minneapolis.

Speaking of questionnaires, we still have a few rosters available; if interested, send $25 made out to the Cl of '65, and I'll be happy to send you one. Although the Exec Cmte did not meet this last May, a gp of classmates at USMA is busy putting together a potential list of Cl gifts for the cmte's review and recommendation to the Cl. Judging from the list, it seems they've done a thorough job looking at all angles.

John Howell, as rep in the last issue, indicated that our new boat, the Cl of '65 crew shell, did very well in its initial runs as well as in the Dad Vail finals in Phila. The contribs to help pay for the shell are coming in, but John still needs some help. Please send your checks to either John or me.

1965: Jim McEliece (R) with son-in-law LT Tom Pettit & Annabet

Jim & Julie McEliece gave away their only daughter Annabet at a Jul wedding at WP. Her husband, Tom Pettit, is Cl of '91 and a super guy. He just grad from Furman with a degree in English and has done an outstanding job in a writing career, incl several articles in the *Pointer View*. Good luck to the newlyweds.

Well folks, two pix and very few ltrs makes for a dismal article. This is the first in a very long time that this has happened, so let's not make it a habit. Please write!

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News as of 15 Jun 92 seems to indicate we still have a very healthy and prosperous Cl. In the DC area, **Norm Cooney** has become very active, along with **Tim Daly**, in bringing the Cl Roster up-to-date. Norm is Army programs mgr for GE Aerospace in DC, and Tim is a project dir for Roy F Weston, Inc, a large envir consulting and mgt co in DC.

Dan & Babs James were married 28 Mar 92 in Phila. Babs is a banker and has two sons, David, a stockbroker, and Nathan, a jr at Princeton. Dan has two daughters, Heather, a teacher in MI, and Meridith, a soph at Penn St. Dan & Babs reside in Swarthmore (just outside of Phila) and would love to hear from any classmates stopping by the area: (215) 328-1062.

1966: Babs & Dan James, Mar 92

Both **Ron Cox** in Seattle and **Mat Harrison** in NY sent me copies of articles announcing **Rich Sonstelie**'s elevation to CEO of Puget Sound Power and Light Co. Rich has been pres and COO and will retain the title of pres. Rick has a master's in nuclear engring from MIT and an MBA from Harvard. I guess that explains why Rich was never in any of my classes.

Is this a first? LT Mike Musiol '90, son of **Joe & Sharon Musiol**, sent a ltr announcing his marriage to the former Leigh Ann Seigle, daughter of **Bob & Bonnie Seigle**. Leigh Ann is Duke Univ Cl of '90. She & Mike met while in flight sch. They live at Ft Bragg, where Mike flies an Apache in the 82d and Leigh Ann is a Chinook pilot in her father's old unit. Joe has ret, and he & Sharon recently moved to KS City, where he teaches HS math and coaches and she is a ticket agent for United. The Seigles are at Ft Rucker, where Bob is dep asst cmdt.

In the "small world" category, one of my neighbors sent me an announcement that **Bob Ramsay** was recently appointed ombudsman/exec liaison to the Federal Prison Industries Bd of Dir, UNICOR. He will make final decisions on customer waiver appeals, rep to the UNICOR Bd on private sector concerns, and serve as an unbiased mediator, looking for opportunities for partnerships that benefit

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1966: Bob & Bonnie Seigle, Leigh Ann & Mike Musiol and Sharon & Joe Musiol

both the private sector and FPI. We welcome Bob to the DC area. His ofc phone is (202) 508-8400; home (703) 506-8255. The Ramsays will reside in Vienna, VA.

John Ford wrote that, at the 25th, he, **Bill Thomas, Norm Gunderson, Russ Jenna** and their wives agreed to go on a cruise together in Mar 92. **Kathy Ford** and **Lyn Thomas** dutifully did all the planning, but, unfortunately, the Gundersons and Jennas had to cancel. Lyn Thomas notes "we were extremely disappointed that they could not join us, but the great food and drink, the wonderful weather and the glorious sights somehow managed to help us cope with our sadness!"

1966: Lyn & Bill Thomas and Kathy & John Ford (missing from pic were Norm & Kate Gunderson and Russ & Carol Jenna)

John is asst VP of Corp Public Affairs for Equifax in Atl. His son Tim recently grad from Hamilton Coll with a degree in sociology and is looking for a sales job. John says he will travel anywhere. His son Scott is in L.A. seeking his fortune as an actor/model. John rep that **Bill Thomas** was recently promoted to VP responsible for all personal lines underwriting with SAFECO Insur Co in Seattle. John recently spoke with **Mike Strickland**, who is still lawyering in Winder, GA and happy with his OAO **Mace**. Mike sponsored two teams for a golf tournament in Jun 92 and joined classmates **Ralph Cruickshank, Barry DeBolt** and **Ken Fish** for an enjoyable mini-reunion.

BG **Ed Anderson** will become Dep CG USA Combined Arms Com for Tng, Ft Leavenworth sometime in the near-future. BG **Bob Scales** will be moving from TRADOC to Korea as ADC 2nd Inf Div, Eighth Army in the near-future.

Hope I didn't miss any hot news. Usually I get a ltr or pic the day after I send off my article. By the way, I must apologize to all Riches and Ricks in the Cl. It seems that for most of you we have you listed both ways.

Tom Carhart was selected for admission to a special grad program offered by the Princeton Univ Dept of Hist. The competition for admission was rigorous, with over 440 applications for only 15 slots. Tom is the author of *Battles & Campaigns in Vietnam* (Crown, 84); *The Offering* (Morrow, 87); *Battlefront Vietnam* (Warner, 91) and the forthcoming *Iron Soldiers*, which will tell the story of the US 1st Armored Div's triumphant crushing of the Iraqi Republican Guard during Opn Desert Storm, and which will be publ by Simon & Schuster in fall 92.

Please keep the news and pix coming. When you send in something about someone else, give me some news on yourself—we want to hear what you are doing, too. Thanks—**Kes**.

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28 Apr 92: We'll start this episode of *Trash Your Classmates* with a new addition to the rolls of Long Lost Souls, or "classmates who got lost on the night compass course in Ranger Sch finally make it to the 1st checkpoint" saga. The latest fair fellow to come in out of the wet and brave the wrath of SSG Broyles (that most beloved of all lane graders) is **Joe Root**. Joe claims the reason he's been out of touch for 25 yrs is because he's been waiting for the opportunity to send the perfect ltr, accompanied by the perfect photo—you know, something like him accepting the Nobel Prize while standing on the summit of Mt Everest. He finally did a reality check and decided if he wanted to get written up in the living section of *ASSEMBLY*, before he got written up in the last part of this rag, he'd better just bite the bullet and give us the real story now. Like all the rest of us, Joe's journey through the fantasy of life since grad has had its fair share of ups and downs. He left the Army in 73, and for the next 10 or so yrs he & **Mary** built a family (a boy and a girl), had a succession of rewarding jobs and then they both went to law sch. After that, they joined the fast track, and before long Joe found himself in the Rotten Apple, with a new job paying huge bucks, an apt overlooking the Hudson and a new wife. Unfortunately, in 89 Joe's fast-moving life hit one of those speed bumps we frequently find in our way at the worst possible time. He's come down out the ether but is enjoying life at a better pace now, doing lawyer stuff and writing computer software on the side, out in the Heartland in Cedarburg, WI. He's even discovered that Ranger Sch wasn't such a bad deal after all and goes hiking and rock climbing as often as possible. Doesn't even need **Pete Krause** to haul him over the edge anymore. Life does get better, after all.

10 May: I got up today, a mistake one would think that by now I would have learned better than to commit. It is, of course, Mother's Day. By use of some Machiavellian cunning I had deduced that, since **Suzi** is not my mother, there really wasn't any cogent reason to buy her a spiffy present. As you might have guessed, she did not see it that way. I shall tuck this memory away in a safe place for next yr.

12 May: Nice note today from **Bill Pollitt**, tucked in with the usual batch of threatening ltrs from creditors and sweepstakes award notices. The Pollitts' son Michael got engaged over the Easter wknd to 1LT Kathleen Brucker '88, with a Jan 93 wedding planned. Michael, an NC St ROTC grad, is in flight sch at Ft Rucker, where Kathleen is in an Engr bn. The Pollitts' daughter Maggie is married; she & her husband live in Morristown, NJ. This union has thus far produced one granddaughter for Bill & **Patti**. Their other daughters, Jill and Sarah, attend UNC-Greensboro. Bill's framing business, The Pollitt Selection, continues to thrive in Fayetteville, NC. Business must be good, as evidenced by the recent photo of Bill & Patti in Bimini this past Feb.

1967: Patti & Bill Pollitt in Bimini, Feb 92

One last note from Bill: he recently has developed a craving for April Stevens recordings from our cadet days, but can't find any anywhere. He'll pay a nice reward for some of the old records. Maybe even a trip to Bimini.

1 Jun: Phone call from **Bob Lenz** this eve to talk reunion. So far the response has been pretty good—149 of you have made reservations at the hotel. A hell of a lot less of you have sent in your money, which has severely crimped **Ace Clark**'s life style. He was really relying on our up-front money for his vacation this yr. Now it looks like he's going to have to settle for a day trip to Redoubt #4 and a bucket of Welsh Rarebit from the Cadet Mess, left over from our yearling yr (they're still trying to get rid of it—toxic waste laws won't let them dump it anywhere). Bob also passed on the news that **Bob Doheny**'s son Mike and **Rick Hausman**'s son Rick III grad from The Rock this yr and were given engraved pen sets from the Cl.

7 Jun: Hard to believe that 25 yrs ago today we threw our hats into the clear Jun sky, gave ea other an unashamed hug, and started off on life's great adventure. I don't think any of us really had a clue as to what was in store. This morn, under a beautiful sky, about a hundred classmates and family mbrs gathered at the Vietnam Mem in Wash to pay tribute to our fallen brothers. It was a lovely, moving ceremony—**George Pejackovich** gave the invocation, **Jack Wood** made appropriate remarks, **Mark Hamilton**'s haunting poem "Reunion" was read, and we placed a wreath at the Wall, punctuated by the chilling refrain of Taps carried on the morn breeze.

It was good to see so many people there—espec the children. We must never let the memory of our classmates, and what they stood for, be erased.

Suzi & I used the trip to DC as an excuse to freeload off **Dave & Janet Hale** for the wknd. It's really interesting to watch Hale operate now that he's a gen off. What is really frightening is the job that this guy has—ch of Political/Mil Affairs on the Joint Staff. This keeps Hale in some pretty rarefied air, rubbing elbows with all sorts of movers and

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1967: Jack Wood addresses classmates and their families at the Cl mem svc at Vietnam Memorial, 7 Jun

1967: Tom Curtis, Dave Hale and Ty McCoy, with Cl wreath, lead classmates to the Vietnam Memorial, 7 Jun

shakers. The wk before we arrived he was accompanying the Sec of St at a NATO ministers mtg in Norway. When I think of all the man-hrs I expended just trying to explain to David how they put the red things in the center of olives, the implications of his current job are mind-blowing.

12 Jun: **Wes Spincic** checked into the net today with his first ltr in a couple of yrs—which puts him two ahead of most of you. His business, Avanti Svcs Inc, has plunged headfirst into the Russian oil business. He's even opened an ofc in Moscow, with satellite ofcs in Surgut in Western Siberia and Astrachan on the Caspian Sea. His co provides engring and personnel for major oil cos looking to do business in the country. Damn—how many of you ever thought you'd see this day 25 yrs ago? Wes occasionally does business with **Jocko Mikula** and his gp, who provide Russian translators. Wes even claims to have found some great hunting areas in Russia and Poland. His only complaint is that their golf courses stink. Wes' son Reg grad from law sch in 91 and now works for his old man handling intl contracts and the like. Daughter Sheri will grad from U of Houston in Dec with an acctng degree. From there she plans to attend the Hilton Hotel and Restaurant Mgt Sch at UH. In her spare time, Sheri is a dancer/cheerleader for the Houston Oilers. Wes & **Gayle** have seen a no of classmates at local affairs—**Randy Pais, Jerry Walker, Walt Mather, Tom Parr** and **John Murrell** were all in attendance at this yr's FD bash. Wes also keeps in close touch with **Fred Schremp** in Hotlanta—Fred's his insurance agent and managed to get them all tickets to this yr's Masters Golf Tournament.

14 Jun: **Chuck Thomas** called this afternoon to pass on the news that he really isn't on this yr's BG list, as I rep in the May notes. Seems there's some other 0–6 out there with Chuck's name who's on the list. Based on my experience with MILPERCEN, those slugs probably got the two files mixed up. No doubt in my mind that our Chuck is the one who should have been on the list. Anyway, he's leaving his job as dist engr in the L.A. District to be the C/S of Ft Lost-in-the-Woods, MO. His son Rob is staying behind in L.A. to attend the U of S CA Sch of Cinema and TV Production. This is quite an accomplishment, as it's the best sch in the world for that sort of thing and only 15 of 1000 applicants were accepted. The Thomases' other son, **Jeff**, will be a sr in HS this coming yr. **Sally** will have to leave behind a really neat job as a secy in the Athletic Dept at USC.

15 Jun: My deadline is today. Too bad, as this wk **Suzi** & I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniv and I'm sure that gala affair will produce lots of grist for this mill. We are getting remarried, which has put a great deal of pressure on me. It also has confused greatly my children, as Suzi insists on telling them, "Mommy & Daddy are getting married this wknd." When she asked me what readings I thought would be appropriate at the Mass, I first said something in English would be nice, since the last time it was in Latin, and if I'd understood just what the hell I was agreeing to, I probably would have given it a bit more thought. That did not sit particularly well with her, nor did my second choice of something from Edgar Allen Poe. She also has told me that I must write my own vows, to be read publicly at the ceremony, and I only have two days to get it done. I do not think I have enough Irish whiskey to get me through this wk. And as if that weren't enough, next wk we embark on the Vacation from Hell—all of us, to incl Suzi's mother, in the car for 3 wks, off to Disney World and other fun-filled hot spots. Stay tuned, sports fans. Send **Ace** your reunion money now. BEAT NAVY!

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Let me give you a hint as to the no of ltrs I received from classmates this rep period—if your name isn't **Jon Dodson** or **Fred Johnson**, you didn't write. Jon & **AJ** had **Jay & Chris Williams** up for the Memorial Day wknd from Marietta, GA, where Jay is a manufacturing rep selling indus nozzles—not bad for an ex-swimmer. The Williamses' 15-mo-old son, "Mr Bill," kept everyone entertained for the entire wknd. Both Jon and Jay gave Jon's son Richard sound and unsound advice on WP and Army swimming. Rich entered this summer with the Cl of '96 as a spring freestyler and breaststroker.

Jon ended his note by identifying himself as "USMAPS '64." It appears we've all caught the Poopster fire that **Jim Orahood** has been spreading. Jim's most recent accomplishment is to start the *USMA Prep Newsltr*. If you haven't been taking notes, Jim saved the Prep Sch sys for all the svc acads by publicizing

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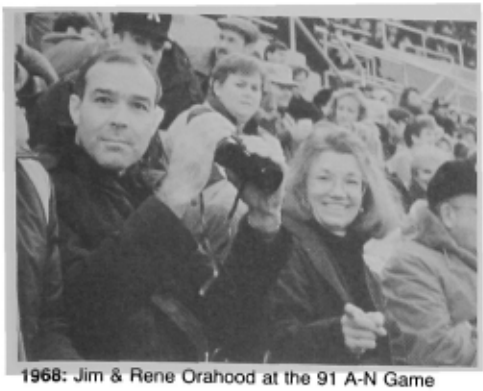


1968: Jim & Rene Orahood at the 91 A-N Game

that these schs provided far more than red-shirted athletes, pompous classmates who knew how to shine their shoes before Beast Bks, and fodder for the rest of the Cl to giggle at.

Other emerging publishers in the Cl incl **Chuck Hawkins**, who has teamed with **Sandy Cohn**'s Assoc Features, to produce the *American Sentinel*—an open-exchange newspaper on mil affairs. Yeah, it has some maps with some red and blue lines and arrows, but it also has insightful and thought-provoking articles that you don't have to take a writ on, and cartoons, puzzles and pics that Navy guys can color in. For more info, contact Sandy at Box 7099, Fairfax Station, VA 22039–7099, or Chuck, c/o Data Memory Systems Inc, 10366B Democracy Lane, Fairfax, VA 22030.

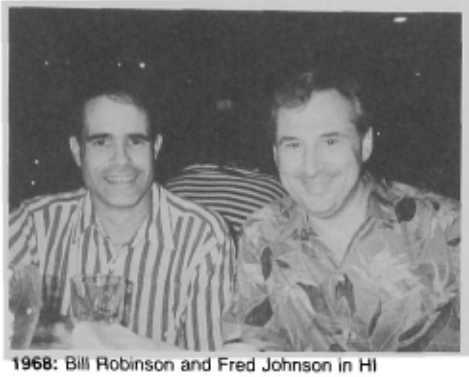
Along with his assoc dir duties at RPI's Ctr for Advanced Tech (CAT), **Ray Puffer** is pretty much a one-man show in producing CAT's *Ctr News*. The newsltr highlights CAT's strong tech innovations in automation and robotics. Ray can be reached through e-mail by: puffer@cat.rpi.edu or at (518) 276-2902 for us less hi-tech types.

1968: Jay Johnson, Ollie Johnson, Ray Puffer and Ralph D'Alessandro at the Trauner-Cima A-N tailgate

Dick Steiner—magician, mentalist and house-husband—his smiling face graced the *Anne Arundel [MD] County Sun*. Dick's new career is intriguing in this day of trying to scrape out a living based on what we learned in Govt Svc and wishing for a lotto hit or to be discovered for beer commercials where we open a beer and the place is overrun by friendly young women resembling Barbie.

On the mil side, **Russ Fuhrman** made the *Army Times* by stating that he'll never forget Easter 92. As the CG of the CE N Central Div, of which the Chicago Dist is a part, Russ was in charge of not only hiring contractors to plug and drain 60 mi of tunnels that run underneath Chicago, but wringing his hands in case another leak occurred. Actually, Russ was in place, assessing, planning and anticipating days prior to the area being declared a disaster area and FEMA tasking the CE to take charge. That's why things went so well in the eyes of the news media.

Another poopster and pres/CEO of the Credit Union Exec Soc, **Fred Johnson**, dropped a note to inform us that his former roomie, **Bill Robinson**, is taking a pre-ret job as a PMS somewhere in CO. Fred attended his son's Ranger Sch grad in mid-Feb and rep that little has changed—their feet hurt, they look like refugees from a gulag, they eat endlessly and grunt frequently—sort of like classmates these days in the midst of career transition.



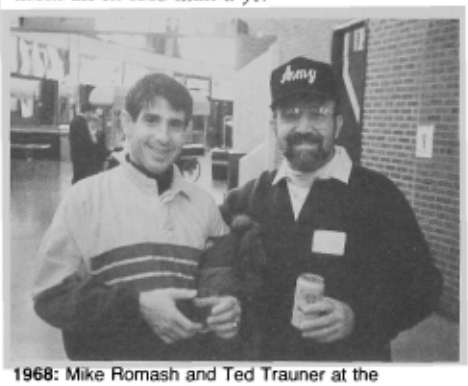
1968: Bill Robinson and Fred Johnson in HI

Gary & Patty Halstead have re-evaluated goals and struck out from the intense credit union exec life in the San Fran Bay area of CA to more fulfilling and leisurely pursuits in CO, where Gary is working to obtain teaching credentials so he can continue what he enjoyed most in the Army—bldg for the future by teaching young folks today. **Fred Shahid** called the other day to rep that Debbie, his & **Sallie**'s oldest daughter, had been a CO of the CDT Co that I had been the TAC for and Fred has taken a position in the Testing Ofc of the Counseling Ctr at GA St U after his Army ret.

1968: John Keane celebrating birthdays and annivs in Barbados, 92

I finally got a photo-poster to the **Colglaziers** of a classmate "rubbing" **Donny**'s name onto a remembrance-gathering program at the Wall in DC on 5 Jun 88. Don's parents keep track of us through the *ASSEMBLY* and are interested in the location and activities of classmates who knew Don. They're also interested in who the person was who created the rubbing in the pic reflected in the Feb 91 *ASSEMBLY*. Mr & Mrs Richard B Colglazier can be reached through me or at 3121 Huntleigh Dr, Raleigh, NC 27604.

I have yet to fully rep on **Sandy Cohn**'s party, **Ted Trauner**'s and **Jim Cima**'s A-N tailgate, New Yr's Day at the **Florances**', two DC Cl luncheons and the belated Unfounders Day party at **Ross & Sue Nagy**'s. Since mostly DC area folks tend to attend all or some of these functions, I'll try to rep on people doings rather than events. Besides, most of the party themes play off of ea other (many people in a loud rm, tap it and they will come, the ice machine and chest work, etc), and all were major successes as measured by the no of NG units ultimately involved. Scientifically, we have proven that there are no other advanced life forms in the universe. If there were, they would have complained about at least one party—everybody else did. **Larry Manning** has offered himself as an experienced life decisions consultant to any classmate who is about to experience a significant emotional or devastating event. **Jack Mayer** is still with the Ctr for Naval Analysis. **Jim Baird** is contemplating a change from JCS Plans but still wants to stay in the C3I business. Since I ragged on **Ed Millson** for missing a luncheon last yr, he hasn't missed another. **Bill & Linda Gardepe** have finally become parents. According to recent sightings, civ life in S CA and caring for Trauner Assts Engring efforts seems to agree with **Jack Cochran**. To ensure he'll never return to uniform, he's outgrown them all in less than a yr.



1968: Mike Romash and Ted Trauner at the Trauner-Cima A-N tailgate

With the addition of the **Robinsons** and **Halsteads**, it also looks like **Joe Henry**'s band of classmates is growing in CO. I've also heard a rumor that **Steve Donohue**, after being a fighter pilot, a computer specialist and an AF JAG, has settled in Denver to help close bases. Maybe we should be thinking of a ski outing to celebrate our 25th yr after grad. Speaking of what we should be doing, I met with **Dave Ohle** and **Dan Kaufman** a few wks ago. We discussed what we need to do to get the Cl Fund rolling toward a goal, and what we're going to do for our 25th Reunion (since the 25th is not recognized by USMA). First of all, if we were even thinking about giving a gift to USMA by our 25th, we could only supply baseballs for the Army home games—if they play an abbreviated season. Honest, Rabble, I would bet that most of you carry more in your checking accts than we have in our Cl Fund. Our theory is that we have sacrificed our fund in lieu of the WP Fund, which has been used in recent yrs to redesign the Plain and play musical statues. Although we don't currently have a concrete, wood or even conceptual idea for a gift, that shouldn't stop us from contributing. You'll be hearing more on this subject from Dave Ohle in the future. In the meantime, if you're interested in becoming part of the network and cmte to solicit contribs and come up with gift ideas, contact coordinator **Paul Decoursey** at (317) 634-2020.

As for our 25th reunion, we have been

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1968: Dr Chick James with his friend Carole at the 92 Founders Day dinner in Omaha

allowed to attend the Colgate game en masse on Sat, 11 Sep 92 at WP. Other than that, we're on our own. It's not that we were too rowdy at our 20th, or the Supe knows what's in our Cl Fund, or there are too many drs and attys in the Cl—that's just how it is for all classes on their 25th. Currently, the general plan is to take over a hotel complex w/i 50 mi of WP where the Cl and our families can stay and party 'til we pop. Although **Jay & Patty Johnson**'s new qtrs at Picatinny are close to WP and large, they're not THAT large. The only time we'd leave the complex as a Cl would be to travel to WP for a prayer breakfast, p-rade and game—and that would be using designated bus drivers while we remain designated partiers. A friend of the Cl has tentatively blocked off 300 rms for us at the Marriott Marquis in NYC at a greatly reduced rate and has already put Academy Bus Lines on alert for 9–12 Sep 93. More info later—but start saving now.

After celebrating our 24th anniv at someone else's ret party, the **Nippells** celebrating their 24th with the Cl at the **Nagys'** party, and hearing from a few others that we deserve more on our 25th after putting the kids through sch, **Karen Riser, Bobbie Carleton, Ann Marie Keane** and **Barbara** are organizing a silver anniv boat cruise in the Caribbean for all couples celebrating their 25th anniv next yr. We'll sail for about a wk sometime after 15 Jun and return sometime before 9 Sep 93. These gals are serious about this trip and welcome all other serious classmate couples who believe their spouses deserve to be pampered for a wk after 25 yrs of putting up with us. If you, too, are serious about a silver anniv cruise, contact one of these gals. This is important stuff because we're continuing to go through a lot, there will never be more of us, and YOU'RE ALL WE'VE GOT—**Dave**.

Just received the sad news that we lost **JJ Clark** (9213 Laurel Hurst, Ft Wayne, IN 46835) in an auto accident near Ft Wayne on 20 Jun. After he ret from the Army as the Sincgars Pgm Fld Ofc ch, he joined ITT in Ft Wayne. My only hope right now is that the deep concern and sincere sympathy of others will bring some measure of comfort to **Conny**, their son Roger and their daughter Melissa. JJ had a beautiful write-up in the *Howitzer*—who will step forward to write an obit?

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This col is being written on 12 Jun. Next deadline is 15 Oct.

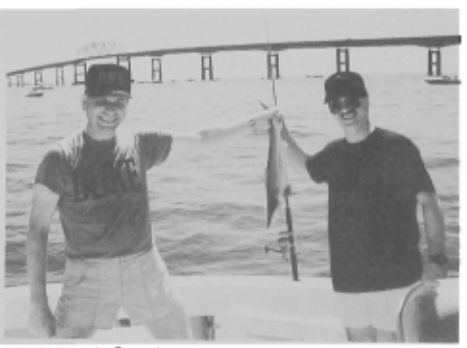
In May I had the privilege of being the grad banquet speaker for the Cl of '92, which incl '69 sons Bill **Artigliere**, Jim **Isenhower** (Cl scribe for '92) and Paul **Robyn**. The proud parents and classmates in attendance presented ea new LT with a Cl gift just after grad. Later, a Cl gathering was held at the home of **Marilyn & Steve Hammond**. During the course of my visit, I saw, in addition to the Artiglieres, **Peggy** Isenhower and the Robyns, the following classmates & wives who are stationed or work at WP: **Ashley**, the **Blakes, Bolgers, Browers, Fagans, Fouches, Kathy Freeman** (**Terry** was on TDY), the Hammonds, **Jannarones, Johnsons, Nygrens, Piazzes** and **Wheelers**. Also at WP, but not at the gathering, were **Doyle, Fisher, Kolb, Kopp, Kuhn, Mayer, Schwabe** and **West**. Hope to have pix next time.

Kathleen & Rick Ricker opened the civ mail with a note from Vienna, VA. They were planning a visit to Ger this summer. In Reston, VA are **Andrea & Terry Bresnick**, who welcomed new daughter Aliza Joy in Jun. Congrats! Terry heads his own firm, Innovative Decision Analysis, and he located the following classmates in DC: **Bettencourt** (Mitre); **Caris; Hawley** (ICAF); **Hoopengardner** (SAIC); **Lindsey** (civ at Ft McNair); **Luchak**; and **Johnnie Shaw** (JCS). **Rod Mosbacker** is in UT.

1969: Pat Spann, Pat Squires and Gayle & Bob Setzer in Columbus, OH

Also in the DC area is **Pat Spann** in Arlington. He & **Pat** recently visited with **Gayle & Bob Setzer** in Columbus, OH.

The last civ ltr was from **Jack Nesbitt** in Warrentown, VA. **Mimi** & he are moving to Las Vegas with TRW this summer, and he offered refuge for classmates who lose their shirts (or more) at the casinos. Jack saw **Hank Osterhoudt** during a fishing trip to VA Beach.



1969: Hank Osterhoudt, Jack Nesbitt and shark (look closely!) in VA Beach

First note from the active duty contingent was from **Frank Finch**, who is leaving the Baltimore Engr District to be the top Army Engr in HI. **Beth & Stew Bornhoft** are in the top engr slot in Omaha.

1969: Beth & Stew Bornhoft at Omaha Founders Day

Craig Schwender was in touch from Ft Ord, CA, where he is SJA. **Mitchell Zais** cmds a bde there, and **Bob Glacel** cmds DIVARTY. **Jack Gafford** is in a civ position with DRM on post.

Here in Europe, **Doug Aykroyd** ret this summer and hopes to stay in the Brussels area. **Chris Sautter** hopes to do the same in the Paris area.

Pat & H Lobdell left Heidelberg in Jun for HI, while **Ruth Ann & Goeff Moran** left Wuerzburg for Ft Leavenworth. In Erlangen, **Dick Wallace** cmds the 2d Bde, 3d ID.

Pete Drower wrote from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, where he works with Procter & Gamble. He is also in the Reserves and will be at the AWC for a tour next summer.

That's it for mail, but not news. I spoke recently to **Jack von Kaenel**, who now cmds III Corps Arty at Ft Sill. **Skip Bacevich** cmds the 11th ACR in Fulda, but he ret this summer and plans to teach at Johns Hopkins SAIS in DC.

Jim O'Toole dropped by Bonn for a brief visit as part of his USAREUR liaison duties. **Gail** & he are still in DC. **George Albrecht** also visited us in Bonn after spending a few days with **Maria & Jim Adams** in the Frankfurt area. (I had seen Jim earlier at a speaking engagement in Stuttgart.) George said both **Jim Carpenter** and **Ken Wanless** had daughters who grad from James Madison Univ this summer. George also located **Ed Jahnke**, who works as a radiologist in L.A., and **Johnnie Grant**, who intends to remain in the DC area after his ret this summer.

Holly and the children join me in wishing you and yours a beautiful late summer and early fall. God bless to all in '69.

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Joe Reeder rep the results of the Cl of '70 Fund Drive for FY 92, which ended 31 Mar. The contribs were over $27,500, which really ain't too shabby. That's about $3K over last yr, with about 35 more guys pitching in to help. Good job, but let's keep it up and get the FY 93 fund climbing! In addition, Joe rep that about 275 folks have sent info for the Cl of '70 Dir (which may have the first edition mailed as you read this). If you aren't incl, send some bio info to Joe (2550 M St NW Suite 900, Wash, DC 20037) and you can made Annex 1 to the pub. News from the Reeder homefront reveals that oldest daughter Rachael, now a sr at UVA, was the 92 Cherry Blossom Princess rep TX.

Joe also rep he & **Kate** spent Easter with

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1970: Rachael Reeder, TX Cherry Blossom Princess, with the whole clan looking on

Steve & Gayle Strom in Alexandria, VA. The Stroms' oldest daughter Sarah will be going to Mary Wash Coll this yr. Furthermore, Steve celebrated making 06 on 1 Jun.

Entries in *The Official Army Book of Lists* verify that others also have pinned on eagles recently, incl **Mark Meranda, Jim Lovelace, Butch Haislip, Bob S Young** (Doc **Bob N** ret as a COL in 90), **Tom Haller, Chip Leonard, Bill Saunders, Roger Rains** and **Rollie Carter**. Even some lawyers finally made the grade, incl **Bill Adams, Tom Keller, Greg Smith, Mike Schneider** and **Don DeCort**.

1970: Mike, Sean, Dan & Sue Lynch, Dec 90

Dave Carr broke silence big time. He ret in Oct 90 from the Embassy in Bonn, Ger and is now in the DC area as a Beltway bandit resource analyst and system (not further identified) designer. Commo system? Digestive system? Solar system? Anyway, he says, "Fun!" Nobody should be so entertained at work. During our 20th Reunion, Dave & **Cris** were "completing our fight with the Romanian authorities; eventually we were able to leave with our new twin daughters, Dava and Cristina."

Grant, in 10th grade, recently returned from a summer trip to AK. Max, now a HS grad, is shooting for law sch, but details weren't available at press time.

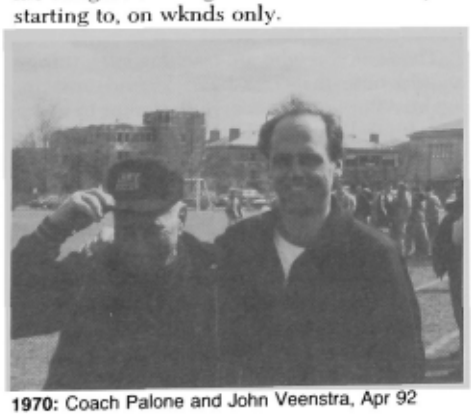
Tom Maertens, currently at USMA, got the Happy Daze together for the Cl of '71 Homecoming Dance last Oct; photographic evidence provided. **Lanny White, Larry Henderson** and **Mike Glawe** joined in, but **Tom Dueker** was AWOL. Their nightclub circuit took them for two nights to Myrtle Beach this summer. That's all. At our age, it's a good

1970: The Carrs: Dave, Grant, Cris, Dava, Max and Cristina, fall 91

thing our ears are going bad so we can't tell how bad their music's getting—it still sounds good to me!

1970: Happy Daze off the job at Cl of '71 reunion

Anybody seen any old Plebe Boxing P's around lately? **John Veenstra** and **Jim Avery** did, at the 5 Apr Alumni soccer match. Joe Palone became 82 yrs young on the day of the game. John is now working with Primerica Financial Svcs (Pete Dawkins '69 is CEO). Kathy recently started working with children in a special ed sch. Their kids, Kimberly (18), Candace (15), Kathryn (13) and Jaclyn (11), are all fine. John has some leftover boy's names, if anybody needs some. He says that his daughters will go to USMA—and they're starting to, on wknds only.



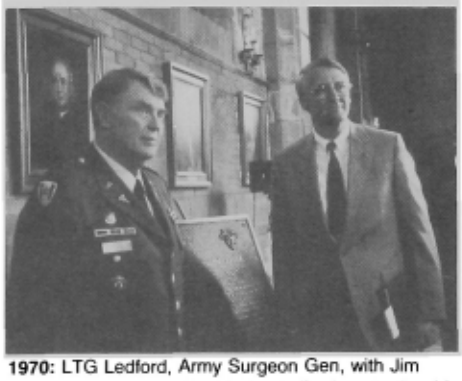
1970: Coach Palone and John Veenstra, Apr 92

Les & Patti Sumner's FL photo excursion picked up a plethora of poop. **Dave & Barb Wagner**, with kids Scott, Mark and Allison, are all OK. Allison (15) is an Olympic-cl swimmer and just missed making the 92 team. **Jim, JoAnn** and Sarah **Crawford** entertained the Sumners in their backyard, which abuts the 13th tee of the local links. Speaking of golf, we breathlessly await results of the second Annual Cl of '70 Golf Tour, hosted by the Crawfords in Jul. Surveillance on **Bill & Barb Wallis** is done by looking out Les's parents' front window. Bill continues doing his lawyer thing, and Barb chases kids but still gets her tennis in. Les sadly rep that **Bill & Portia Green** moved from SC to Ardmore, OK, thus preventing a free supper for him & Patti. But Les looks forward to catching them on the westward swing, since he knows they live near THE stoplight in town.

1970: Newlyweds Sondra & Bill Knowlton, 14 Mar 92

The Ball and Chain Dept has claimed none other than the aged triathlete **Bill Knowlton**, who tied the knot with **Sondra** Kroeker, thereby gaining instant family with Sondra's son Ryan (17). We all wish the very best to the charming couple—congrats! Bill remains at the Ctr for Army Ldrship at Ft Leavenworth; future plans are unknown.

Jim & Linda McHone, both USAR drs, are back from the Storm and are about back to normal in civ practice. Both are still active in the reserves. Jim's Jun 92 article "Cold War End Will Cut Size, Not Quality, of Academies, ROTCs" for *The Officer*, the pub of the Res Off Assn, was published in response to a prior article which contended that the svc acads are obsolete. Jim headed a project to rename the USMA cadet health clinic for MG Mologne '54, who was one of Jim's P's during his Fitzsimmons residency. The project was expanded to memorialize all Med Dept soldiers who earned the Medal of Honor, as well as all USMA grad drs.



1970: LTG Ledford, Army Surgeon Gen, with Jim McHone at Mologne Health Ctr dedication, 24 Apr 92

Rapid fire, found on the papers under the clam, oyster and crab shells: **John Greenwalt** and **Boone Bartholomees** are back at the Pentagon. Any surprise there? **Eddie Diesto** spends 50% of his time in the DC area work-

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ing on a "Black Program;" the other 50% he won't tell us about.

1970: Frank & Paulette Monaco at 20th Reunion

Frank Monaco will be joining the Dean's Ofc at USMA this summer. **Cesare Rosati** is getting by after a total rebuild of his knee. Fie on the cutters! **John Hanna**'s Ob/Gyn practice in Rock Hill, SC, punctuated by a Desert Storm stint, begs a *bon mot*, but I best be calm.

1970: John & Beth Hanna at the 20th Reunion

Jim Mowery is now at Ft McPherson, no doubt gainfully employed in something that has a long acronym. **Mike Mahan** did such a swell job convincing old grads to give donations to Cl Funds that AOG gave him unprecedented recognition. **Brad Larsen** works for Toyota vic Boston, but worries that a transfer to CA may be in his future.

1970: Marcia & Brad Larsen at the 20th Reunion

Dick Beahm is doing combat checks as he prepares to move out to ret. **Greg Vuksich** is on special asgmt for DoD matters to the Senate. He's no doubt on pins as the situation in Yugoslavia develops. No sooner does **Don DeCort** get his eagles than he moves out to MacDill AFB, FL. **Larry White**, cmdr of the 11 Inf Regt at Ft Benning, was featured in TWO articles in the *Army Times* of 25 May. It was in Inf Branch Profile series, in case you want to read what was so quotable. **Bill Bishop** is at Ft Monroe (TRADOC again??). **Jim Lovelace** will be admiring the Aurora Borealis at his new Ft Richardson asgmt.

That about backs up the C-drive on this one. But if we could just hear from **Al Mellinger**, any of our USAF high rollers, **Glenn** or **Jon Goodman**, or **Lew Tully**, then we would REALLY have some news.

So if you want to see your name in bold print in an intlly distributed mag, then fax, fon, fly flares, or SOMETHING (fling fotos), and I'll ensure that you make the big time. Until then—may all your news be good. Delta Charlie Fox out.

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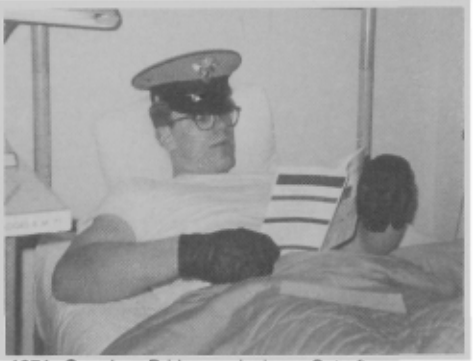
"Time wounds all heels." That is my most recent war cry for ea of you that voted for me to be the scribe many moons ago. I should be out golfing or practicing positive ldrship on new cadets. But noooo. . . . time for another short love ltr from me to you.



1971: Gray hog Bridges enjoying a Sat afternoon (circa 70)

Speaking of new cadets. . . just about 1,200 strong (several also quite weak by Professionally Done standards) rep on 29 Jun as mbrs of the Cl of '96. Yes, folks, that will be 25 yrs after they kicked us out. Five classmate families kicked their sons out and told them to post to the person in the red sash: The **Burrells** (Tom), the **John Browns** (Todd), the **Hickoks** (Neal), **Jan O'Brien Andrews** (Jim) and the **Van Buskirks** (Mike). I know that we all wish them well in this kinder and gentler Corps. Blessed with the '71 "Halo of Huah" (genetic predisposition to high mil standards. . . I made that up. . . pretty good, huh?). I'm sure they will do well. Or they'll answer to the Professionally Done gods!

Those of you who are tracking such things should note that I've been kicked upstairs again. After an unsuccessful attempt to make me an intellectual, I have left the Ofc of the Dean and returned to the Dept with a Heart, where I will no doubt provide fitness vision into the 22nd Century. Let's see now, how do we count those pullups. . . one, two, no, no, three, no. I will be ably replaced on the academic side of the house by **Steve Thomas**, who recently arrived to teach in the Dept of Systems Engring.

Intellectual emeritus (I know this because I copied most of his homework over the yrs) **Tom Mannle** is now sharing his capabilities with a new firm, Decision Sci Consortium, in Fairfax, VA. **Tom Burrell** has become a suit for Booz-Allen and Hamilton in Falls Church, VA after ret in Apr. **Bonnie Burrell** notes that Gray Hogs **Dave & Peg Anderson**, although

1971: The Burrells at Tom's ret at Ft Myer

living in AL, have season Army football tickets and do their best to see the Rabble wherever they play. They will join many other spters of young Tom Burrell as he rearranges the gig line of several football opponents next yr. Beanhead Burrell will also get some spt from sister Katie, a jr at Fordham, but only after she returns from a semester in Valencia, Spain as part of the Study Abroad Program.

Joe Thomas, who can't seem to wean himself from those pineapples, continues to do "guerillas in the mist" research in HI while also serving as the IX Corps EW/SIGINT off in the reserves. Of late he has redirected his golf green fees for private pilot lessons, much to the dismay of those who love him. Daughter Christine is off to Berkeley; first to the SF City Coll and then to the UC campus after two yrs. I suspect that monies from the private pilot certification may soon be redirected.

The recent AWC cl received their postings: **Joe Bergantz** to cmd the Army AV Tech Test Ctr at Ft Rucker; **Scott Hutchison** to be the G-3 of the 6th ID in AK; **Bill Jones** to straighten out the FA Sch at Ft Sill; **Al Patterson** to join Joe Bergantz at Rucker to cmd a bde; **Jim Walter** to the Ch of Engrs Ofc in the Pentagon; and **Hans Van Winkle** to cmd the Engr Bde in the 4th ID. From the NWC, **Chuck Swannack** will move to a short tour in JCS prior to taking bde cmd.

1971: COL Thompson, cmding

Ft Bragg continues to reap the benefits of Professionally Done standards. **Dwayne Aaron** increases his longevity record at Bragg, as he took cmd of the 3rd Bn, 1st Special Warfare Tng Gp in Jul. **Jerry & Eileen Thompson** have moved from their bn cmd at Ft Campbell back to Ft Bragg, where Jerry cmds the Security Assistance Tng Mgt Ofc. Jerry's bn did great work in the Gulf, garnering 50 of the 70 medals for valor awarded to 5th Special Forces Gp. No slouch in the salesmanship business herself, Eileen recently was awarded her first car from Mary Kay cosmetics.

Ya'll keep those responses on the Cl Gift

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coming in. You're doin' good. Only 600 we haven't heard from.

All right. Done. Time for tennis. Crud, it's raining. . . must mean there are classmates visiting town. Well, at least it's a good time for a clothing formation.

'72

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Well, having weathered the light storm of protests over the absence of a col earlier in the yr, we continue to march. Thanks for the spt and sincere interest. This is an unusual time with considerable activity, incl many career changes. Somehow it doesn't seem strange that a few drs have turned in their Army green for civ practice. Among these is **Bruce Van Dam**, who wrote to say he's leaving WRAMC after 7 yrs for sunny CA. Until his departure, Bruce was dir of Spine Surgery for Orthopaedics. He's now in San Diego and yes, Bruce, it is tough duty, but somebody has to do it. According to Bruce, **Steve Skoog** has also gone into private practice after a long stint as ch of Pediatric Urology. He now makes his home and career in Portland. At last call, **Hud Berrey** remains as ch of Orthopaedics at WRAMC. Maybe going for 30, Hud? You may not be alone, as I understand **Bill James** is staying on at WRAMC with the Dermatology Dept. Bill, please bring your lecture on baldness prevention to the Cl reunion! One more dr to rep on is **Glen Harper**, who took off on terminal leave before Jun and began working with a gp of neurosurgeons in MD.

A substantial gp of others have ret; among them, the DC Connection, **Bobby Curran**. Bob has been a stalwart spter of this col, and this time is no exception. Upon leaving active duty on 30 Jun, Bobby began consulting, teaching and coaching soccer. He also provided updates on others in the DC area. First, a Cl luncheon in Apr at the Pentagon incl **Larry Baltezore** (in Sacramento after two yrs in DC); **Roger Bowen** (now with the DOE); **Jim Camp** (DCSOPS and refereeing soccer); **Ray Crawford** (CO of a recruiting bn in ME); **Joe Dennehy** (ret to Big Sky country); **Brad Holtz** (ret and now with an Info Mgt firm); **Ty Hughes** (late returner from Kuwait and civ in Aug); **Tom Folk** (showed up in uniform while doing his annual active duty); **Walt Lincoln** (ret with his own financial planning/tax consulting firm); **Mike Lysfjord** (ret to the Pacific NW); **Bill Pavlick** (with the engr district in Omaha and the first to have two sons at USMA); **Tom Pollard** (ret and still doing the running circuit in DC area); **John Siemer** (ret to Dept of Labor, proud pop of Jessica Lynn, born 7 Feb); **Grant Smith** (programs analysis branch and new on the DC scene); and **Dan Tilton** (ret to Atl and job hunting). Others at the luncheon were **Sean Conlin, Jim Dernar, Dan Doe, Bill Harlan, Brad Loo, Eric Mellinger, Bruce Moore** and **Bob Wank**. Also, had a Curran update on others. **Bob Beumer** just arrived at the Pentagon and works with the intel people at Army level. **Tony Dedmond** stays on another yr but will visit WP to see his son with the Cl of '96. **Tony Dirienzo** now serves in the Acquisition Corps after leaving the Pentagon. **Dave Gallay** ret and was interviewing in Houston when the luncheon was held. **Al Geraci** missed the luncheon for the same reason. **Tom Innamorato** is in E Africa (Tanzania or Kenya) as political off in the embassy. **Rick Kuenning** left his USNA teaching asgmt for bn cmd in Ger. **Burt Tulkki** is fresh from Korea and now at Ft Belvoir. **Jerry Williams** took up residency in S DE to work with a comm coll. Curran ran into **Dale Ann Fletcher** in Ger, who rep that she & **Charlie** are co-located in K-town. Charlie cmded a truck bn that moved all the ammunition and equipment to the port of Dhahran. Rumor has it that he was moving more than equipment, and that there are a lot fewer rugs in Saudi now. Anything to it, Charlie? **Jeff McCausland** is doing his War Coll study in London, and **Ken Searcy** is headed to Leavenworth from Ger. **Paul Johnson** has just joined the crew at DCSOPS. Finally, from Curran, the latest bde cmd selectees: **Bob Dees, Bruce Barlow, Wally Wodjakowski, Mike Jackson, Wayne Boy** and **Bob Van Antwerp**. Congrats, guys.

Bill Guarino is right on sched with his A-1 update. **John & Peggy Boxberger** are in their new home at Ft Irwin, CA, where John is head of bde trainers at the NTC. He has a hectic field sched evaluating units. While John is gone for long periods, Peggy stays busy with Cub Scouts, OWC and PDT. Sons Marc and Adam have adapted well and enjoy their lizard hunting adventures in the "desert." **Lee & Ann Barnes** are at Irwin also, and his change of cmd took place in Jun. Dr **Tom Marks** (that's right, it's *dr* now) got his PhD in Pol Sci last May. Tom's other career as *Soldier of Fortune*'s ch foreign correspondent incl a trip to Laos, Thailand, ROK, Malaysia, Bruneai and Sri Lanka last summer. **Linda** is teaching near their home in Mililani, and Michael and Inthira are in the 4th and 2nd grades, respectively. **Frank & Debbie Eich** left Cape Girardeau, MO after many yrs for a new asgmt with Procter & Gamble. Their new home is just S of Denver. Frank is a produce supply mgr working with many of the grocery retailers in the area. Robby and Jill continue to hone their musical talents: Robby, a 5th grader, plays the drums, and Jill, in 9th grade, plays the piano.

Joe & Pat Edwards are still in the DC area, but Joe has a new asgmt as an advisor to the Treas Dept (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms) for coordination of DoD spt for the War on Drugs. Pat teaches HS English, and daughters Lisa (16) and Gina (13) are both involved in the concert and marching bands. After 5 yrs in Columbus, GA, the Army sent **Rich & Cathie Wampler** to the Tampa area. He is with the Special Ops Cmd at MacDill AFB. Most of it is a desk job, but Rick is on jump status, so he gets to chute up once a mo. Cathie was chosen to participate in the Fulbright Grant program and will spend 6 wks in Africa as she continues her advanced education work. Son Richard entered USMA with the Cl of '95, and Patrick is at Tulane on an AF ROTC scholarship. Andi, Ryan, Katy and Loren are still at home and enjoying the FL climate. **Paul & Denise Oskvarek** got to move to larger qtrs at WP this yr. Denise's new job as a programmer/analyst on post keeps her busy, and the kids are doing well, too. **Mike & Marie Aldrich** had some disappointing news in Marie's fight with cancer. She had a positive biopsy last August and has been undergoing chemotherapy at Mem Sloan Kettering in NY. Our prayers are with Mike & Marie and children Carrie (16), Maria (12), Tommy (6), John (4) and Jackie (2). Thanks to Bill, Trish, Patrick and Catherine Guarino for keeping us posted. Say, how's that new Ford engine coming, Gar? Don't know which is tougher, competing with the Japanese and Germans or meeting those bedroom wallpapering deadlines at home.

Reunion is creeping up fast—in fact, it's practically here. See you there!

'73

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Compared to the news for the last col, this edition has relatively slim pickins. It is written as of 15 Jun. My next deadline is 15 Oct. One subject on everyone's mind is the SERB. **Bob Garrant** gave a job search cl to a full Pentagon conference rm. It was well-received by the '73 contingent present. **Rick Poccia** is the pres of the First Business Bank of KS City. He offered assistance on banking or on locating in KS City. To catch up on other news: **John Abizaid** was picked for 0–6 cmd; **Al & Jane Costantine** returned to WP in Jul, and he will be a PAP teaching Nuclear Physics. The Cl Standing Cmte under chm **Steve Bothe** is sched to meet in late-Jun. The main topic for discussion will be preliminary planning for the reunion. The sched is as follows: Thu, 14 Oct 93—registration; Fri, 15 Oct 93—Cl mtg, mem svc, tours, Cl dinner (if desired), Sat, 16 Oct 93—Alumni ceremony at Thayer Monument, alumni review, lunch at Cadet Mess, Beat Rutgers, dinner dance (if desired). Lodging remains an open question—we need 400 rms. One option would be to use 100 Hotel Thayer rms plus any others we can get nearby. The alternative would be to go to Suffern, for example, and have everyone stay there. **Kelley Morhmann** is the project off; he will present this to the Standing Cmte next wk. Kelley says these are the classmates now at WP who will likely be there for the Reunion: **Steve & Suzanne Klega, Jim Johnston, Bill & Wendy Fox, Pete & Charlene Correa, Mark & Mary Ann Brigham, John & Denise Little, Bill & Mary Pokorny, Bob & Patty Potter, Andre & Deborah Sayles**, Kelley Morhmann and Al & Jane Costantine.

Thanks to the offices of **Bob Looney**, the following is the War Coll list which was recently released; 16 mbrs of the Cl were directly affected by this solution. Below is the listing of classmates and the institution ea will attend: **John Abizaid** (Stanford); **Rich Babbitt** (AWC); **Carl Eikenberry** (Harvard); **Dan Hahn** (Natl War Coll); **William Heilman** (AWC); **Tom Hodgini** (AWC); **John Holly** (ICAF); **Robert Kane** (Navy War Coll); **Steve Kuffner** (Natl War Coll); **Telford Larew** (Natl War Coll); **Ray Lindner** (AWC); **Scott Marcy** (AWC); **Bill McManaway** (AWC); **Mike Pearson** (AWC); **Torch Storm** (OH State Univ); and **Paul Trotti** (Navy War Coll).

As always—**Pat**.

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The Cl mailing for reunion input provided a wealth of info, both for the reunion and for personal updates. So kudos to ya'll. On the subject of Cl business, the Cl HQs at DC recently conducted an election of offs to the Standing Cmte. This is allowed in our constitution as a means to provide a ldrship gp to

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conduct regular Cl business and help the normal Cl offs. The results of the election in some close ones: Pres: **Don Zacherl**; VP: **Jim Koenig**; Secy/Treas: **Frank Prindle**; At Lge: **Gary Anderson**. These folks will serve a one-yr term.

Twenty-Yr Reunion. **Bill Muir** wishes to thank all who responded to his "Course of Action" ltr. The response was gratifying, showing a high interest level in the reunion, and providing valuable input for the planners—even at the 2+ yr point! The results: although the "cruise" option showed much interest, it was generally recommended for a later reunion (30th or so) for a no of reasons (money, time, money). The resort takeover came out with a clear majority, and we are proceeding on with this option—420 rms have been blocked at the Seasons Resort. We think this will offer a great, cost-effective way to maximize the time together for fellowship during the reunion. Details will continue to be worked, to incl the ideas you proposed, everything from "how to accommodate family mbrs" to "how to handle Hotel Thayer." Continue to send in your thoughts and start making those plans to attend. Remember to keep your address current with the AOG.

On with personal updates. **Brett Moonen** in Barrington, NJ is currently a project engr, designing and selling newspaper conveyors and other newspaper processing systems. In the Philly area, he notes **Gary Miller** and **Dave Mitchell**. Brett and family were to go to Sill this summer to visit **John & Deb Twohig** and the **Bill Soles**. Brett also volunteers his svcs in two key areas: first, he lends his considerable knowledge on civ job hunting; second, he'll organize a tailgate party for A-N (5 Dec) this yr. Only a concept at this point, so call for details: (W) (215) 788-0892, (H) (609) 546-0165. Note: Sep is best time to buy A-N tickets to ensure a seat with the Cl.

Good update from the **Turners**: **Duncan, Becky**, Aaron (12) and Sam (8). Duncan left the svc in 86 and got his MBA and law degree from Ole Miss. They then moved back to Seattle; now he works for Bogle and Gates, a big law firm that handles everything from wills to Exxon oil spills. He saw **Rudy Veit** and **Al Turner** at Ft Lewis and talked with **Greg Lucas**; Greg's in a law partnership with his brother in Seattle and DC, handling mostly communications field cases.

Dave & Sherry Herbison are in Westminister, CO since leaving svc. He and **Rick Binger** both work for Storage Tech Corp, manufacturing high-performance computer storage devices; Rick leads a manufacturing gp, and Dave leads a manufacturing engr gp responsible for facility and process design. Dave does see **Arv Jarasius**, who comes through selling his Hewlett-Packard products. All passersby are invited to look Herbison up!

Merlin Miller and family anticipate a move from Hollywood to S MO to continue the motion pic business in a different environment. His last feature was *Prime Target* with Tony Curtis and Isaac Hayes. He notes that, in the Ozarks, there's potential for some quality projects. Best of luck, Merlin.

Leavenworth news: **John Porter** is busy doing the Battle Cmd Tng Program (BCTP), along with **Rich Corson, Bryan Oliver** and **Dom Izzo**; it involves frequent trips to units around the world. He notes that **Bob Beecher** recently took cmd of 1–30 FA at Sill. **Bryan Oliver** also writes that he & **Jane** are there and that he sees a lot of folks while TDY. Last yr he OC'ed **Ed Filiberti**'s bde of the 7th ID, prior to Ed taking his bn. At Campbell he saw **Joe & Karen Frankie**; Joe had just changed branches to QMC. He also visited with **Anne Oliver** there. **George** was TDY; at Drum he visited **Bill & Diane Martinez**. Bill is in his second yr of cmd. At Knox was **Pat Cooney**, headed for SOUTHCOM; **Lou Gelling**, waiting to take cmd at Knox; **Steve Speakes** and **Bill Betson**, both in town for the AR conf. At Leavenworth: **Andy Nordby** is teaching Ldrship. **Eric Fardelman** teaches Joint and Combined Ops to CGSC, along with **Ted Davis** and **Al Carver**. **Jim O'Brien**, along with **Carolyn**, Jay (4) and Jana (2), are leaving the confines of CTAC and headed for S Bend, IN, to be PMS at Notre Dame. Sounds great, Jim—now we can visit you and see some great sports, eh? Do they have a football team yet? Others at Leavenworth: **Ralph Graves** was headed for Aberdeen, MD and **Matt Klimow** to Leonard Wood to cmd 4–10th.

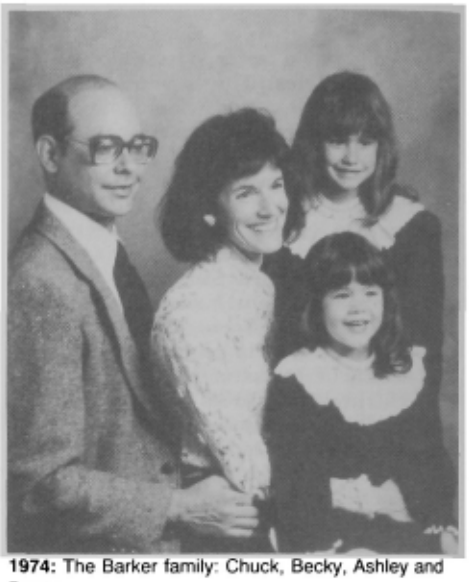
In Aloha land is Dr **Larry Zieske**, doing his homestead routine at Tripler AMC. Also there was **Jerry Dixon**, who was PCS'ing to Bragg, with an immediate 6-mo TDY to Honduras as a gen surgeon.

Bragg news: **Lee & Marilee Van Arsdale** recently moved to Southern Pines; Lee works at JSOC. They see **Pete & Liz Stuart** regularly; Pete is now sr advisor in Costa Rica and his family's in Fayetteville. **Craig Robinson** and **Glen Wilkinson** are in the area; Glen's doing well in financial planning on the side. **Skip Whitman** exited the svc this spring and opened private practice as an ortho surgeon in a town N of Winston-Salem. **Bob & Sue Scharling** are there, Sue having garnered some awards for her artistry; Bob is a plans off at US Ar SOC. Also, **Bill & Swan Chadwick** are there.

Another Bragg ltr is from **Dave & Kathie McCracken**. Dave cmds the 1st Bn, 1st Sp War Tng Gp—tng SF soldiers. It's a booming time for Dave; as the rest of the Army draws down, SF will actually increase. On others: **Rick Ballard** is off pers mgr for the XVIIIth Abn Corps; **Hy Rothstein** cmds the ARFOR of JTF Bravo in Honduras; **Pat Thomas** cmds an AV bn; **Tom Froneberger** was en route to Stewart; **Greg Gardner** cmds 1–504 PIR in the 82nd.

1974: Panama Founders Day: Chuck Barker, Eric Vonderscheer, Michael Kelly, Bob Donoho and Olmedo Alfaro

Mike Kelly and **Chuck Barker** both sent good updates from Panama. Mike is with US Ar S HQ at Ft Clayton as ch of plans, DCSOPS. How did Mike get to Panama? "FA branch sent me here to fill a Spanish-speaking slot, even after I told them that counting 1 to 10 was the extent of my Spanish, and that my only LatAm experience was a trip to Juarez on the Firstie Trip!" On others: **Eric Vonderscheer** is XO of 193 Inf Bde; **Olmedo Alfaro**, one of our foreign cadets, lives in Panama City; **Bob & Laura Donoho** and Chuck Barker are at SOUTHCOM in Quarry Heights doing ORSA work in the PA&E. **Becky** Barker adds that Chuck was in the desert 7 mos for Desert Storm as XO in 3–73 AR, 82nd Abn; 3 mos after return to Bragg it's off to Panama. Becky helps with off-post family spt and takes care of Ashley (9) and Devon (6).



1974: The Barker family: Chuck, Becky, Ashley and Devon

Brian Geehan cmds the 296th Fwd Spt Bn, 2nd ID in Korea; nearby is **Tom Turner**, cmding the JSA and **Tom McGinnis** 5–5 ADA, "so '74 has the western corridor pretty well bracketed." Brian's bn is inactivating in Sep and he'll go to 2 ID G-4 shop for 10 mos. Another note on Korea from **Chip Wentz** mentions that he was to take over the 1–72 AR this past summer.

Lots of tidbit notes now—all from the reunion mailing! **Jeff Ginther** is ch of ortho at Carson Hosp, while **Paul Webber** is ch of Ob/Gyn. **Tom & Rosanne Gandy** were at Hood heading for Ger to cmd the 18th MI Bn. **Scott & Deb Larrabee** (plus 5) left this summer for Panama; Scott will cmd the MTMC Ocean Term there. **Dave Stevens** and **Mark Kindl** are still at AIRMICS, Atl; Mark wanted to re-enact the 3rd or 4th class camp at Buckner for the reunion—most cost-effective and the guys and gals could all stay in separate cabins. Whattaya think?

1974: Mike Deeter and Sandy Schmidt at Omaha Founders Day

Mike Deeter is PCS'ing to the Pentagon

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from Omaha—you'll love it, Mike. **Bill Betson** cmds the 6–40th AR in Berlin; that unit garnered significant headlines during this summer; Bill was on CNN, etc, all in recognition of his famous bn closing down. The unit has an illustrious history of defending Berlin since WWII, and now another by-product of the Cold War is ending. **Paul Rappold** is with Michelin Tire in Charlotte, NC. **Tom Downar** is still teaching nuclear engring at Purdue; **Tom Bradshaw** is with St Luke's Hosp in Columbus, NC; **Bill & Ann Higgs** are in Houston (Bill has his own engring co); and **Dave & Elena Flyer** live in Monarch Beach, CA (Dave opened his very own law ofcs in Mar 91). Way to go, Dave. His girls are 7 and 6 and riding horses just like dad. **Neil Krukar** is with the USDAO in Rio and the **Rich Kornackis** are in Aubiere, France. Waiting for details on these last two.

Local notes: New to the Pentagon/DC is **Bill Aldridge**, to work with MANPRINT at PERSCOM; **Chuck Herrick** will leave the IG staff for a San Diego asgmt; **Bob Metheny** is headed for Belgium; **Ray Peterson** will be PMS at WV Univ, Morgantown; **Howard Berner** is moving from DIA at Bolling AFB to be the research mgr at INSCOM, Belvoir; and **Dan Duesler** flew in from CA for business and stopped in to see **Dennis Miller** and your scribe for a bit. **Mary Bonnet** was selected to attend the AF War Coll in Montgomery, AL this yr; **Joe** is still PMS at Georgetown. **Les Thompson** has been doing accountant work in DC and was off this summer for research exchange tng with a TC unit in Ger; he'll do the Research Off CGSC at Leavenworth this fall. **Charlie & Greer Llewellyn** just had #6 last spr—congrats! Also, **Jim Blackwell** gave a good and informative talk at our Cl luncheon in Jun; he's still well-regarded in the CSIS think tank in DC.

Elsewhere, **Randy Hughes** has been in Egypt with the ofc of mil coop as a Land Forces staff off, with PCS to WP to rejoin the Chem Dept. At the pre-cmd course this summer were **Bob Donoho**, who is to take over the 33rd FSU at Drum, and **Marty Robbins**, who will get 1–12 Cav at Knox. **Buddy Blackman** leaves the Chem Dept to join NASA in Houston. He said **Rich Clifford** was still sched for a shuttle flight in Oct—watch for it! **Tam Pham** was invited to speak at the NWC in RI last May; he also spoke at some schs in that area and was very well-received.

I'm sometimes amazed at the diversity within out Cl; folks all over the world doing all kinds of stuff. Makes us individually feel kind of dull (I know we aren't, though). Also wanted to mention a start-up of a career transition spt gp in the Pentagon, the exact direction and forum of which is yet to be determined at this writing; use **Gary Anderson** or myself for POCs right now. We've heard from **Pat McBrayer** and a bunch of others who want to help out. Watch this col for more. Meanwhile, write me, have a great fall, buy those Navy tickets and join **Moonen** at the tailgate if you can. Go Rabble!

'75

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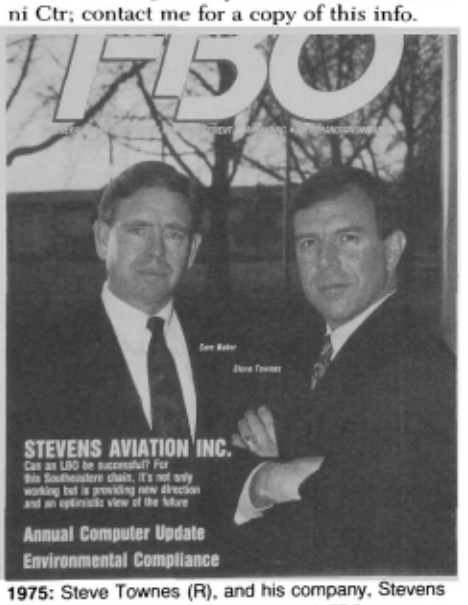
Greetings to all mbrs of *Courage and Drive* '75. This col is coming to you on cassette tape (via **Kathy** in TX for typing) from Ft Irwin, CA, and the NTC, where I am very proud to say that 3rd Sqdn, 6th Cav has performed with distinction under the ldrship of the Sqdn Cmdr, LTC James E. Simmons. We are set to leave here in a few days; I'm looking forward to a shower on a daily basis and regular food, but this has been a great experience. During my absence, Kathy has had to close on our house; deal with a driver going through our privacy fence at 2:00AM, fleeing the scene and causing some $5000.00 in damages the day after we changed our USAA policy from renter's to homeowner's; have the police over to investigate teenagers on our roof while she was out shopping; and put up with a dead battery while running kids to camp, baseball, dance class, piano lessons. . . . We were able to get in two short phone calls following her visits with the police. Army wives certainly deserve much more recognition than they receive. Recently, Kathy was one of 37 nominees for the Volunteer of the Yr Award at Ft Hood. In a very moving ceremony, she received her medal from LTG HG Taylor. I was very proud to be there to see the ceremony (and happy that I was in town at that time!).

On to the news. . . . **Wes Hayes** writes from SC, where he & **Sally** are doing well. Wes plans to take the family, Wesley (9), Creighton (6) and Margaret (2), to WP this fall for the Citadel game. F-3 is planning a mini-reunion there. OK, F-3, cards and photos would make a great addition to the col. Wes also requests that you earmark all contribs to the AOG for the Cl of '75 Fund. Wes sent some info re the Cl contributing to the James K Herbert Alumni Ctr; contact me for a copy of this info.



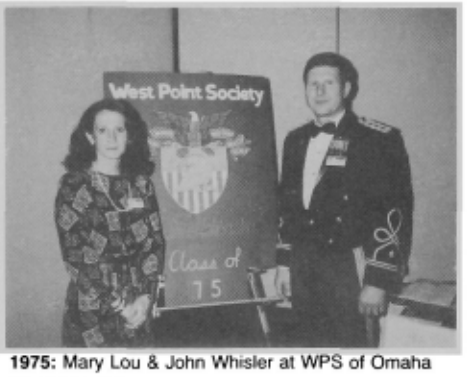
1975: Steve Townes (R), and his company, Stevens Aviation Inc, featured on the cover of *FBO*

I received a ltr and phone call recently from **Steve Townes**. His firm, Stevens Avn, recently received natl attention with its "Malice in Dallas" arm-wrestling match against SW Airlines, a quasi-dispute over some ad slogan rights ("Plane Smart"). Hundreds of newspapers and all the TV networks covered the zany event. True to his former rabble-rouser habits, all of that insanity sprang from Steve's desk.

Eric Cunningham sent a ltr and FD photo from USAREUR. Pictured are (L-R) **Bev & Charlie Cardinal, Debbie & Dave Miles** and **Kristy & Eric Cunningham**. Charlie is currently GEN Saint's aide. His future asgmt is unknown at this time. Dave is currently with the Army Material Cmd (AMC) and is headed back to Ft Leavenworth soon. Eric is still the

1975: Founders Day 92, Heidelberg

XO of 4th Sqdn, 2nd ACR in Nuernberg. I'm headed to Columbia, MO to be the PMS at the U of MO. Eric saw several other classmates at FD who were not in the photo, incl **Bill & Coco Watkins, Keith Self** and **Dave Ridenour**. Eric also talks to **Sam Hubbard** on a regular basis. Sam & **Patsy** are in Illesheim, where Sam is the XO of 4–229 Atk Helicopter Rgt (Flying Tigers). Eric also bumped into **Ches Harris** at a youth basketball game. He'll soon be taking cmd (or is probably in cmd by press time) of 2–6 Inf in Erlangen. Many thanks for a great ltr, Eric.



1975: Mary Lou & John Whisler at WPS of Omaha Founders Day

Dempsey Darrow greeted **Kathy** with a "Happy 17th Anniv" call on June 5th. I wasn't able to get a call in since my asgmt at the NTC was in full swing. Over the yrs, Dempsey has often kept an eye on my family in my absence. I greatly appreciate that.

That's the news for now. As you return from your summer vacations, or make plans to attend Army football games this fall, drop me a note and let your Cl know what you're doing. God bless—**Bill**.

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Hello again. I hope that this col finds all doing well. We've a stack of ltrs to let you know about, so let's dig right in.

The first note's the most recent. **Dave Melcher** sent a pic of 18 of our classmates who came for lunch in Alexandria this May. There are about 60 or 70 of us '76'ers in the area, and the frequent lunches are a terrific opportunity for folks to get together. Dave also sent along a Wash, DC roster of '76 grads. (Scribe note: I've sent it along to AOG. If you need info, contact them.) Dave's now working at the Pentagon for a second time and has been assigned to the C/S ofc since last Jul. Before that, he, **Marla** and the kids were at Ft Ord for

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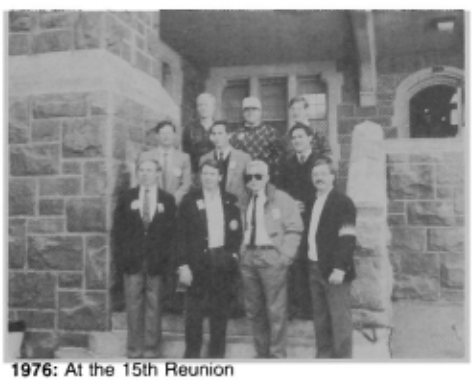
almost 3 yrs. About the time this article comes out, they'll be in AK, where Dave will take cmd of the 6th Engr Bn in the 6th Div. Dave also relates that **Dan Davis** is already up there cmding an IN bn. Back in Mar, Marla & Dave went up to Ft Campbell to visit with **Mark & Kathy Cooner**. Mark is with the IG team there, and they had a baby boy, Matthew Grant, back in Jan. Dave recently saw **Ron Johnson** at Ft Leonard Wood. Ron is taking the 14th Engr Bn at Ft Ord in Jul. They also saw **Bruce Porter** as well as **Al Carroll**, who was writing engr doctrine and is soon to take cmd of an engr bn. Dave rep that he heard that **Joe Schussler**'s also there and is setting up their big annual conference.

1976: At the 15th Reunion

The next note's from **John Cal**, who just grad from the Kennedy Sch of Govt with an MA in public admin. After some TDY at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ft Bragg and DC, they'll arrive in Spain, where John will begin a 3-yr tour at the Ofc of Def Cooperation. John's note also brings two pix from the 15th reunion of H-4 "Hogs." Incl with the gp were **Brewner, Leeman, Meadows, Kovach, Nickerson, Greenlee, O'Hara, Cass, Cal, Monk, Shatzen, Rogers** and **Taylor**.



1976: At the 15th Reunion

A nice ltr from **Terry & Nora Fong** brings us to a close. Terry went to **Bill Caldwell**'s promotion ceremony in Feb in DC. Kirrue got hold of a bunch of classmates to surprise Bill. **Bruce Weyrick**, who works at DISA with Terry, drove over for the celebration. They ran into **Mike & Paula Asada, Willie & Rose Pruitt, Tim & Paula Sweeney** and **Jim & Bess Treadwell**. All were delighted to see the gp. Terry received a surprise call from **Bob Lynch** back in the spr. He announced that his wedding will be next yr—details to follow. Terry, Nora, Jonathan and Daniel now have been back in Arlington since Nov. They're all enjoying the more urban life since moving from AZ. Terry's note suggests that he's traveling quite a bit with back-to-back trips to Panama, Europe and then to the Pacific.

1976: Wash, DC luncheon

Those are the notes for now. As you read the col, please make sure that your scribe's on your Christmas card list. Your classmates are waiting to hear from you! See you soon!—**Ian**.

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I have not received any ltrs these past two mos, so I have little news. I had planned on skipping these notes but a wonderful event occurred yesterday in the **Goebertus** household. **Susan** gave birth to our third daughter, Elena Marie, on 30 Jun. Elena was 7 lbs, 7 oz and 20–1/2 in. Both Susan and Elena are doing great. The other 3 kids, Ashley (11), Lauren (9) and Gregory (5), are anxious to meet their new sister and see mom. I will give you an update when I write the next col in mid-Aug, although that will most likely also be a hectic time for us, as there is a good possibility that we will be moving to Jacksonville, FL.

Some brief notes as I rush this out to make the deadline. Congrats to **Mike & Jan Hughes** on the birth of their son, Logan Michael, on 1 Apr (unfortunately I can't locate the particulars). **Steve Warner** gave me a quick call; he is relocating from LA to Vernon, NJ. He works for a paper co and will be managing a project for them here in NJ.

Well, I really need to get to the hosp. I hope all is well with you. Godspeed and until next time—**Keesy**.

'78

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I am sure you all can picture the scene around me. The packers left **Linz** & me a few hrs ago, after 1 1/2 days of putting all our worldly possessions into little boxes—scores of them. Good grief, it has been only 10 mos since we unpacked the boxes we *brought* to Leavenworth.

Fortunately, I set aside all of the pieces of paper with notes about what our classmates are up to and where some are going to from here. **Bill & Nancy Forrester** are off to HI. Nancy already bought her new wardrobe to match the tan she plans to get on the beach. They enjoyed the quality family time here, as we all have, but Bill is ready to get back to work. This time he will be going to a joint job in J5, US PACOM. **Dale & Kim Gill** came up from TX to visit with the Forresters and join our Cl coterie at the FD dinner. Dale continues to plug along with TI, and Kim is teaching. **Mike & Jennifer Lally** are off to Bremerhaven, Ger. Mike will be the S-3, 27 Trans Bn. If any of you have trouble with damage to a car you ship over to Europe, I am sure Mike would just love to hear your complaint.

Chuck D'Amico passed through Leavenworth to catch up on old times with the Forresters and the **DeRoucheys**. **John Drew** came through for a short visit with **Roger Moore**. The "Dog" is punching the clock at UNISYS. Great news about Roger! Roger WAS bound for Ft Ord until just a few short wks ago. Now you all will know someone in the White House. That's right—The PRESIDENT wants a transporter for his Army aide. Roger will be joining the other sister svc mil aides-de-camp to the Pres, carrying the football. What a great job for Roger. Congrats; we all can be proud.

Stu "Marathon Man" Drury was at Bell Hall last wk for instructor tng. Stu teaches non-resident CGSC over in HQ, USAREUR. Stu joined the ranks of the DA civ employees 3 yrs ago and dons the Army green as a reservist. Stu works in ODCSOPS in Heidelberg as one of the architects for the drawdown of US forces in Europe. He will be moving to DCSOPS in the Pentagon in Aug 92.

Stu rep on the following folks: **Tom Bostick** worked in HQ, USAEUR, ODCSENG, moved on to the 40th Engr Bn in Baumholder, and currently works in the 1st AD Engr Bde in BK. **Rick Evans**, USAEUR DCSOPS, is stateside-bound this summer. **Chuck Fiala** is the XO, USAEUR ODCSENG, departing this summer. Chuck's turtle is **Bob Keyser**. Bob's previous asgmts were in HQ, USAEUR ODCSENG, and the 94th Engr Bn, Darmstadt. **John Londa** is tucked away in ODCSPER in HQ, USAEUR with **Dave Jennings**. **Bob Madden** serves in the G3 Shop of V Corps. **Billy Lake** is one of the many students (and classmates) here preparing for life after the Army. Billy has become an acquisitioner and will be tng with industry at Bell Helicopter in Ft Worth for a yr, with a follow-on to AUSCOM, St Louis. **Steve Kostick** also joined the Corps whose BII is a 3-piece suit, wing-tip shoes, pen and checkbook. Steve will be assigned to Vint Hill Farms, MD.

1978: Gale & Tom McWhorter and family

Tommy McWhorter also traded in his crossed cannon for a Cross pen set and checkbook. Tommy & **Gale** will be at the Strategic Def Cmd, Redstone Arsenal, AL—Tom's old home state. Tommy, **Gordy Crom** (FA) and

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fellow acquisitioner **Curt McCoy** won second place in the CGSC Triathlon. Tom rep that **Bruce Yost** was attending grad sch at KU. Follow-on asgmts for some other folks after CGSC: **Mike Bumbulsky**; **Ben Butler**; **Bob Mallory**; **Bill Harner**—Ft Campbell; **Dan Busby**—CENTCOM, Tampa; **Bob Knotts**—AK; **Mike Slotnick**—Ft Drum; **Jimmy Moon**—SAMS at Ft Leavenworth; **Mark English**—Oman, then PAP Dept of Foreign Lang, USMA; **Joe Spenneberg**—Doctrine Develop/Tactics, Inf sch; **John D'Agostino**—3d Bde, 24th Mech, Ft Benning; **Tim McKaig** just another Acquisitioner asgmt; **Don Dawson**—1st AD, Europe; **Dan Moorer**—grad sch for Space Ops, FL; **Tom Pijor**—Ft Hood; **Abott Kohler** (USMC Staff Coll)—Ft Campbell; and **Chris Little** (French Staff Coll, two yrs worth)—Ft Stuart. Other movements this summer incl **Mike Scapporatti** to Inf Branch, from G3, 10th Mtn Div, and **Ken Curley**, Bde S3, 10th Mtn Div to S1, 75th Ranger Regt.

Great news from Ft Bragg. **Dawson & Cynthia Hancock** announce the birth of their first child, Erin Joyce, born on 16 Feb. Dawson is burning the midnight oil as a Bde S1 for COL Harper, 1st Bde Cdr. Both Dawson & Cynthia finished up their PhDs within the last yr. Congrats to you both! **Eric & Pat Hughes** announce the birth of Taylor Martin this spring.

1978: Lindsley, "Jessica," Bill and Billy Harner (seated), Sandy & Mike Sienicki and Charlie, Mary and "Max" Hart

Mike "Slasher" & Sandy Sienicki had **Charlie & Mary Hart** and **Lindsley** & me over for dinner a few wks ago. I want all to know that Sandy has done a marvelous job toning down the "Slash." The Sienickis live only 8 mi from Ft Leavenworth on the MO side.

Lindsley, Billy, Jessica and I are off to Ft Campbell. I will be serving there as the S-3, 2–327 IN (AV 635-5383). Please keep the info coming—call or write. Our new address: 1117 Rosebrook Dr, Clarksville, TN 37042. God bless to one and all—**Bill Harner**.

'79

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Greetings! I trust everyone is doing well in the Cl. I am glad to say that all the news for this issue is positive, so I'll get right to the ltrs.

Steve & Judy Powell will never again be first-time writers. It seems that Steve & Judy met as he was returning from a Rugby match in ID to Ft Campbell—on the Pennyrile Pkwy at about 70 mph in Apr 81. They chatted at freeway speeds for quite a while and finally decided to stop and get better acquainted. Well, one thing led to another, and they were

1979: Judy & Steve Powell

married in Nov 81, at which time Steve became dad to Kerry (then 12 and now 6'5" and 235 lbs) and Dina (then 10 and now married and the mother of twin boys). Judy did not get a chance to be an Army wife for long, as they were off to Sumter, SC in the summer of 82 where Steve began working on his MBA with USC. In Jan 84 it was off to Conway, SC where Steve took a position with a small civil engr firm in Myrtle Beach. Thirty mos later he became the city engr "by default" since most of his projects were "city" projects. Two yrs later it was back to private practice, where Steve experienced the golf boom. Also during this time Steve took his EIT and PE exams. His previous study at WP came through as he passed his exams with the highest scores in the state that yr. That's a long way from the "ejection seat in Plebe math." Judy & Steve were blessed with the birth of daughter Rebecca Caroline on 4 Mar 84. Steve says she is a busy little girl with a keen eye, her mother's looks and charm, intellect and personality, and her father's ability to tie irreversible knots in shoelaces and cords. Then, on 9 Dec 87, they announced the arrival of Steve Jr (Jake). Jake is true infantry material, for Judy always has to follow him around the house with the vacuum cleaner. Judy is now back in sch and spends her time quilting, playing racquetball and dancing with a local gp. In May 89 Steve started Venture Engring, which now has 3 employees. They divide their time between commercial and residential engring developments—now in 3 states. Steve would like to hear from **Greg Palmer** and **Tony Cucolo**, both of whom he missed at the 10-yr reunion. Steve can be reached at his ofc: (803) 347-5851. Thanks for the ltr, Steve—and don't wait another 13 yrs before writing again!

1979: Bruce Uphoff

The next ltr is from **Ruth Uphoff**, who wrote to update us on **Bruce**'s travels. Bruce is on an unaccompanied tour at Johnson Atoll, where he is the Bde S-3. His stay will be completed in Jul 92, and then he'll join the family in HI. All 3 children are now in sch, as Katrina is 7 and twins Michael and Kenneth are 6. Ruth sent along a pic from Bruce's FD. Since Bruce was the only grad on the Atoll, he gave the speech as the youngest grad *and* as the oldest grad. Since the Chaplain was unable to attend, he also gave the invocation and benediction. However, he did not dine alone, as he was joined by the Isl ldrship and two USAFA grads. The dining hall went all out with a cake with the Acad crest. Thanks, Ruth, for the update and pic.

The next ltr is from **Jim & Patsy Treharne**. They are now in the Rockville, MD area, as Jim is working for CAA (Concepts Analysis Agency). After 5 great yrs in Auburn—4 yrs as APMS and a yr to finish his MS in indus engring—it is nice to put all that education to work. Jim & Patsy now have 3 children: Rebecca (8), Jimmy (6) and Elizabeth (3). There are several grads in CAA but no other classmates. Last wknd, Jim & Patsy visited USMA to attend his sister Barb '80's promotion party. They really enjoyed visiting with **Rick & Melodee Hughes**. Rick has been keeping busy passing his doctoral wisdom to the cadets. Thanks, Jim, for the ltr and news.

1979: SFC McClain, MAJ Fink, LTG Hatch '57, BG Locurcio '66 and COL Dabbieri

The final ltr is from **Bruce Fink**. [See also: "Ltrs to the Editor."] Bruce is finishing his 3-yr tour in Japan and is headed for "the best yr of his life." Upon arriving in Japan 3 yrs ago, Bruce visited with **Gordon Wells** in Toyko before heading N to Misawa Air Base. Gordy finished CGSC and SAMS and is working for the G-3 of the 7th ID at Ft Ord. Bruce heard that Gordon spent some time in L.A. practicing crowd control. Bruce enjoyed his tour in Japan, with over $500 mil dollars' worth of construction. Last Apr, Bruce had the pleasure of hosting his entire chain of cmd: LTG Hatch '57, the outgoing ch of engrs, BG Locurcio '66, Cad of Pacific Ocean Div, COL Dabbieri, Cmdr Japan Engr District, and SFC McClain, who built the red engr castle in the background of the pic. Bruce rep that he enjoyed his time in Japan but is looking forward to living on a post instead of a base and shopping in the PX, not the BX. Thanks, Bruce, for the update and photo—I'm sure you will totally enjoy the best yr of your life at Leavenworth.

As **Bruce** is returning from northern Japan, I am preparing to go to southern Japan. This next yr I will be working in the 83rd Ammo Bn in the seaport town of Kure. While I am thrilled to get "back to a bn," I am reluctant to leave **Sue**, Laura and Steve behind. Everyone says a yr goes by quickly—I pray they are right. Please keep sending ltrs to our home address and Sue will forward them to me so we can keep this article going. I hope and pray

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that everyone receives abundant blessings in all their endeavors. God bless—**Scott**.

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Not much mail this time around, which is probably good because I am short on time. I am typing this on my trusty COMPAQ LTE/25, a wonderful little "notebook" computer which I use while riding the MBTA to Boston all the time.

Those of you who have held off buying a computer, either desktop or laptop, should consider buying now that both prices and quality are astonishingly good. I have found, as no doubt many of you have, that skill with computers, even as basic as a knowledge of standard PC-based programs, is a major advantage in the job mkt and in civ employment. Also, there are lots of neat combat games available which one can play while pretending to be doing something important.

On to news: **Charlie Ruppert** sent a cryptic postcard from New Orleans while on leave. He is still "alive and well" at Ft Bragg and says hello to all his tanker buddies.

Alan Sanger wrote from Honduras, where he is an adviser at the natl mil acad. He coaches the track team and had some interesting comments about the lack of running water, electricity and so on. Alan is used to foreign climes, though, having attended the Mexican cmd and staff coll and having struggled with amoebic dysentery several times as a result. Alan will leave the Army as of 30 Sep and is looking for a place to apply his abn-ranger-inf-FAO skills. Early prospects have been slow, but Alan says he will not panic. In fact, at this point in his life he says he feels as relaxed as a firstie attending a lecture after a double-helping of baked ziti at lunch. Al hopes that classmates, espec D-2 comrades, will get back in touch with him at USMILGP Honduras, Unit 3000, APO AA 34022.

Rich Polo faxed me from the USMA Math Dept, which will see an exodus of 80 grads this summer. Rich & **Gabi** are en route to CGSC, along with **Dan & Joan Grey**. **Dave & Karen Olwell** are heading to MN, where Dave will get his PhD and then return to USMA. Rich was recently the proud godfather at the baptism of the Olwells' third son, Matt. **Jim & Maja Cummings** are headed to Ft Sill; first, however, Jim will spend one yr in Korea. **Jim & Julia Stone** will head for CGSC next yr. **Mike & Navarre Talbot** are leaving for Ft Campbell for a double-secret-probation MI asgmt which Mike couldn't tell Rich about without having to kill him afterwards.

More Polo Club news: **Jeff Durnford** is leaving the Army to teach full-time. Maybe the American educational system will have a chance after all, with good folks like Jeff manning the ranks (despite his early handicap of 4 yrs in Co B-1). **Scott & Jann Crawford** and their 4 kids will spend another yr at USMA, as will **Paul & Pam Grim, Chuck & Jana Clark** and **Mike & Brenda Linnington**. Brenda recently completed a master's degree and Mike completed a tour as Math Dept XO. **Rich**, thanks for all the news. For those too lazy to lick an envelope, please avail yourself of the nearest fax, as Rich did.

Karen Kinzler wrote from Troy, NY, where she lives with daughter Corrine, now almost 8 yrs old. Karen is a MAJ in the IRR after many yrs of reserve involvement. In civ life, she is an energy technical specialist with the state of NY and, despite the occasional woes of civ svc, enjoys the work. A highlight for Karen is judging the annual contest for energy research projects in which NY HS'ers compete. Karen has stayed involved with volleyball and currently plays on a USVBA Women's Masters team. She welcomes any classmates who are in the Albany area—contact her at 12 Warren Ave, Troy, NY 12180.

Please stay in touch. It is a pleasure to hear from all of you, and to realize more and more what a special gp of people the Cl of '80 comprises. Until next col, God bless you, everyone.

'81

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I am writing this col right in the *ASSEMBLY* ofc at Cullum Hall at WP! The extremely nice gp of people here are always happy to help out the scribes—and this issue I had lots of help from classmates who wrote and from those I saw at the Jun Mil Acad Liaison Offs Conf. I am in the middle of the wk-long conf, learning how to help the Admissions Ofc by doing some work in the "field." I will probably see many more classmates before my wk here is over, and I wish I had time (deadlines, deadlines!) to mention everyone, but I will do my best to mention as many as possible. Apologies to those I miss (write me and tell me off, then tell me some news for the next issue).

Dave Madrid is at the conf, and he wrote a nice piece for us. Actually, he claims I forced him to write it. Either way, I think you'll agree it is a worthwhile ltr. Since grad, Dave (a first-time writer—there are lots more of you out there. . .) married his HS sweetheart, **Denise**. They have two boys, Daniel (8) and David (5). Dave's mil bio looks like this: Plt ldr, Sig Corps, Ft Huachuca, AZ 82–83. Branch transfer to CE, 83. Taught Engr subjects to MIOBC and MIAOC at Ft Huachuca 83–84. Co cmdr 12th Engr Bn, 8th ID, Oepheim, W Ger 84–85. Stationing/Master Planning Off, DEH, Wiesbaden, 86–89. In 89 resigned from active duty and now works for Ford Motor Co, Dearborn, MI working on the 96 Mustang engine. Dave & Denise live in Westland; Denise is busy working on her undergraduate degree in dental hygiene. Daniel is in second grade, a Cub Scout and T-ball player, and David starts kindergarten this fall. They are a typical busy family (which is why Dave says he didn't write sooner).

Dave wanted to tell why he is an admissions liaison off. He writes, "Those of you who remember me as a cadet will recall I was not a happy camper as a cadet and was one of those who vowed never to come back. Well, after 10 yrs, I did come back to our reunion, and did I ever get USMA religion. I don't know—call it experience, call it maturity, call it whatever emotion you like—but I've come to realize the WP experience has had and will continue to have a major effect on my life (positive, not negative). Now I'm looking for all those wonderful HS young people who could also benefit from WP." Thanks for those thoughtful words, Dave. By the way, any I-3'ers should write to me and I'll put you in contact with Dave.

Also attending the conf is **Doug Graham**. He was a recruiting co cmdr until 3 yrs ago, when he got out and started a successful trucking business. **Sharon** and their two girls were with him. Mollie (4) and Emily (2) share a 4 Jul birthday, which takes on additional significance when we learn that Doug & Sharon *met* on the 4th of Jul. The Grahams will add to their family in Sep. They live in Olympia, WA now. I thought it was espec nice to see Ed & Clara Chase, Sharon's parents, also enjoying the pleasant weather and activities of the Acad while Doug was here.

Gary Kropkowski came all the way from Poughkeepsie to attend the conf. He is the asst DA for the Dutchess County DA's ofc. **Claire** is expecting their first baby later in Jun.

Jerry O'Keefe is one of the Acad admissions offs running the conf for the reserves and civ volunteers in the program. **Patti** is attending the conf. They will leave this summer so Jerry can attend CGSC. I had the pleasure of seeing their two boys, Jay (5) and Scott (2), at one of our social functions.

A couple of our classmates who also had a hand in the conf were **Scott Wall**, from the Admissions Ofc, and **Chris Fulton**, who gave us a very interesting tour of the gymnasium complex. There have been many changes, both in the system and in the facilities, and the tours, etc were really interesting. Some of them brought back lots of memories (espec the indoor obstacle course—glad we don't have to do that any more!).

I ran into **Jim Alty**, and he took me back to his qtrs, where I got a chance to visit with **Deborah** and their children, Sabrina (4) and Shaun (2). It is great to see all the happy families. We are a lucky gp, from what I have seen and heard.

1981: Knappenberger and McElree '82 at Founders Day 92, WPS of Omaha

Speaking of happy news, **Meg (Knox) Kulingowski** had a baby girl, Mallory, in May. Meg & **Mark** have another daughter, Megan, who is in elementary sch and probably following the high-achieving footsteps of mom & dad.

Robin Emanuel-Smith wrote and said **Allen** will ret in May (congrats!); then they'll move to Saugerties, NY in Jun. They bought 4 acres of land there, and Robin hopes to teach PE in one of the public or private schs in the area. Allen will attend DeVry Inst in Woodbridge, NJ. Ariel (6) and Weston (3) will start first grade and pre-sch in the fall. Thanks, Robin!

Saw **Cathy (Graham) Haight** while at WP. She's busy teaching a film course during the summer sch session. I also ran into **Jill Kirby** (and her big Chow dog). She's rewriting one of the Physics courses during her summer here at WP.

Saw **Carl Reid** in the hallway at Bartlett

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Hall, and we had a nice chat. Carl shared his philosophical views of the Army and the effect of the downsizing of the force with me. **Barry Lowe**, of the Physics Dept, enlightened me as to changes in the Ldrship Devel Sys. No wonder these guys are at WP—they are eloquent and well-spoken. I'm proud to be their classmate.

I am proud to be **Daisie (Wheeler) Boettner**'s classmate, too. She is a Thermo P—in fact, is the course dir and therefore has the opportunity this summer to work with the new instructors. **Brian** is in the new Dept of Systems Engring. They bought a house in Cornwall and have two little girls, ages 3–1/2 and 5. **Heidi Brown** is a TAC at WP. During the summer she is a STAP (summer sch) TAC, and I saw her on a few morns running PT with her co. She was looking pretty strict on the run. Way to be, Heidi! I talked to Heidi in Grant Hall. She's doing well. It was great to see everyone—only wish I had more time there.

To everyone I missed, I'm sorry, but I promise to put your news in the next issue. Now that we've gone to 6 issues/yr, you should see more timely news. But I need news from everyone more often. Don't wait until Christmas—let me hear from you. Thanks for all the spt—**NJS**.

'82

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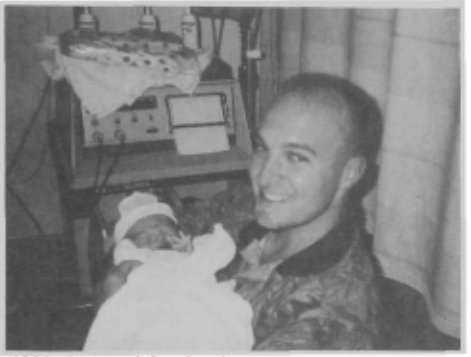
This is the final col before the 10-yr Reunion. Be sure to keep spreading the word and track down some of our hermit classmates who haven't heard. Some cos have generated newsltrs pulling all the old gangs together and updating. **Rick Sullivan** has done this for I-3 and, in celebration of the 10th anniv of this col, I'm going to use that info to focus on my old co.

Rick & Denise and son Luke are off to Newport, RI, where Rick is attending the Naval Staff Coll. **Sullivan** will be pinning on his MAJ's insignia soon, as he was picked up below the zone and will automatically be frocked en route to a sister svc sch. He also thinks he'll be able to drop all his old I-3 buds for push-ups at the reunion. **Graham Galloway** called recently and updated us on his travels. He & **Michelle** now have two children, Ashton (4) and Grayson (1). After grad from Harvard with an MBA, Graham now works for Deloitte & Touche as a mgt consultant. Currently living in Marietta, GA, he's been working extensively with a hosp on Long Isl recently. So much for the stable home life, he says. **Mark Hiatt** is also in the Atl area, as he works for DIHC Mgt, a real estate devel co. He & **Mary** have a 15-mo-old daughter, Elizabeth. Mark grad from Kellogg with some fancy degree in real estate swindling and has settled in Atl. **Dan Durham** checks in from FL. He & **Laurie** are in Orlando, where Dan is completing two yrs of cmd of a fixed-wing aerial exploitation co. He's soon to move up to be the Bn S-3. **Tony Wickham** writes from Ger; **Caroline** & he are permanent fixtures in Ger after two tours and will soon come back to ID. Tony is going to be an adviser to an ID ARNG AR bn as part of Project Jumpstart, which is designed to bring NG units up to RA standards. He is currently in 1 AD and sends news of two of the Select Few in the Engr Bde. **Dwayne Gapinski** is the Bde S-1, and **Rodger Peterson** is in the S-3 shop. Rodger cmded an Engr Co during Desert Storm and "got to blow up a lot of stuff." Tony also sends news of fellow I-3'er **Mike Woodgerd**, who finished NPGS and is now in TRADOC. Mike visits Tony on a qtrly basis, attempting to figure out NATO's new mission.

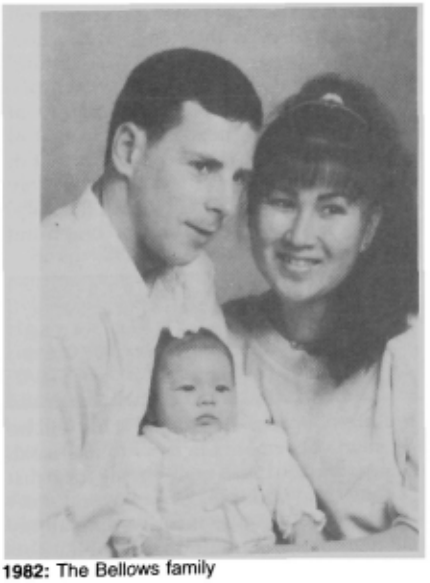
Ralph & Lisa Ciccarelli are living in Basking Ridge, NJ as Ralph works for Ciba-Geigy as a sales rep trainer. They have two sons, Joshua (7) and Daniel (3). Ralph left the Army at the 5-yr mark and initially worked for Pfizer. A few yrs ago he crossed the street and signed on with Ciba-Geigy. **John Hornick** did the same thing, moving from Pfizer to C-G. John returned to active duty for Desert Storm and trained Guardsmen in MS. **Mike Minney** also works for C-G in Columbus, GA.



1982: Jack and Jay Jennings

Back to I-3, where your historian has great news. **Lou Anne** & I are celebrating the birth of our son Jack, who arrived on 26 Jun. He weighed 6 lb, 14 oz and measured 19 3/4 in—we figure USMA Cl of 2013. We're now in Ft Smith, AR, as I am assigned to Ft Chaffee as the JRTC SOF Avn Plans Off.

Across the rm at the JRTC Plans/EMC bldg at Chaffee sits **Dave "Doc" Bellows**. He gives a rundown on his career. After an initial asgmt in 2 ID in Korea, Doc went to 3–75 Ranger Regt. Later in the same tour, he served as an FA 45, comptroller, at regimental level. After IOAC came another Korea tour, where he cmded HHC of the Combined Field Army ROK/US. He returned to CONUS to the 10th Mtn Div, where he worked in the G3 ofc and also cmded HHC, 3–14 Inf. He's now a plans off in JRTC. He & **Sun-Hui** have a one-yr-old daughter, Kristen.



1982: The Bellows family

Dave Fiely sends word from USAFA. After completing the NPGS and earning an MS in physics, he is now a physics prof. Dave is doing his best to instill some discipline into the AFA blue mob. Good luck.

Lastly, I regret to rep that **Tom LeBlanc** passed away on 23 Feb 92. He is survived by **Margaret** and his 7-yr-old son Bryan. Tom was med ret in 86 after several surgeries on a brain tumor. He had no problems until Feb 92, when he was hosp in Boston. He passed away two days later. **Joe Hallatschek** wrote with details. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Once again, spread the word on the reunion and please call if you need any POCs for details.

'83

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Hello again. Now that the summer is winding down, I trust that you all enjoyed your vacations or at least have a good tan to show for it.

Bill Macon dropped me a line for the first time. Starting at the beginning. . . he's married to **Dale** and they have two sons, William III (6) and Michael (2). He went to IOBC, Ranger Sch, 101st, IOAC, 1AD (Bamberg) and, for the past two yrs, was at RPI in Troy, NY. He graduated this past May and headed to Alexandria to be a nuclear research officer at the Defense Nuclear Agency. They bought a house in Edgewood about a 1/2 hour S of DC along I-95, so if you're passing through give him a shout.

Bill Merrill is doing ORSA work at Leavenworth. **Carl Knowlton** got married to **Camille** last summer and is due to graduate from Northeastern in Boston with an MBA; he's with the Army Reserve in RI. **Al Chlapowski** is out and working for the IRS in Webster, MA. **Phil Beaver** is teaching math at WP, and **Daryl Williams** is in the TAC program. **Pete Nickolenko** is working for NASA at Cape Canaveral on the space shuttle Discovery team. **Dave Hernon** moved from FL back to Wilmington, NC last summer.

Dean Gemberling picked up his company and headed to Phoenix, AZ so he could enjoy being near his whole family. His self-owned business is part of Primerica, where Pete Dawkins '58 is the CEO.

Becky and Larry Beisel are still in IN, but she says you'd never tell it by her in the ER at the hosp. Larry, of course, is cruising through his courses. Their son Wes is 4 now, but she's not going to rejoice until he hits 5.

Ross Florey married **Debbie Kersey** in Radcliff, KY on 30 Nov. "We had our own Cl mini-reunion. **Jim Galvin** (best man), **Corey Carr** and **Dan O'Neil** were super groomsmen, and **Steve Olson** and Kevin Faulkner '84 were able to be there, too. Jim & **Regina** bought a home in Stafford, VA, where he puts his ORSA skills to work in the Pentagon. Corey continues to be groomed for big things at Rock Jenn (in Columbus, IN), and it sounds like he'll move soon to some other plant. Meanwhile, Dan is dusting off his Schaum's Outlines at Georgia Tech and is preparing to return as one of those dreaded math P's. Why ask why?

"En route from Fort Knox to my current asgmt as an ROTC instructor at Middle TN State Univ (MTSU) last summer, I ran into a horde of classmates. At CAS3, I saw **Mark**

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1983: At the Ft Knox O'Club wedding reception: Dan O'Neil, Jenny Kersey (sister of the bride), Corey Carr, Ross & Debbie Florey, Jim & Regina Galvin and Kevin & Amy Faulkner.

SbuhTroutman (en route to WP D/Soc Sci Harvard), Carl Reid '81, John Lloyd '81, **Mark Streeter** (en route to WP via grad sch), **Jeff Snow** (now a Tac), **Tim Dean** (en route to Computer Sci) and Chris Kammerman '84. I also saw **Greg Pitts** and **Brook Myers** at SOCC. Pittsie had just completed one of those 'really tough' asgmts at a Canadian svc sch and was on his way to instruct at. . . uhmm. . . the Univ of S FL."

At press time, I received a ltr from **John Agostini**, who had also been withholding his info for 9 years. John married **Carol Olson** on 19 Oct 91.

1983: Carol & John Agostini on their wedding day

She's a mortgage originator in the Chicago suburbs. "She also appointed herself my C/S and promoted herself to the Rank of COL! Gee, did she learn fast. I met Carol on a blind date while I was out in the suburbs of Chicago working as a recruiting co cmdr. I guess you could say Carol is my most successful job of recruiting. I got her to sign up with me for life." **Bud Figliola** was planning to be a groomsman, but just before the wedding he got transferred to Memphis; then he changed cos. "Last I heard, he was working for Pinkerton Security in L.A. You'd think with a Harvard MBA, the guy could hold a job for more than six mos (only kidding!)." **Jim North** did come to the wedding. He was at Ft Sheridan's Readiness Gp. He got out in Nov 91 and now works for Abbott Labs back in Tacoma. **Jim Chew** stood up for him. He's working for NALCO Chemical in Naperville, IL. Jim & **Carol** got married on 25 Apr 92. (John and **Greg Wyman** were his ushers. Greg is an ROTC instructor at Univ of IN.) Jim made MAJ in the reserves this past Jan. John & Carol went to FD in Chicago and ran into **Tom Scheu** and **Dale Hruby**, who's with Leo Burnett Advertising. "He said to look for the latest drills from Black & Decker called the 'Ranger' series. Needless to say, B&D is Dale's account." **Peggy Laneri** is getting her PhD in psych at Northwestern. He ran into **Jerry Pasierb** at a Reserve Recruiting mtg. Jerry's in the Psyops unit here and works downtown as an acct mgr with MCI. He and Tom are neighbors. **Bill Willoughby** is finishing up his Army Comptroller Program at Syracuse Univ. "The next exciting piece of news is that I'm getting out of the Army. I'm going to settle down in Chicago. I'll be a civ on 29 Sep. I called **Mike Deveraux** for help, and he's been great. I think there is something to this 'who you know' business."

'84

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Greetings, "Best of the Corps!" This will be a fairly short col, espec compared to my usual. I haven't gotten too much mail—or maybe it just hasn't caught up with me. In any event, don't hesitate to write! **Dianne** is forwarding all my mail to me, so the CT address will work.

I have been apologizing to a no of people, as I find things I've overlooked in my many moves last fall and winter. Unfortunately, this col is no exception. I was looking in a file and found two ltrs that I had not included in a col. I got them back at the JAG Sch last fall, and they got "lost in the shuffle" as they say. All I can say is, "No Excuse, sir/ma'am!" Anyway, here is the news.

I got a note from the Darden Sch of Business at U of Va. **Marc Cerniglia** was awarded his MBA there in May 91. The school says that Marc will be working at Otis Elevator in NYC. Send us an update, Marc, and let us know how things are going! Congrats!

Back when I first arrived at the JAG Sch I got a great ltr from **Scott Huffman**. I've previously rep that Scott was out of the Army. Scott began working for Pfizer Labs but now is a stockbroker. Scott took a 3-wk vacation to Ger in summer 91 (his wife **Annette** is German). Scott ran into **Adam & Eileen Stephenson** in Frankfurt. The Stephensons have a son Alex. Adam was serving as S4 of a bn that was deactivating after svc in Desert Storm. (Belated "Good Job!" on DS, Adam!) While in Ger, Scott got a copy of a commemorative issue of *Stars & Stripes* containing a compilation of articles printed during DS. One detailed "The Battle of the 73 Easting" and described the exploits of 2d ACR as they cut off the Republican Guard from retreat into Iraq. Well, the troop that saw the most action, according to the rep, was "Ghost Troop," 2d Squadron, 2d ACR, cmded by a WP grad named **Joe Sartiano**! Apparently, Joe's troops were credited with destroying a *bde* of the Republican Guard by themselves! Still, they only suffered one casualty! Incredible job, Joe! Thanks for the ltr, Scott! I hope my oversight won't prevent you from trying your hand at ltr-writing again. You did a great job!

My good friend and faithful correspondent, **Doug Bentley**, dropped a line from Ft Leavenworth and CAS3. Doug arrived there in May 92 after finishing a cmd at Ft Leonard Wood. Doug is rooming with **Troy Foote**, who came to the course from The School of the Americas at Ft Benning. Congrats go out to Troy & beautiful **Michelle (Patin)** '88. Troy will be heading to U of FL for grad sch after the CAS3. **Jack Kammerer** is also in the Cl after a tour here in the ROK; he'll follow on at Harvard. **Ken Koebberling** came to CAS3 after serving at Ft Lewis. He'll be heading to RPI this fall, then to our Rockbound Highland Home. **John Carrington** also will be heading back to WP after grad sch at U of CT! (Good sch choice there, John— of course, I am a little biased, having graduated from law sch there!) Others at CAS3 (aka "the cube") incl **Greg Wise** and **Jim Kester**.

Doug ran into a no of classmates at Ft Leonard Wood. **Milt Sorenson**, **Jay Long** and **Jim Smith** were all there cmding cos. Doug will be heading to Georgia Tech after CAS3, pursuing a master's in ORSA (No, I don't know what that is! Probably wouldn't understand it if I did! I "dumped" my math/engring skills at law sch!). Thanks for the info-packed ltr, Doug. Best of luck at grad sch!

I've heard from my old buddy, **Ed Morris**, via E-mail. He is doing well and still serving at Ft Monroe, VA. I ran in the DMZ 10K (slowly—after all, I am a JAG weeny now!) and came across **John Keenan** at the start line. He was way ahead during the run! John's doing well in the S3 shop of the Engr Bde here. For those from B3 and anyone from '85

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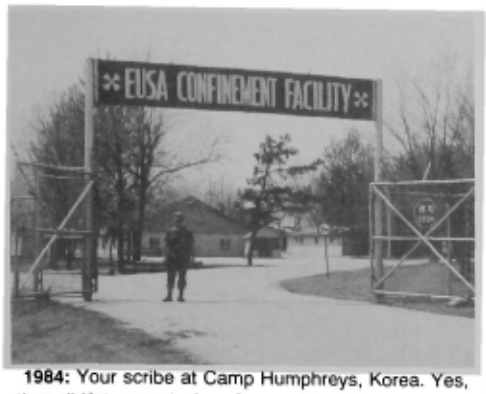
who may be reading back a col—Jon Anderson '85 is here taking his second cmd. Jon was a fellow "Bandit." The big news, though, is that Jon just got married to CPT **Cee Chamberlain**—a dynamite lady who is in the MI here. I've been promised a pic by Cee for next col. Congrats, you two!!



1984: Your scribe at Camp Humphreys, Korea. Yes, they *did* let me out of confinement!

Well, that's it! Can't believe it! Since I didn't receive any pix, you guys get the usual punishment—having to look at a pic of me!! As it shows, it was taken down at the EUSA Confinement Facility, where soldiers who are sentenced to one yr or less of confinement are held in Korea. Interesting tour—not a fun place. I was glad I was in the "Just Visiting" space. I didn't even have to roll doubles or have a "Get out of Jail Free" card! Until next time, be safe, healthy and happy! And don't forget to do your penmanship PT and let your classmates know how you're doing!!

'85

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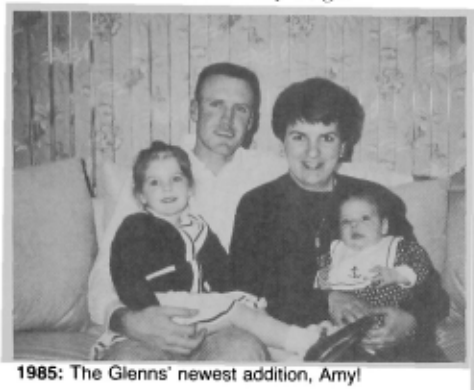
Hello, again, but not from sunny HI! **Ronda** & I are now in CA (believe it or not, Stanford accepted me and, even more impressive, they have not kicked me out after two wks of displaying little to no memory of academic prowess). We are settled in and, as always, welcome anyone to our guest bedroom (with your own bathroom). Ronda got accepted to the master's in social work program at San José State Univ ($$$), so the probability of my dream to join the PGA Sr Tour after a quick 20 yrs has increased two-fold.

Lorilei (Wilson) Coplan wrote in Dec, and I finally got it in Apr (that wonderful postal system that, I guess, has lost most of the rest of the Cl's ltrs). She is at Woops and will be a Tac by 93. She ran into **Bobby Doerer** at Ft Rucker last fall after he finished cmd in Saudi. **Jim Blastos** is headed back to Woops in 94 to teach Physics. **Rod & Candis Smith** are now at Ft Ord, along with **Kevin & Angie (Carr) Ruddell**. Rod & Candis now have a baby girl—which is good to know now because I never knew he was married! (Rod and I go way back to lifting partners at USMAPS—that is, Rod lifted 3 times his bodyweight of 120 lbs, while I could barely lift his ego.) How ya' doing, pardner? Lorilei also sees **Cookie Wilson** often and says she is doing real well!

You will be happy to know that **Greg Kuznecoff** is doing great, and I know all of us could not be happier. He sent out a ltr to thank everyone for the spt. If you would like to call him toll-free, do so at 1-800-473-5346 ext 211. He would love to hear from you. Great to hear your recovery is going well, Greg!

The A-2 clan seems to be doing great. **Charlie & Gina Glenn** were blessed with the birth of Amy Ryan on 22 Jan 92. She is their second girl—and the fight for clothes sharing is already on! They have kept in touch with **Joe & Jennifer (Wood) Barnes**. They, too, are expecting a baby sometime in Oct. **Tom Wilson** is in cmd of an abn co at Ft Bragg; he & **Anne Marie** have two children. Finally, **Dave & Kathy Lee** are now at Ft Ord after having been married almost two yrs ago.



1985: The Glenns' newest addition, Amy!

Scott & Melissa Eisenhauer are doing great in AK. It is Melissa's home, so they love it up in the cold. Scott is now in cmd of an abn co and will be a master parachutist by the time this is published. He also has won the gold medal by placing first in the post boxing championships, heavyweight div, in both of the last two yrs. To offset this somewhat dangerous sport, he has taken up the "easy" hobby of raising snakes. You know this man is in for 20!

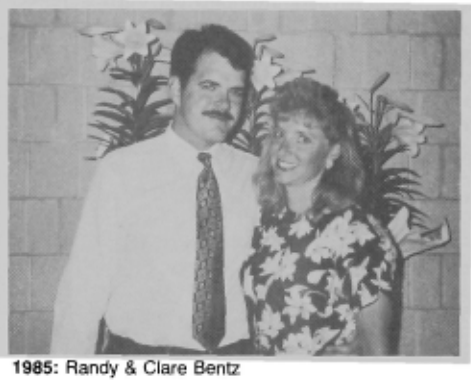
1985: Ike and *one* of his boas—yech!

"Mo" (Finnessey) & Brooks Collins are doing great in Jupiter, FL. She is breaking all kinds of records for the longest time to earn an MBA, and Brooks is doing real well with Walter Lorentz Surgical Equipment, along with several other of our classmates incl **Pat Chinard, Steve O'Borsky, Brian Rapavy** and **Jon Beegle**.

Randy Bentz wrote to announce his recent marriage to the former Miss **Clare** Bosserman in OR. **Mike Rubitski** was also at the wedding. He's now in the AV Adv Crs, along with **Brad Lucas, Doug Sperandio** and **Kurt Davidson**. He & Clare are headed for Ger this summer. After two yrs as an S-1, Randy is ready to get behind the stick, probably as a maintenance test pilot on the UH-60.

Kent Selby (with a family of 4 incl himself now) is headed for Penn St to be a Nittany Lion and study transportation engr. He just finished cmd in Ger, so he is looking forward to the break. He ran into **Pete Everett** and

1985: The Collins clan, Jan 92



1985: Randy & Clare Bentz

Rose (Forrester) Burwell in Heidelberg. Rose is working harder as a housewife than she did in the Army. Kent also ran into **Tom Lewis** and **Melvin Jones** at CAS3. I am looking forward to the 99 update—hey, at least you wrote; thanks!

Finally, **Corky (Hall) & Ed Fox** are doing great in IL. Corky is working harder then ever and loving it at Abbott Labs, while Ed continues with sch. They both get to share in taking care of the ever-growing Rachel!

1985: Brian Kondrat

As for HI, **Jeff "Rysco"** is still the S-1 and loving life; **Steve & Barb Fleming** just took cmd of an ADA bty in 1–62 ADA Bn; **Dave Gerard** and **Paul Howell** are still in cmd of Inf co's; and **Pete Edmonds** got selected for Fox bty cmd, his second.

As I will not be seeing much of the Army in the next two yrs, please keep the ltrs coming. I heard **Joe Cecin** might still be here, but if not, I'm the lone wolf from '85. You have my best, '85!

'86

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Apparently none of the A-2 Spartans attended the reunion, so **Scott Bruner** held a

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casual celebration for some A-2'ers this past Dec following their grad from IOAC. **Beth (Schleeter) & Mike Ferrier** attended, along with the family of **Pete & Beth Bechtel** and bachelor **Jim Casey**. Mike, Jim, and Scott finished IOAC in Dec 91. Before the casual, joint reunion/Christmas celebration, Mike and Jim had served in the desert with the 101st and Scott with the 7th ID. Presently (Apr), Scott is a Plt trainer at IOBC and is going somewhere for his next asgmt. Mike is an S-1 for the Ranger Training Bde while awaiting his cmd. Jim headed for the Bradley Cmd Course following IOAC and by now has finished Ranger Sch??? and is working at NTC. Pete had attended an earlier IOAC course, grad in time to go to the desert with the 197th Inf, and is now back at Benning as a Bn S-4 with the 3–24 Inf and, like Mike, is awaiting his cmd. Pete's family is 4-strong, having added a son in Mar 92.

1986: Tim Ford's wedding

Other A-2'ers **Scott** mentioned were **Tim Ford**, who is stationed at Benning and working with the Bradley NETT team. Tim got married last fall, with **Jim Casey** serving as his best man. Scott also stopped by Ft Knox on his way to Benning last yr, visiting **Don Groom** and his family. At the time Don was cmding a basic tng crs while **Kathy** was busy with med sch, preparing to become an Army dr. **Todd Brown** was seen buying Ranger tabs at the Benning PX before heading to HI.

1986: A-2 Spartans, Dec 91

Cl VP **Rich Gabaldon & Becky** send greetings from Aschaffenburg. After completing IOAC with orders in hand for Vicenza after Ranger, Jumpmaster and Pathfinder schs, Rich's plans were changed to the 7th Replacement Corps for the Big Storm. After the war, Rich & Becky took leave, hanging out and working out at Ft Benning in hopes of gaining a ranger slot, since his slot was given away. Long story short: Rich was assigned to MILCOM (now BSB, Base Spt Bn) for 4 mos, taking cmd of B Co 1–7 Inf in Dec 91, only to be told in early Mar that his outfit and unit were drawing down. So, after 7 mos of cmd, Rich goes to ITT and waits in line for another cmd to get branch qualified. Rich, we hope all worked out.

Steve Moniz visited **Rich** in late Mar during his PCS leave from Bragg to Campbell on his way to the 5th Gp. They had a great time visiting Rothenburg and drinking Black Forest "tarts" at the Rhein Main O Club.

Kirk Gill is out of the Army and, I believe, is following the same track as so many of you, selling pharmaceutical drugs. If that's not correct, let me know, Kirk. If it is, then send me something for my stress!

Mikey Haydak is with the 2ID in Korea and loving it. He finished taking inventory back in Feb (like so many of us do on a daily basis) and is now cmding A Co, 1–506 Inf. Mikey was back stateside last yr to attend **Rob Roggeman**'s wedding in MA to a beautiful lady named **Lisa**. They then returned to Camp Casey, Korea, where Rogge was the BMO of the 1–72nd AR and by now should be a cmdr in the same unit.

Dan Sauter is also in Korea, cmding D Btry, 5–5th ADA and should be married by now, since Jul was the shotgun date.

Joe Glesson will attend grad sch upon finishing his cmd with B Co, 44th Engr on his way to be a WP instructor.

Rick Lange is doing well in NYC. He just concluded temping with MTV and is busy networking in the Big Apple. He looks great, feels confident and is dating an exquisite girl named Roe. I stayed with Rick for the first few wks in Jun before returning to G'ville to teach tennis for 6 wks after taking an 8-yr sabbatical. After the tennis, I'm off to NYC to start my career in media planning—please note the address change for the upteenth time.

Ltrs were a bit better this time, but still not up to par for this Cl. People, write me. Tell me a story, give us some insight to life, love, happiness. . . etc. For example, "when X & I traveled to Paris while stationed in Frankfurt, God blessed us with magnificent weather, making our afternoon on the Eiffel Tower peacefully relaxing. After soaking up unexpected Feb sunrays, we ate French cuisine with the driest bottle of white wine we've ever tasted, dryer than any champagne we've ever tasted. After the meal, we headed back to our hotel across from the Centrum Pommedue and were mugged." Just tell us a story!

Hope everyone is happy and content, 'cause with faith and God's grace and a little effort on our part, ultimately life can be good. Take care.

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Haven't received many ltrs lately. Most of us are either in a PCS move to the adv course or transitioning out of the Army. **Phil Rufe** wrote from VA, where he is touring the local grad schs. Phil ran into **Dewey Sutton** at the transition point; Dewey is headed back to the fun and sun of AZ. **Chris & Wendy Anstead** are living down in FL, where Chris works for a pharmaceutical co. **Darren Alch** is working for the same pharmaceutical co but in a LA branch. **Tyler Randolph** married **Tracey Tanner** in Jul 90 and is now going to law sch on the Army and expects to be a JAG off in a few yrs. Thanks for the info, Phil.

Keep writing and take care.

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'90

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We have had a few more weddings in the Cl. **Mike Murphy** sent me this pic of himself & **Lisa Liestmann** as they joined the 2% club on 26 Oct 91. The ceremony was held in El Paso, TX at St Patrick's Cathedral, and several of Mike's D-3 co-mates were in attendance. **Myles Bartley** was the best man, while **Tony Gaines** and **Jim Lincoln** were the groomsmen. **Lou Jackson, Chris Aune, Jim Payne** and **Brian Wofford**, who also is married, were there to witness the nuptials.

1990: Lisa & Mike Murphy

Mary & Matt Green were married at Ft Knox, KY on 31 Aug 91. **Bruce Vanderbush** was the best man, and **John Kennedy, Frank Auguston, Brian & Becky Cook, John Morgan, John Richardson**, and **John Korfmacher** were there to celebrate. Matt & Mary live at Ft Riley, where Matt is the XO for A/1–34 AR.

1990: Mary & Matt Green

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1990: The Musiol wedding

Here is a photo of **Mike** (B4) **& Leigh Ann Musiol** on their wedding day, Feb 92. They were married at Ft Rucker, where Mike had just finished the Apache transition and Leigh Ann the Chinook transition. **Jim Borneman** (B4) was the best man, and **Frank Clark** (F4), **Jeff Evans** (B4), **Jim Lowe** (B4), **Darby McNulty** (F4), **Jay Toland** (D4), and Shane Bartee (SMU) were groomsmen. Mike & Leigh Ann are now flying at Ft Bragg.

Drop me a line and let the Cl know what you are doing. The Proud and the Mighty—**Tad Gerlinger**.

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Congrats to all in '92. Turn your rings around! I hope everyone's grad leave was safe and successful. Now that we're deep in the rigors of OBC, the Cl should be well on its way to becoming genuine offs. Study hard.

Keep in mind those who are following us. The STAP grads tossed their hats in late Jun, and Dec grads will soon join our ranks. It wouldn't hurt to drop them a line, remind them that life exists on the outside, and confirm in your own mind that the Corps has.

In addition, don't forget those who mistakenly chose to lead in other svcs. **Giorgio Caldarone, Tom McCann** and **Scott Payne** are enjoying the heat and humidity of Quantico as they learn to call USMC cadences. **Craig Baker, Sharon Bennett, Dave Curry** and **Greg Sarakatsannis** are beating the USAFA grads to basic as they pursue AF activities. And then there are those like **Jake Garcia, Blain Roth** and **Steph Small** who are playing with boats, submarines and airplanes in that other svc. Our deepest sympathies to all who chose to jump the track!

The ranks of single grads has slowly diminished. Congrats to all who recently tied the knot. Incl are **Kile & LeeAnn Brown, Matt & Trouty Coulter, OJ & Tracy Jones, Shon & Noelle Manasco, Vance & Stacy McMurry, John & Kathy Pippy, Mark & Jennifer Read** and **Brian & Janelle West**. We'll make the rest of you famous as soon as I receive notice and the names of spouses.

This col is a vehicle for Cl cohesion. Let's keep it that way. Your news, pix and ltrs fill the col with pertinent info. This col was completed on 15 Jun; my next deadline is 15 Oct. Keep in mind that all col submissions must be completed two mos prior to publication.

Good luck to all as we assume our new responsibilities. God Bless *The Brave and the Few*.

Letters to the Editor

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in funding or doing research in a subject about which they know nothing.

We also discovered that psychiatry opposes teaching moral values to anyone, students in school or college, or criminals in the corrections system. Several years ago, the then president of the American Psychiatric Association told us over the phone that his association would never endorse teaching moral values, and he even volunteered a reason, which was that "nobody knows right from wrong."

Another aspect of character that interests me is that General Schwarzkopf's remarks about competence and character remind me of Sylvanus Thayer's famous triangle. The father of the military academy expressed his basic philosophy of education using a mathematical figure, a triangle. Thayer said that if you want good leadership to come out the top of the triangle, you must place equal emphasis on character and knowledge, represented by the two base points of the triangle.

General Schwarzkopf made it very clear to the cadets that what they were being told at West Point about the importance of developing competence (or knowledge) and character is the right way to become leaders.

This is exactly what Colonel Thayer believed, and what he meant by his triangle.

Very few, if any, of our other colleges or universities put much stress on character development. So West Point and the other service academies are unique in this respect.

For the past twenty years, we have been trying to interest a superintendent at West Point in developing better methods of measuring character, using the research results already available on exactly what character is. Such measurement scales might prove useful in further strengthening character development at West Point.

A.J. (Alex) Stuart, Jr. '34

McDERMOTT OF USAA

The article by Colonel Wesley G. Jones about Bob McDermott in the May '92 issue of *ASSEMBLY* is a masterpiece. General McDermott, in my opinion, is one of the most broadly gifted and generously talented officers that our Alma Mater has ever produced, and I was delighted with the manner in which Colonel Jones portrayed his accomplishments.

There are many graduates of West Point whose fields of endeavor include eminent successes in both the military and private sectors, although their accomplishments are not so broadly known or publicized as are those of the more famous purely military heroes. Bob McDermott is surely one of these, and I hope there will be more who can be treated so professionally in future issues of *ASSEMBLY*.

Bruce Holloway '37

JAPAN

Having just finished a three-year tour in Japan, I feel qualified to comment on Mark Clark's "The Military Threat From Japan: Putting the Matter Into Perspective" in the May 1992 *ASSEMBLY*. Mr. Clark gives a well-documented, rational explanation of why the United States need not be concerned about a

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Be Thou At Peace

We, sons of today, we salute you—You, sons of an earlier day.
We follow, close order, behind you, Where you have pointed the way.

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Harrison Howell Dodge Heiberg, Sr.

NO. 6329 CLASS OF 1919

Died 20 April 1991 in Greenville, South Carolina, aged 90 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

Harrison Howell Dodge Heiberg, Sr.

HARRISON ("HEI") was born in 1900 into an Army family. He grew up with values of service and a love of God that remained with him for his remarkable life of over nine decades. He set an example for generations behind him, staying active until a few months before his death.

Hei was named for his distinguished maternal grandfather, Colonel Dodge, the resident superintendent at Mount Vernon for a half-century. Hei's father (Elvin R. Heiberg '96) was a cavalry officer with an extremely active career in the 6th Cavalry.

Entering West Point just after his seventeenth birthday, Hei graduated eighteen months later as a second lieutenant—just in time for the Armistice. The Class returned to the Academy for an additional half year, earning the name of Student Officer Class of 1919.

As a cavalry officer, Hei spent the interwar years in a variety of assignments: VMI, West Point, Forts Riley and Leavenworth and, finally, as war clouds gathered, Fort Knox. There he served with Major General Adna Chaffee, the Army's "Father of Armor." The concepts and equipment tested there were soon to bear fruit.

When America plunged into war in 1941, Hei and his peers were rapidly given more responsibility and rank. Serving principally under General Omar Bradley as Twelfth Army group planner, Hei's 25 years of preparation contributed to his distinguished war record. His knowledge, equanimity and capabilities were invaluable to the Allied efforts. That service was recognized by four European allies with five major decorations, in addition to his US awards.

Postwar, Hei served in a series of senior staff and command assignments in Panama and the US, and a final tour in a general officer's position in Munich. The cap of his career was likely the presidency of the Army Field Forces Board at Fort Knox, coupled with a subsequent Research & Development post at Fort Monroe. In these positions, Hei made contributions to the Army's warfighting concepts and equipment, echoing in Korea and Vietnam, and then again loudly in the Middle East in 1991.

Hei's Army retirement led to an easy move into a second career in private life. His skills and dedication continued to serve the US and Continental Motors for another decade.

A talented tinkerer, Hei was clever and painstakingly accurate with his hands. He sold a patent for a model railroad switch to Lionel and wrote articles published in model railroad journals.

Partly because of his strong ties to Fort Knox, and partly because of his wife Ann's Kentucky heritage, the Heibergs lived for decades in the Brandenburg-Louisville-Knox area. Both of them were avid fans of the Kentucky "Darby" where they had a box. Each year, with a fortunate group of friends or family, the Heibergs hosted a Derby weekend. Since Hei was a "Kentucky Colonel," and since Ann had strong local ties, the couple always had an inside crack at Derby events.

During Hei's retirement, through the summer of 1990, he stayed close to both armor and West Point activities. Decades of rising armor officers and 30 years of Fort Knox commanders met, talked to and got to know Colonel Heiberg. He was for years the oldest grad at West Point dinners, and he joined Armor Center commanders regularly for various celebrations.

Throughout his life, Hei invariably found and reinforced the positive, a trait that stood him well as student, officer and corporate manager. Hei was active in the Episcopal Church, serving in many ways as junior and senior warden.

Colonel Heiberg's ties to West Point were strong. His father, son and younger brother were graduates.

Harrison Heiberg left a mark on this Nation. Not only did he contribute to armor tactics and equipment, but virtually every US armor officer in Desert Storm, and many of the NCO's, had been touched by this distinguished soldier.

In the fall of 1990, Hei and Ann moved to Greenville, South Carolina, near their daughter Heidi and her family. Hei's health failed in the spring of 1991. He died quietly, with courage and acceptance, with his wife and daughter at his side.

A few days after his memorial service at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (Greenville), his family and friends assembled on a lovely spring day at West Point. Hei was buried with full military honors. Ann received the flag.

Hei is survived by Ann Watts Heiberg, his wife of over 55 years. His son and namesake died a few months before him. He also leaves his daughter, seven grandchildren and his brother, Brigadier General E.R. Heiberg. Finally, he leaves a grateful Nation, better for the path that Harrison Heiberg followed in its service.

His Family

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John Maurice "PD" Weikert

NO. 7134 CLASS OF 1923

Died 2 January 1991 in Winter Park, Florida aged 92 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

John Maurice "PD" Weikert

John Maurice Weikert was born to William Philip and Laura Virginia Weikert in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on 29 September 1898. He graduated from Gettysburg High School in 1917 and attended Gettysburg College for two years, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He was admitted to the United States Military Academy on 13 June 1919 on an appointment from the state of Pennsylvania. His years at West Point were a time of achievement and dedication and were spent working steadily, conscientiouslly, expressing his love for people and his country, which was carried out throughout his entire life. During his first year at West Point, he was dubbed "PD" by upper classmen (due to a predominate Pennsylvania Dutch accent), a nickname to which he cheerfully responded throughout his lifetime. In addition to preparing his studies, Cadet Weikert participated in extracurricular activities. He graduated on the 121st anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy. He received his diploma from then-Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur, Superintendent. The graduation address was given by General John J. Pershing.

Upon graduation from the Academy, he received his commission and volunteered to become a member of the Army Air Corps in the pilot training program; he received his wings in 1924. An active pilot throughout his military career, he held ratings as Combat Observer, Military Pilot, Senior Pilot and Combat Pilot.

In 1942, shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Air Force Chief of Staff, General "Hap" Arnold, learned that cadets who wanted to be Army pilots first had to graduate from the United States Military Academy. This took four years, and then it took an additional year to make them pilots. So General Arnold called in then-Colonel Weikert. They decided the best way to reduce the time it took to train critically needed pilots was to build a field

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near the academy so that budding pilots could train in aircraft while studying at West Point. They found a spot in the hilly countryside about 16 miles from the Academy. The only building on the field was a barn that served as headquarters. Stewart Air Base was born, and Colonel Weikert became the first commanding officer. Before World War II ended, they were graduating pilots who had full Academy and flight training in just three years. The Air Force pulled out of Stewart in 1970; however, its airfield is still used today. Colonel Weikert did his usual bang-up job seeing that wartime construction was of outstanding quality; some buildings are still being utilized.

During his years in the service, he advanced through several rankings to brigadier general in April 1946 and then received his promotion to major general in 1948.

As a general officer, his duties included commanding general of the 7th Fighter Wing in the Pacific Theater; assistant commander for Supply and Procurement at the Air Materiel Command in Dayton, OH; commander of the Mobile Air Materiel Area, Mobile, AL; chief of staff and vice commander of the Far East Air Force, Toyko, Japan; deputy commandant of the National War College, Washington, D.C.; and assistant deputy chief of staff operations Headquarters, USAF, Washington, D.C.

During his military career, General Weikert received numerous decorations including the Purple Heart (for wounds received at Hollandia); Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters; Bronze Star Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Theatre ribbon with two battle stars; American Defense ribbon; Army of Occupation Medal of Japan; and the World War I and World War II Victory Medals. He received detailed honorable mention of his devotion to duty and country in *Who's Who in America* (Vol #27, 1952-53).

After over 30 years of service, he retired from the United States Air Force on 31 July 1953.

Upon his retirement from the military, he was in charge of the Washington Office of United Aircraft International, Inc. in West Hartford, CT; he retired from there in February 1964. Following this retirement, he moved to Central Florida in 1964.

General Weikert was an active member of the Country Club of Orlando; Stag Club of Winter Park; the American Legion; Military Order of World Wars; the Retired Officers Association; the Air Force Association; Order of Daedalians; Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity; West Point Society of Central Florida; Army-Navy Club (Washington, D.C.); and the Morse Art Gallery.

He is survived by Mary Ewing McBee Weikert, his wife of 64 years; a son, William Phillip Weikert of Lake Wales, Florida; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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Robert Campbell Aloe

NO. 8205 CLASS OF 1927

Died 20 July 1991 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 86 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas

Bob was born at Camp Jossman on the Island of Guymaras in the Philippine Islands in January 1905. His parents were Colonel Alfred Aloe,

Robert Campbell Aloe

Infantry, and Minnie Campbell Aloe of El Paso, Texas. During his developing years he had the usual experience of children with Army parents of attending many schools some good, some pretty poor. Prior to entering West Point in July 1923, he attended Shad's in Washington, D.C.

Even as a boy in high school he had only one goal. That was to go to West Point and become an Army Officer. Thus the ideals of Duty, Honor, Country were easily assimilated. Academics did not come easily, and during Plebe year he was often heard to comment, "Thank goodness for Shad's." By hard work he was able to defeat the Academic Board. His main interest in athletics was polo, which he played for three years at the Academy and for many years in the service.

Upon graduation he was assigned to the 38th Infantry at Fort Douglas, Utah. Later as Aide-de-Camp to General Cocheu he saw many units and posts. This assignment was followed by the usual career of a young Infantry Officer, spiced by keeping up his polo.

At the outbreak of WW II he was with the airborne troops and was later sent to Leavenworth as an instructor in this subject. He went to Europe as a regimental commander in the 89th Division. After the war he was a Replacement Depot Commander and later a Post Commander in Germany. In later years, in a conversation with a friend who had been an I. G. at the time, it came out that the word in the I. G. Department EUCOM was "Aloe's unit can be the last to be inspected—it is always well run."

Upon return to the United States he served in G-1, Department of the Army, then attended the National War College. After a stint in the Office, Chief of Field Forces, Fort Monroe, and on receipt of his star, he was sent to Turkey as Chief of the Army Group of the Joint Mission there. He closed his career at Headquarters First U. S. Army, Governor's Island, New York where he had charge of Reserve Affairs.

On retirement he went to the University of Michigan on "Project Michigan." After a couple of years he decided to try his had as an entrepreneur and took a franchise with the Midas Muffler Shops. Three years later he returned to the University, this time as an administrator in the University Hospital. He returned to San Antonio, Texas following his second retirement, becoming active in volunteer work and helping to establish a central office for the Institute of Lifetime Learning and the American Association of Retired Persons. He was volunteer librarian for the local deparrtment of Mental Retardation and helped establish the Windcrest Citizens Patrol in his community which is outside San Antonio, Texas.

His family consists of Natalie Weed Aloe (whose father was General Frank Weed of the Medical Corps), daughters Patricia and Judith and son Robert, Jr., who is Deputy District Attorney, Alameda County, California.

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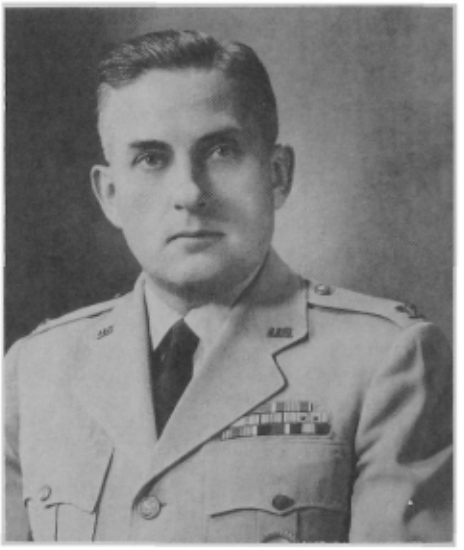
Buford Russell Nyquist

NO. 8939 CLASS OF 1930

Died 2 May 1991 in Tucson, Arizona, aged 86 years.

Inurned: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Viriginia



Buford Russell Nyquist

My husband Pie Nyquist was born in Bennett, Iowa on 10 December 1904, the only son of Mae D. and John E. Nyquist. Shortly thereafter the family moved to Clinton, Iowa, where Pie was raised and graduated from high school. He was one of seven members of his class of 119 to receive an honor award.

Pie came close to being a member of the USMA Class of '28; and also the Class of '29; but he definitely made the Class of 1930. Pie received his first appointment in June 1924, too late to take the entrance examination, so his principal submitted a certificate. The Academic Board rejected it for "not having algebra through quadratics." The principal fired a telegram back stating that Pie *did* have algebra through quadratics and made the highest grade the school gives. The reply: "Once the Academic Board makes its decision it makes no changes."

Pie then attended Swaveley School in Manassas, Virginia. Pie received another appointment to enter West Point in 1925, which he did. During Pie's yearling year, he was hospitalized. The math department excused him from further writs but the history department made Pie take the history writs in his hospital bed. When Pie failed under these

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circumstances, the academic department turned Pie back to the Class of 1930. Pie graduated in 1930, having been only the second cadet ever to have managed two "Corps Squad" teams, baseball and wrestling.

They say the third time is a charm, and that's the way it worked out for me, because it was on Pie's eventual graduation leave that we met at a resort in Wisconsin. A year later we married. We went to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, home of the 3rd Infantry, where Pie received a well-rounded education in a rifle company, a machine-gun company and finally in the service company. Pie also was in charge of the VIIth Corps Area West Point Preparatory School, teaching algebra and geometry.

When the C.C.C. began in 1934, Pie was ordered to northern Minnesota to command a company in the Chippewa national forest. That winter he received orders to the Philippines. There he served one year in the machine-gun company of the 31st Infantry and then was assigned to what he always called a "hardship post" up in Baguio, P.I., where, in addition to his other duties, he played golf every day with visiting firemen.

Pie graduated from the Infantry School at Fort Benning in 1937. From 1937-39 he commanded Company A, 30th Infantry, at the Presidio, San Francisco. Pie was the only first lieutenant in the regiment to command a company. While on maneuvers at Fort Lewis, Pie's company was selected to compete against the other regiments in a problem called "Rifle Company in the Attack." A Company won, and Pie received the personal congratulations of the Regimental Commander, Colonel Robert L. Eichelberger.

In the summer of 1939, Pie was detailed to Quartermaster Corps with station at March Field, California. In March 1941, Pie was ordered to Tucson, Arizona as base quartermaster of a new base that later became Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Early in 1942 the quartermaster at Headquarters VIIIth Corps Area wrote the Quartermaster General: "To me, Nyquist is one of the outstanding officers in the Quartermaster Corps, and considering the work he has done in Tucson, is deserving of the highest that can be given him." In February 1942, we adopted Pie's two orphaned nieces, Joanne and Marilyn, making us a family.

Four months later Pie was assigned to the Air Corps Training Command Headquarters at Fort Worth, Texas as quartermaster and later as Assistant G-4. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in November 1942 and to colonel on 1 April 1943. Pie spent a year and a half in the Pacific during World War II, ending up on Guam as quartermaster of the U.S. Army Strategic Air Forces. Pie received the Legion of Merit for developing and securing proper rations for in-flight feeding of B-29 crews flying from the Mariannas to Japan. Pie also received two commendation medals and two stars on his Asiatic Pacific Theater ribbon.

Pie was a member of the initial class at the Air War College, and upon graduation in 1947 was sent to the Industrial College. This was followed by a four-year tour at the Pentagon, three years on the Air Staff and one year in the office of the Secretary of Defense, as chief of supply for foreign aid. Pie attended the advanced management course at Harvard in 1950 and, in 1952, went to Europe as deputy chief, Support Plans Branch, Headquarters, European Command. After three years Pie returned to the Industrial College as vice deputy commandant.

Pie suffered from asthma and was retired at Andrews Air Force Base on 1 July 1959. Pie was hired as a teacher of mathematics in Vienna, Virginia and, during his sixth year of teaching, was selected as one of seventeen outstanding math and science teachers in the greater Washington area.

When Pie gave up teaching, we bought a beautiful territorial home in the Catalina foothills of Tucson, Arizona. However, the asthma and high blood pressure finally got the best of him and the battle he fought for years came to a close.

Of the sixty years Pie gave to me, each year was better than the one before, if such is possible. His kindness, thoughtfulness and loving care are all cherished memories. Pie is survived by our two daughters, Joanne Kidd of San Antonio and Marilyn Manning of Omaha, plus six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Bernice Nyquist, his wife

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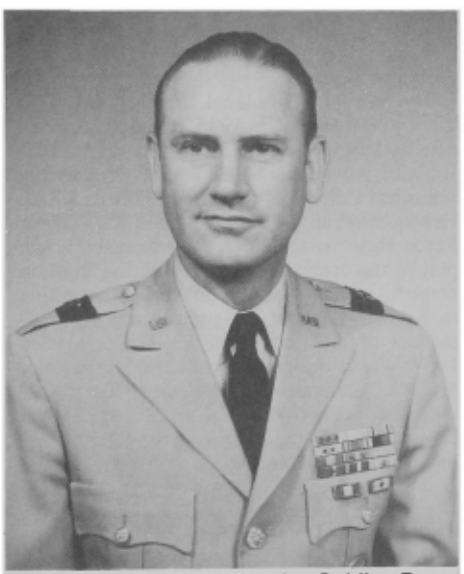
Charles Golding Dunn

NO. 9625 CLASS OF 1933

Died 14 December 1990 in Newport News, Virginia, aged 78 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



Charles Golding Dunn

Charles Golding Dunn was born in Ogden, Utah on 7 March 1912. He graduated from Ogden Senior High School in June 1929 and entered West Point in July of that year as the youngest member of the Class of 1933.

Chuck's true ambition was to become a doctor, but, due to his father's early death, funds for such an education were unavailable. Upon receiving his appointment to West Point, he borrowed the train fare and West Point entrance fee and headed east. Thus began the successful and dedicated career of the tall, quiet Westerner who made the best of his circumstances and was always proud of the path he chose.

Chuck excelled in academics and was well-liked by his classmates. He was a member of the Track and Rifle Teams, the Cadet Choir, biography editor of the *Howitzer* and Hop manager.

Upon graduation, he selected the Coast Artillery and was assigned to the 52nd CA Regiment at Fort Monroe, VA. He married Dana Powell from nearby Newport News on 31 March 1934 in Williamsburg, VA.

In May 1935, he was transferred to Corregidor, Philippines and assigned to the 60th CA Regiment. In June 1937, he returned to the Coast Artillery Battery Officers School at Fort Monroe, VA. It was there that their only child Dana Lee was born. In July 1939, he became an instructor in the Department of Graphics at West Point. He delighted in directing several plays during his off hours as an instructor. Leaving West Point in 1943, he attended the Command and General Staff School and the Advanced Anti-Aircraft Artillery School. In September of that year, he began a long series of assignments of increasing responsibility in the Manpower and Personnel field. He served from September 1944-January 1947 as G-1, 14 AA Command in the Southwest Paciffic area and chief of Military Personnel, G-1, General Headquarters in Japan. In February 1947, he began his first tour in the Pentagon where he remained until fall 1951. In October 1951, he was assigned to command the 226th AAA Group at Fort Bliss, Texas. In December 1952, he arrived in Korea as commander of the 10th AAA Group, numbering fourteen battallions and various support units. This group was responsible for the Army Air Defense of all of South Korea. Returning to the United States in January 1954, he attended the National War College, graduating in June 1955. He was then assigned to the Department of the Army G-2 as chief of the Collection Branch.

He was promoted to the rank of brigadier general on 5 August 1957 and assumed command of the 35 Brigade, Fort Meade, MD. In February 1959, he returned to Washington for the third time as director of the Personnel Directorate (J-1) of the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1962, he reported as deputy chief of staff for the Army Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs, retiring in August 1963. Among his many decorations and awards were the Legion of Merit with four oak leaf clusters, eleven Foreign and United States Service Medals, and two Unit Citations.

After retirement, Chuck and Dana lived in Oklahoma City, during which time he published a Class of 1933 cookbook. In 1969 they returned to Newport News, where they had begun their life together. Chuck began a most rewarding avocation of painting and continued his avid gardening and long-time interest in cooking. He involved himself in many community activities by chairing the Saint Andrews Episcopal Pastoral Care Committee; serving as vice-president and board trustee of the Peninsula Fine Arts Commission; and serving as vice-president of the Hampton Roads Chapter of the West Point Society.

Chuck's daughter Dana said, "In 1980, my husband, Captain Harry C. Walker USN (Retired), of whom Daddy always thought of as a son, was assigned to Norfolk Naval Shipyard. This assignment made it possible for our family to be nearby when mama and daddy needed us most. Our three children, Skip, Lee and Craig, all attended college in Virginia, keeping them in close touch with their proud grandparents. Mama had severe breathing problems and daddy suffered several strokes during that first year. Although his activities were limited, he remained in good spirits and was ever the

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optimist. Through the loss of his beloved Dana in 1988, and subsequent bouts of serious illness, his faith in God was unshakable. His unending patience, great generosity and familiar chuckle as his shoulders shook will remain cherished memories. He never raised his voice, nor said an unkind work to any of us. He was a brave soldier to the end and a gentleman always. It was his privilege to be a West Point graduate and my privilege to be his daughter."

Dana Lee Walker and Colonel Robert A. Turner, USA (Ret.) '33, Roommate

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Franklin Stone Henley

NO. 9798 CLASS OF 1933

Died 28 December 1990 in Charleston, South Carolina, aged 81 years.

Cremated: Remains placed in the garden of the family home

Franklin Stone Henley

In the evening of our first day at West Point, standing still another formation, there came the question, "Where are you from, mister?" In an obvious southern drawl came the reply, "Maine, suh." Back came the question, "Maine what?" and the rejoinder, "Main part of Georgia, suh." Then and there we knew another citizen of that proud state had opted to join the Long Gray Line, one not afraid to be a slight bit impertinent toward our upper class tormentors. Also it was the first of many occasions when we would hear the full, rich voice of Franklin Stone Henley who, quickly selected for the Cadet Chapel Choir, would soon become the lead vocalist at Sunday chapel and on other occasions when that prestigious group performed.

Born in Hawkinsville, Georgia on 9 June 1909, Frank graduated from Eastman High School in 1926 and from the Army's Officer Preparatory School in 1929. He received a competitive appointment from Michigan and entered the Academy that same year. Unlike many cadets somewhat uncertain of the future, Frank lost no time in proclaiming that his goal was to fly in the Army Air Corps. Throughout his four years, when occasionally an aircraft passed overhead, he would greet it with the cry of 'Airplane' and gaze admiringly at it until it disappeared from view. So intense was his desire that he developed his own device to test depth perception and then flunked the test given by the Air Corps examiner. Undaunted, Frank, with his device in hand and characteristic persuasive charm, won a retest on the basis that the lighting conditions were different in the two devices.

After graduation from West Point Frank won his coveted wings at Kelly Field, Texas in 1934 and was ordered to Luke Field, Hawaii. This was a most fortuitous assignment, for it was there that he met and married Virginia Louise Hollingsworth (Holly) of Long Beach, California, a union that happily endured throughout his life. It was also there that his manual skills, combined with a natural interest in all things mechanical, gave him his first job as an engineering officer in the Hawaii Air Depot. These special skills were further honed between 1937 and 1940 at Chanute Field, Illinois where, at various times, he held every job on the base except that of base commander. These two assignments, in effect, set the pattern for his career. It is small wonder then that, when the Army Air Forces commenced its massive pre-World War II buildup, Frank was called upon to fill critical positions where the need was greatest and the supply of expertise most limited. He worked in base construction, maintenance and supply. First at Sheppard Field, Texas in 1940, Oklahoma City in 1942 and eventually to England in 1943, he played a significant role in the development of the Base Air Depot System. His most challenging assignment was as commander of the Service Support Command for the First Allied Airborne Army and the British Airborne Forces.

By now a full colonel, Frank's return to the United States in 1945 initiated a series of challenging assignments including the Harvard Advanced Management Course; the Industrial College of the Armed Forces; USAF Headquarters in the Pentagon; and Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, where again Frank played the crucial role of supporting units in combat, namely two bomb groups operating in Korea. His last assignment was as commander of the Charleston Air Force Base in 1957, where he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general on 21 March 1960. While there he becaue actively involved in local community affairs, including the Rotary Club, the United Fund and the Boy Scouts. So it is not surprising that, upon retirement on 30 June 1961, the Henleys would choose nearby Charleston as their home.

As a boy, Frank dreamed of exploring the nearby famed Okeefenokee Swamp in a rowboat. In the late 1960's that dream expanded into a project whereby he bought the framework of a cabin cruiser and completed the craft himself. This was no small undertaking, but given Frank's manual skills and unbounded confidence in his abilities, the task was completed, enabling Frank and Virginia to cruise the entire east coast from the Florida Keys to the St. Lawrence River, including a stop at West Point for a class reunion.

Although Frank overcame an earlier heart bypass operation, after many happy retirement years he succumbed on 28 December 1990. The cause of death was pulmonary edema. Following cremation his ashes were placed in the garden of his home on the Ashley River. Surviving is his wife Virginia, who resides at 4928 Lamb Road, Charleston, South Carolina 29418. His awards include the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Croix de Guerre.

Throughout his life Frank sought challenges beyond normal expectations and, in achieving them, made many friends, no enemies and a host of admirers. As Virginia has said, "I wish he knew of the many nice tributes paid to him." So do we all, as he deserved each and every one.

David W. Gray, classmate, roommate and friend

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Harry Lester Hillyard

NO. 10107 CLASS OF 1934

Died 9 October 1991 In Indialantic, Florida, aged 80 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

Harry Lester Hillyard

"I have had a satisfying Army career, happy family life and enjoyable retirement," Harry wrote for his West Point Fifty Year Book. "All of my assignments were challenging, enjoyable, or both."

Harry left his small town of Falls City, Nebraska and enjoyed the Academy so much that the *Howitzer* reported, "no one ever actually saw him study; yet, at breakfast, he always knew the answers." Love of West Point and Army life kept him in service for 33 years and inspired him to choose West Point as his final resting place. Devotion to Duty, Honor and Country influenced his son to enter the Class of 1962; a daughter to marry a graduate; and four grandsons to enter the military, one a veteran of Desert Storm.

Harry married his high school O.A.O., Eddrea L. Lowell, after graduation on 5 August 1934. Their first station was Fort Douglas, Utah with the 38th Infantry, where their daughter Lee Anne was born. Ironically, their son, Colonel Fred Hillyard, later served as post commander of Fort Douglas.

In 1937 the Hillyard three sailed from Fort Douglas to the Philippines for duty with the 31st Infantry. Next came an assignment with the Infantry School, Tank School and F Company, 67th Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia, the only medium-tank company in the Army at the time. In January 1940 twins Frederick

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James and Frances Jane were born, a new and challenging assignment for Eddrea.

Harry participated in the organization and training of the 2nd Armored Division and remained with it throughout World War II, from activation in July 1940 until its return to the United States in February 1946. He left Fort Bragg, North Carolina on 9 October 1942 as commander of the 3rd Battalion of the 67th Armored Regiment for the invasion of the North African shore. Forty-nine years to the day, 9 October 1991, he left his home in Indialantic, Florida for peace on a heavenly shore.

In November 1942, Harry took part in the initial landing at Safi, Morocco as commander of the sole medium-tank battalion in the assault force. During the planning for the invasion of Sicily, he was G-3, 2nd Armored Division. Plans completed, he returned to his unit and saw combat in Sicily; at Omaha Beach; and in campaigns across France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, including the Siegfried Line and Battle of the Bulge. He commanded the 66th Arrmored Regiment during the initial occupation of Berlin in June 1945.

After participating in the Division Review for President Truman, Churchill and Stalin at Potsdam, Harry took the regiment to the Frankfurt area for occupation duty and home to New York in February 1946.

He was awarded three Silver Stars and three Bronze Star medals. In addition he received the European, African, Middle-East Campaign Medal W Arrowhead and 7 Campaign Stars, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation Belgium Fourragere, Belgium Croix de Guerre with Palm, Belgium Order of the Crown with Palm and Russian Order of Alexander Nevski.

After the war the Hillyard family of five reunited at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where Harry attended and stayed on as Instructor, School of Combined Arms, Command and General Staff College, for the first two 9-month courses after the war. In August 1948, he reported to Maxwell Air Force Base and at the Air War College. After graduation in July 1949 he was assigned to the Plans and Operations Division in the Pentagon. He served in the Joint War Plans Branch and later as assistant secretary of the General Staff, Army Chief of Staff.

An enjoyable assignment for the whole family was the tour as assistant commandant of Cadets at USMA, West Point. Daughter Frances and husband, Lieutenant Colonel James Cowles, have since been stationed there and a grandson was born at the Academy hospital.

Graduation from the National War College in 1954 was followed by duty in the J-3 Division, Headquarters Far East and United Nations Command, Japan.

On 1 August 1956 Harry became deputy secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and on 1 September 1948 secretary of the Joint Chiefs, Washington, D.C. In September 1960 he went to Korea as assistant division commander, 7th Infantry Division.

Harry next served as deputy commandant at the Army War College. After promotion to major general in August 1962, Harry became deputy commanding general for Doctrine Development, U.S. Army Combat Developments Command.

One of the assignments Harry and Eddrea enjoyed most, as a team, was in Athens, Greece where both had a job to do and Harry was chief of the Joint United States Military Aid Group, Athens, Greece from July 1964-July 1966, and was awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding service.

His final Army tour was as commanding general XXI U.S. Army Corps, Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and retired on 1 November 1967.

Golf was Harry's favorite retirement pastime at Patrick Air Force Base near Indialantic, Florida. He also served on the town zoning board, earned a real estate license, fished, traveled and entertained family and friends.

A tribute written 17 October 1991 by the editor of *The Falls City Journal* reads, "Harry Hillyard was not one to dwell on his distinguished military career. After his retirment, he became 'one of the guys' and, when he came to Falls City to visit his mother, the late Emma Hillyard, he might have joined you on an early-morning walk and talk about the news of the day or play a round of golf at the Country Club with whomever was on hand. His two stars never made an appearance in his personality."

Harry is survived by his wife of 57 years, Eddrea Hillyard, Indialantic, Florida; daughter Lee Anne Mayfield, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania; son Colonel Frederic J. Hillyard, Retired, Park City, Utah; daughter Frances J. Cowles, Dillon, Colorado; eight grandsons; one granddaughter; and one great-grandson.

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Gene Huggins Tibbets

NO. 10014 CLASS OF 1934

Died 4 February 1966 in Washington, D. C., aged 57 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

Gene Huggins Tibbets

Gene was one of the best-liked, respected and admired members of the Class of 1934. He was a natural leader, combining quiet efficiency with warm friendliness. As a first classman, he was captain of his company and of the lacrosse team.

Born 13 November 1908 in Grafton, West Virginia, his father worked as a telegrapher on the railroad. In 1911 the family moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he attended grammar school. A sickly child, Gene was sent to live with an aunt and uncle in Winter Haven, Florida. There he recovered and played high school baseball and football.

After graduation from Winter Haven High, he rejoined the family in Pittsburgh and attended Carnegie Tech in 1927-28. When the family moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut, he and his brother decided to seek appointments to West Point and Annapolis. They attended Stanton Preparatory School and Gene was appointed to West Point and his brother Joe to Annapolis—each in the Class of 1934.

Through our cadet years, we were all keenly conscious of Army-Navy rivalry in sports. This was tempered in Gene's case; throughout his career, his perspective emphasized interservice cooperation rather than rivalry.

Gene's first assignment was to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. There he met and courted Jeannette (Jan) Pratt, who later became his wife in 1936. As a company officer in the 29th Infantry Regiment, he had the usual duties of adjutant, mess officer and supply officer. After a year, he was detailed to the Air Corps for pilot training. He arrived at Randolph Field, Texas during a major expansion of the Air Corps and completed Advanced Flight Training in June 1936, winning his pilot's wings. Thus began a long career during which he flew B-10, B-17, B-18, B-25, P-40, C-45 and C-47 aircraft, among others.

From 1936-40, Gene and Jan were stationed at Hamilton Field on San Francisco Bay, assigned to the 11th Bombardment Squadron of the 7th Bombardment Group, which was part of the newly-created General Headquarters Air Force. Under the tutelage of such leaders as Clarence Tinker, Dick Lynn and Dick Lindsay, they developed the tactics that were refined and employed in World War II under General H.H. ("Hap") Arnold.

As part of the Good Neighbor Policy, Congress authorized U.S. Military Missions in each independent nation of Latin America. Gene was selected for Brazil; he and Jan traveled to Rio with a group including Thomas D. White, who later became chief of staff, USAF. Gene served as advisor to the Brazilian Air Force; many of his students were members of the Brazilian Air Squadron which fought in the Italian campaign. Gene was then transferred to the newly-formed U.S. Armed Forces in the South Atlantic, based on the "bulge" of northern Brazil, as deputy chief of staff. Gene's brother was on submarine patrol, based in nearby Natal.

In 1944, Gene asked for combat duty. He was sent to Columbus, Ohio for transition training to 4-engine bombers. However, his experience in working with allies resulted in an interruption; he was sent on a series of highly sensitive assignments to England, Europe and the Pacific. As a result, he arrived in England, ready for combat, just before V-E Day. He arranged for a quick transfer to the Pacific Theater, where he arrived just before V-J Day.

Gene's knowledge of Portuguese, his distinguished record and diplomatic manner were factors in his selection as air attach[acu]e to Portugal. He reported to this key intelligence position in January 1946 as a colonel. Lisbon was a center of international intrigue, and Gene, as part of the Embassy Team, maintained cordial relations with the Portuguese Air Force. He played a major role in arranging the continued

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use by U.S. aircraft of Lages Air Base (Azores), a key refuelling base for trans-Atlantic flights in that era.

Gene's next duty was in the Plans Division in Washington. He became Deputy Air Force Member of the Joint Strategic Plans Committee, Joint Staff, sitting across the table from his Navy brother from time to time. With their Army and Marine colleagues, they hammered out the plans and strategies that supported our national policy of deterrence during the Cold War.

At the National War College as a student, he reviewed the lessons learned in World War II and Korea and evaluated alternative courses of action in light of developments in weapons, strategy and technology. Upon graduation he was assigned as commander of the 363rd Tactical Reconnaisance Wing at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. After a year, he became chief of staff, 9th Air Force, Tactical Air Command.

Gene's next job was air base group commander at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. Working with classmate Perry Griffith, he received orders to give red-carpet treatment to a diverse group of six pilots, with priority and preference ahead of anything else on the base. The group included Majors John Glenn (USMC), Gordon Cooper and Deke Slaten (USAF) and Lieutenant Commanders Scott Carpenter, Alan Shepherd and Wally Schirra (USN)—the six original U.S. astronauts.

From Langley, the Tibbets were transferred to Panama for duty with Headquarters, Caribbean Command (later U.S. Southern Command). Gene was assistant chief of staff, J-3 (Plans and Operations), and later director J-3 (Plans and Operations). The Southern Command worked in concert with other members of the Organization of American States in carrying out reciprocal assistance treaties. Gene's tact, patience and broad knowledge of global strategy as well as tactics made him a key member of this important team.

On 1 August 1964, Gene retired in the grade of colonel after more than 30 years of active duty. In addition to his many U.S. awards and decorations, he received the Brazilian "Cruzeiro do Sul" in the grade of comendador; and the Portuguese Military Order of Aviz in the grade of grande official.

Gene and Jan, together with Jan's twin sister Al and her husband Tic Bonesteel, bought a retirement home in Torremolinos, Spain. The Tibbets went there to enjoy retirement, travel and golf, and had an idyllic year and a half. Late in 1965, Gene complained of an uneasy feeling and sought medical advice, but his illness was incurable. On 4 February 1966 he slipped away quietly.

We have lost an intelligent, kind, efficient colleague who had a strong sense of decency and fairness, along with a never-failing sense of humor. To turn Will Rogers' famous phrase around, "I never met a man who didn't like him." His widow Jan lives in Rosslyn near her twin Al—also a widow.

We miss you, Gene. Our world is better, and we are better, because you lived among us. Rest in peace.

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Marcus Samuel Griffin

NO. 10428 CLASS OF 1935

Died 25 June 1991 in Spartanburg, South Carolina, aged 78 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

Marcus Samuel Griffin

Marcus Samuel Grifffin was born in Nashville, North Carolina on 10 January 1913, the eldest of seven children born to Samuel Green and Louise Wooten Griffin. He was "Sam" to his family but later was also called "Mari" by friends and classmates. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for one year. In part, he was influenced by his uncle (Class of 1898) and his first cousin (Class of 1930) when he entered West Point in 1931.

He graduated in 1935 as a second lieutenant, married Elaine Broadwell and had one son, Keith. In 1946 he married Anna Marie Schalk. Ann had two children from her previous marriage, Helga and Richard.

Lieutenant Griffin's assignments as a company grade officer were: 22nd Infantry Regiment at Fort McClellan, Alabama; 14th Infantry Regiment at Fort Davis, Canal Zone; 29th Infantry Regiment; the Infantry School and the Communications School at Fort Benning, Georgia; and the 893rd Tank Destroyer Battalion at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Assignments as a field grade officer were: 1942-44 action officer in the European section of the Operations Division, War Department General Staff. On Christmas Eve 1944 Lieutenant Colonel Griffin joined the 7th Armored Division on the continent of Europe during the "Battle of the Bulge." He took command of the 38th Armored Infantry Battalion and fought in three campaigns: Battle of the Ardennes, Battle of the Rhineland and Battle of Central Europe.

During the Battle of Central Europe he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action from 26 March 1945-30 March 1945 in Germany. A portion of the citation reads as follows: "During four days of far-ranging operations, Lieutenant Colonel Griffin led his men in a sustained and highly successful attack east of the Rhine. Breaking out of the Remagen bridgehead, Lieutenant Colonel Griffin swept through all opposition and, although required to change direction of attack several times, continued his drive with undiminished speed until his final objective, Eder See, had been secured."

In its bold sweep across 175 miles of German soil, Task Force Griffin captured 42 defended towns, seized 1330 prisoners, killed uncounted enemy and destroyed huge quantities of German military equipment.

The pause in the Eder See area was brief. The 7th Armored Division received orders to aid in wiping out an estimated German force of 100,000 men who were cornered in a pocket around the Ruhr industrial area.

On the morning of 6 April 1945, Lieutenant Colonel Griffin, at the head of his unit, made contact with a truce party led by a captain from the 116th Panzer Division who asked to discuss terms of surrender.

The captain was informed that surrender terms were unconditional and that he should bring his commanding general forward. This he did. The Chief of Staff 7th Armored Division next arrived. He formed a party and went to a nearby enemy corps command post in order to save time. The surrender, which included the German LIII Corps, 116th Panzer Division, 180th Infantry Division, 190th Infantry Division, the remnants of the 9th Panzer Division and the corps staff, brought a complete collapse to the eastern half of the Ruhr pocket.

Upon redeployment of the 9th Armored Division to the U.S., Lieutenant Colonel Griffin remained in Germany and assumed command of the 14th Armored Infantry Battalion, 1st Armored Division. He returned to the United States in 1946 and was assigned to the G-3 Section Army Ground Forces and later to the Special Information Section.

In January 1947 he became a student at the British Staff College in Camberley, England, sailing on the *S.S. America*, taking Ann and the three children with him. While in England, he transferred from Infantry to Armor.

He next had two tours of duty with the U.S. Army Armor Board at Fort Knox, Kentucky, interrupted by a six-month period of study at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia. There was an addition to the family when daughter Ellen was born in Norfolk. When the Korean War began in 1950, Lieutenant Colonel Griffin was assigned to the G-4 Section general headquarters in Tokyo and promoted to colonel. When a joint headquarters was later formed in Tokyo, he was assigned as chief of Maintenance and Supply Division J-4 and served in Japan for a total of forty-four months. After the first eighteen months, Ann and the four children were able to join him, sailing from New York through the Panama Canal (31 days!).

Colonel Griffin arrived at Fort Hood, Texas in 1954, where he spent one year as G-4 of the III Corps and the next year as commander of Combat Command C, 4th Armored Division. In 1956 he returned to Fort Knox for a third tour of duty with the Armor Board, this time as deputy president.

In 1959 he flew to Ankara, Turkey to become G-4, joint United States military mission for aid to Turkey. This assignment was for thirty months, so Ann and the two younger children joined him later by ship. They enjoyed a Mediterranean cruise provided by one of "Uncle Sam's" transports.

In 1961 Colonel Griffin was assigned as

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Professor of Military Science at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where he retired in 1965. He remained with Wofford College, first as supervisor of Residence Halls for two years, and then as director of Student Financial Aid until his second retirement on 31 August 1978.

Colonel Griffin's decorations include the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge. He was authorized to wear the War Department Identification Badge and eight campaign medals.

He is survived by his wife Ann, four children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He will be missed.

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James Lewis Cantrell

NO. 11355 CLASS OF 1939

Died 5 June 1965 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 50 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

James Lewis Cantrell

Even before he entered the Military Academy on 1 July 1935, Lew already had excelled during four years at The Citadel, where he wore the chevrons of Captain and Regimental Adjutant during his last year and graduated ninth in his class. Even before graduation Lew was offered a teaching fellowship in physics at the University of Kentucky.

Born on 28 August 1914 in Liberty, South Carolina to James Lawrence and Lenora Newton Evatt Cantrell, he lived with his brother George W. and sister Thelma M. on the family farm. It was during those days that his interest in West Point was first kindled, but an appointment eluded him for several years.

In the meanwhile, with the financial help of his older sister, Mrs. Thelma Stewman, Lew enrolled at The Citadel. Lew received his appointment to the Academy from the 3rd District of South Carolina during his senior year at The Citadel.

With a college degree already in hand, Lew was able to move confidently through plebe year, and then to focus on a variety of activities and achievements. He was a yearling corporal, E Company's first sergeant and the regimental commander of the Corps of Cadets. He received plebe rifle team numerals, managed the baseball team, was on the hop committee and was elected, in his first class year, to the Honor Committee and to the First Class Club Board of Governors, of which he was chairman. He achieved academic stars as a second classman and graduated 21st in his class. During June Week, he received two awards for military performance, the Pershing Sword and the Cup for Military Efficiency from the Sons of the American Revolution of New York.

On 12 August 1939, he and Carrie Elizabeth Duke of Charleston, whom he had met at The Citadel, were married. A month later they reported for duty at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Lew became a battery officer in the 83rd (horsedrawn) Field Artillery Regiment. Early in 1941 the 83rd was reorganized, and he was transferred from regimental S-1 to command of A Battery of the newly independent 70th Field Artillery Battalion.

The 70th (newly a part of the 30th Division Artillery) was to be Lew's home until after V-E day. In May the 70th moved to Fort Sill and Lew attended the Battery Officers Course of the Field Artillery School. During 1942 the pace of preparation for overseas movement accelerated. On 5 July, still a captain AUS, he took command of the 70th. And on 6 November, James Lewis Jr. was born.

In April 1943, the 70th moved to Fort Jackson in preparation for overseas movement. In August the battalion arrived in Iceland and staged through England to France in July 1944. For the next twelve months, the 30th Infantry Division, as part of Ninth Army, moved through Belgium and Holland and into Germany. After V-E day, Lew was transferred from the 70th to command one of the other 30th Division Artillery battalions, the 197th.

Lew's performance as battalion CO merited the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. However, additional recognition was to take a different form. Lew was selected for assignment to the prestigious Pentagon nerve center, the Operations Division of the General Staff. During this two-year tour, a second child, Carol Elizabeth, was born on 13 December 1946. His performance was again recognized by selection for graduate study in international relations. Lew earned an M.A. degree in political science at Princeton University.

The utilization tour required a relocation to Headquarters EUCOM in Heidelberg, Germany in September 1949, where Lew completed his three-year tour in the Intelligence Division. After completing the 1952-53 course in the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, he remained on the faculty for three years, after which he went to Carlisle Barracks as a student in the 1956-57 Army War College class.

Lew spent from August 1957-November 1958 as CO of the 10th Artillery Group (Air Defense) in Korea. He returned to the Artillery and Missile School at Fort Sill as director of Instruction. In early 1962, he was reassigned to the Pentagon and after three months moved to the staff of the Special Assistant for Military Assistance Affairs to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

His next assignment, to Headquarters Fourth Army at Fort Sam Houston in spring 1965 as assistant chief of staff, proved to be his last. Bad times were befalling the Cantrells. Second Lieutenant James L. Cantrell, Jr., US Army, had died prematurely of a heart attack on 24 May 1964. On 1 June 1965, Lew suffered a brain concussion while out riding. He was rushed to Brooke General hospital but died on 5 June. His body is interred in Arlington National Cemetery. He is survived by his father (who then died in 1969); his daughter Carol O'Neal of Asheville, North Carolina; his brother George W. Cantrell of Liberty, South Carolina; and his sister Thelma Stewman of Lancaster, South Carolina. Two grandchildren, Jerry and Christa O'Neal, were born after Lew's death to Carol and Second Lieutenant Cecil Wade O'Neal.

Interestingly, Jerome Wade O'Neal became a plebe at West Point in 1989, almost fifty years to the day affter his grandfather's graduation, and is now a member of I Company. We look forward to his graduation in 1993 and are happy to see him following Lew in the Long Gray Line.

Lew Cantrell had experienced accelerated promotions during World War II. This was the Lew most of his associates knew—the serious and conscientious striver and achiever, bent, with determination and perseverance, on excelling at anything he undertook. At home he could display other facets of his personality with his 'little girl,' with whom he shared a love of animals, especially horses.

Carol gives us her appraisal of Lew as a father during those hours of relaxation away from his place of work: "The man whom I remember is quite different from the one the Class of '39 probably remembers as cool and calculating. When, at 16, I came home from my first semester in college, I was perplexed at how to handle a very delicate situation. I had to present my dad with my not-at-all-so-perfect grades. His response to me was, 'You know that you must do well enough to stay in school, but there is a lot more to college than just grades.' He was human and kind after all!

"The gentle man I remember is best depicted with a story from my childhood. We made a visit to a farm in Tennessee when I was about 10 years of age especially to visit dad's First Sergeant Gwen and his wife. When the Army was motorized, Sergeant Gwen retired. Sergeant Gwen's horse Tony was retired too,...placed in Sergeant Gwen's care to live out his days. I remember sitting on Tony's 36-year-old back, swayed with age, and realizing what a powerful yet gentle steed he still was. A few years later we made another trip to Sergeant Gwen's farm. This trip was different. I watched as my father and Sergeant Gwen came arround the side of the barn weeping, having seen Tony's grave site and marker. A special friend was gone and these two soldiers wept for him.

"His devotion to animals was surpassed only by his love to country and his Alma Mater, USMA."

Perhaps the best flavor of the matured Lew Cantrell can be gotten by reading some of his own words penned shortly before his death: "I believe that religion is more than church-door deep. I think the greatest motto is that of our Alma Mater! After reading a little of Gibbon and then looking about, one sees all sorts of ominous things. But, ride into the woods aboard a spirited quadruped and find serenity. Futility, you say? Perhaps, but a pleasing calm, a detachment, a sang-froid. From one's Olympian heights, far removed from the

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dust of battle, one views the world down there, and says, Gad! Why could I not have been the LUCKY ONE, such as this sterling steed?"

Remain thou at peace, Lew.

S.W.D., a classmate

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Osmund Alfred Leahy

NO. 12012 CLASS OF 1940

Died 9 December 1989 in Bethesda, Maryland, aged 74 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

Osmund Alfred Leahy

Osmund Alfred Leahy was born 31 August 1915 to James and Marie Leahy in Owego, New York, where his father was a merchant. Oz, his three brothers and his three sisters grew up in that small town, where he finished high school in 1934. In those lean Depression years, when Oz found he couldn't attend nearby Cornell, he enlisted in the Navy. After serving as an apprentice seaman aboard a destroyer in the Atlantic, he entered the Naval Academy Preparatory Class at Norfolk, Virginia. He won an appointment to USMA and reported to West Point in July 1936.

Oz quickly settled into the cadet routine. He kept his own counsel and pursued each assigned duty with stubborn determination until it was finished to his satisfaction. He found no great difficulty with academics; through all four years, he ranked right at the middle of his class. He was calm, self-confident, patient, precise and optimistic and soon was best-known for his quiet willingness to work. Few were surprised when he became first sergeant of his company during his first class year. These traits, developed in his cadet days, served him well throughout his career.

Like the rest of his class, Oz found his graduation leave cut short by the Army's mobilization. His first duty assignment was at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. There, Oz and Elizabeth Pennell were married in December 1941, and their first child, Margaret, was born in November 1942.

In the fall of 1942 Oz joined the newly-activated 82d Airborne Division, with which he served throughout World War II. Oz was on the division staff during the fighting in North Africa and during jumps into Sicily and onto the beachhead at Salerno, Italy. When the 82d jumped into Normandy to spearhead the D-Day landings, he replaced his gravely wounded battalion commander and ably led the battalion in the capture of its objective.

Oz went on to command the 3d Battalion of the 82d's 325th Glider Infantry Regiment from June 1944, when he took command in Normandy, until the end of the war in Berlin. Bud Olson, who was Intelligence sergeant and later sergeant major of the 3d Battalion, says now, "I believe I knew him as well or better than any enlisted man in the battalion. I followed him through Normandy, Holland, Belgium and Germany. He was a first-class officer, very strict but fair." Sergeant Olson went on, "I still remember him walking into our command post in Normandy. The battalion had just lost its third commander in five days and was badly understrength. We were disorganized; Co. K was lost; and morale was low. Major Leahy called for all the officers and sent me to find Co. K. He then talked to the few remaining officers and laid down his rules. There was only one way—his way. It didn't take him long to make the battalion a fighting unit again." Clay Blair, in Ridgeway's Paratroopers, says of the 3d Battalion, "...under Leahy's leadership, it became one of the division's best."

There was an unusual incident shortly after the 82d dropped at Nijmegen in Operation Market Garden. Oz' 3d Battalion had attacked through the dense Kiekberg Wood on the heights along the Netherlands-German border. Oz later told of coming upon one of his forward platoons standing—stalemated—in a small clearing in the thick undergrowth. They were facing, a few feet away, similar—equally surprised—elements of a German S.S. battalion. Oz and the opposing battalion commander each demanded the other surrender; neither agreed. They compromised on a brief cease-fire to separate their forces. After the cease-fire, the Germans launched a strong counterattack, but it was stopped by the defenses Oz had set up during the lull. The 3d Battalion then continued the war as before.

After World War II, the Leahys moved to Fort Benning. Oz served with the Infantry School and James was born in September 1947 and Elizabeth in May 1950. Oz then returned to Fort Bragg, where Thomas (USMA '74) was born in August 1952. Here Oz served with the Army board developing and testing combat techniques and equipment. On one occasion, Oz flight-tested a new, quick-opening parachute. As he exited the plane, the chute opened very rapidly and caught on the plane's tail section. The shock broke both his collar-bones; Oz dangled there, trapped. The plane crew could neither haul him back in the plane nor shake him loose. Oz somehow reached his knife, cut his shrouds, and, once free of the plane, opened his reserve chute and landed—despite the broken collar-bones!

Oz had several details with overseas MAAGs and Missions, evidencing his ability to work with people rather than trying to dominate them. His tours in the Philippines and Korea alternated with his graduation from the Army War College and with a detail as senior Army instructor at the Air University. Oz was promoted to brigadier general in 1964 and sent as chief, U.S. Training Mission to Saudi Arabia, after which he went back to Fort Bragg as chief of staff, XVIII Airborne Corps.

Oz gained his second star in 1967, along with assignment as CG, II Corps (Reserve) at Fort Hamilton, followed by command of the 7th Infantry Division in Korea. He then went to Fort Belvoir as CG of the newly-formed Institute of Land Combat. It was while they were at Fort Belvoir that his wife Elizabeth died of cancer on 22 January 1970.

New orders then assigned Oz as Deputy CG, Sixth Army, at the Presidio of San Francisco. While there, he met Patricia Strand Dorn, who also had been widowed several years earlier. Oz and Pat were married in December 1971.

Oz retired in 1972 but was immediately recalled to active duty as chief of the Military Disability Agency at Walter Reed Medical Center, an assignment calling for the wise decisions and advice of a mature, experienced combat commander. When he was again retired in 1977, he had been on active duty over 37 years. He had made 103 parachute jump. His decorations, which summarize his devotion to Duty, Honor and his Country, include the Distinguished Service Medal, three Silver Stars, two Legions of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Netherlands Order of the Bronze Lion and two French Croix de Guerre.

Oz and Pat built an attractive home in Bethesda, not far from the Chevy Chase Country Club and a comfortable drive from the Army and Navy Club, where Oz served on the board of governors. In 1980, Oz was elected president of the Class of '40 for the ensuing five years by his classmates, confirming the high regard in which they held him. Oz spoke frequently of his pride in this distinction.

Oz was diagnosed early in 1988 as having lung cancer. After extensive treatment, the cancer seemed in remission. Then, just after Pat and Oz moved into a new Chevy Chase condominium in fall 1988, Oz quietly told his friends he had an inoperable, malignant brain tumor. Pat did everything possible to help Oz, but his physical condition deteriorated steadily. He remained calm and optimistic, telling callers he was sure just a little more therapy would have him active and walking again. Finally, Oz had to go to a nursing home in Bethesda where they could physically care for him. There he died quetly on 9 December 1989, having lived "Duty, Honor, Country" to the end.

George Mayo '40

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David Stuart Parker

NO 11810 CLASS OF 1940

Died 9 May 1990 in Greenbrae, California, aged 71 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

David Stuart Parker was born in Fort Huachuca, Arizona to military parents, which set the pattern of his life. Loyalty played a major role in Dave's philosophy—it was, in fact, a distinguishing characteristic—and the U.S. Army engaged that loyalty from early years.

He came to West Point straight from a San Antonio high school without any of the prep school or college seasoning common in those days. Almost effortlessly, it seemed to those who didn't watch too closely, he moved straight into the rarified atmosphere of first sections and wore the stars of that habitat during all his four years. The trick lay in his ability

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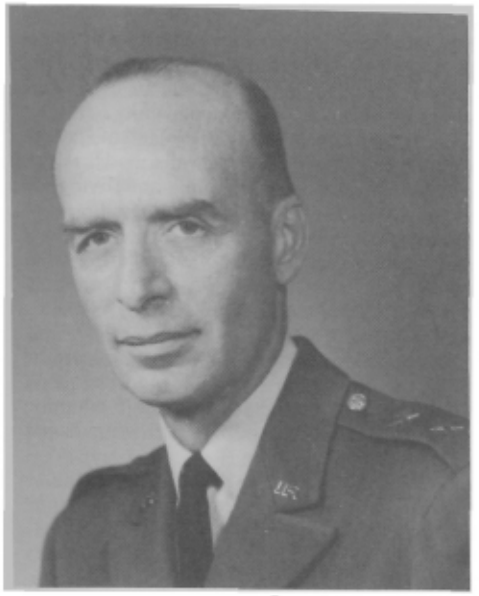

David Stuart Parker

to concentrate, to focus completely on the lesson on hand, and, what's more, to finish the assignment in precisely the number of minutes he had allotted to it. Academics, to Dave, were an entertaining intellectual exercise: at various times he amused himself by attempting—and generally succeeding—to stand first in the class in each subject. He lived, in short, in quite another world from the one inhabited by those of us who sweated out grade posting.

As graduation approached, Dave considered pilot training—passed the physical, ingested bananas and water to get up to weight—but the Corps of Engineers was really his first choice. It, in turn, was visibly anxious to snare Second Lieutenant Parker, 20th in his class and very likely the brightest of the lot. His One and Only was Betty Augur, like Dave an Army Cavalry brat. They were married in 1942.

Dave was stationed first at Fort Ord with a newly-activited combat regiment, then at Fort Belvoir and next at Camp Bowie, Texas. Just as he was preparing to take his combat engineer battalion to war, an order came from Washington directing him to report in 48 hours to the Commander in Chief, Pacific, then on Guam. In the administrative confusion of those days, the wrong Parker had been sent to CINCPAC. Dave made the best of this disappointing change, of course, moving from Guam to the Philippines to MacArthur's staff as chief of the Construction Division, Tokyo. Betty joined him there with the first arrival of dependents after V-J day.

Next came a master's degree at Berkeley; then appointment as a West Point instructor, followed by service as military assistant to the Governor, Panama Canal Zone, an assignment to have a great influence on his career and his life. He became perhaps as well-informed as any American about the Canal and the complex politics of the Isthmus. Before returning to Panama there were the usual assignments marking the progress of an officer on his way up: deputy district engineer, Portland, Oregon; Army War College; and the Pentagon, as chief of the Army's Strategic Planning Group.

Then came Korea as commander of the 36th combat Engineer Group, followed by duty with DIA as deputy of the National Photographic Interpretation Center—an interesting assignment that gave Dave a role to play in the Cuban Missile Crisis. On to Panama in 1963 as lieutenant governor. He was acting governor at the time of the 1964 riots and student demonstrations and called in the U.S. troops to control the violence. Promoted to brigadier general in 1965, Dave served briefly as North Atlantic division engineer, then went back to the Pentagon as director of Force Planning Analysis, a job that put him in close contact with the Army hierarchy—where he gained its evident high respect.

Dave was promoted to major general in 1967 and assigned to Vietnam as the Army's chief engineer and Commander of Engineer Troops. Then back to the Pentagon as chairman of a special review panel for the Chief of Staff, and thus instrumental in shaping the future Army, occasionally having to fend off high-ranking champions of the status quo—encounters he handled with tact and logic. In 1971 he was appointed governor of the Panama Canal Zone. It was his final posting and an appropriate one—it left a lasting and well-remembered contribution to the efficiency of the Canal and to the well-being of its employees.

In San Francisco after retirement, Dave joined the international engineering company Morrison Knudsen. He and Betty bought a splendidly situated house on a quiet lagoon. Dave became an active civic leader, an occasional newspaper contributor, a feared senior golfer and, after a second retirement, a cruise ship lecturer. His health had been uncertain for some of those years, but he rarely let it interfere. The final illness came on suddenly and, all things considered, ended mercifully. He died with his brilliant mind in perfect order and with the contentment that comes only to those who have lived an exemplary and productive life.

He is survived by his wife Betty, four children, David, Bruce, Stephen, and Anne Diggory, and his brother Ambassador Richard B. Parker.

T.R.M., his roommate

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Allen Jensen

NO. 12247 CLASS OF 1941

Died 19 November 1990 in Boonton Township, New Jersey, aged 74 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

Al was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on 21 February 1916. He attended the University of Utah and received a commission of Second Lieutenant through the ROTC program prior to entering the United States Military Academy.

At West Point the calm, cool, gregarious scholar was a star man throughout his Black Class career. His scholastic ability was quickly recognized by some of the "K" company goats, and he proved to be a willing tutor. The Academic Department also recognized this ability by designating him to be a cadet instructor in mathematics.

Upon graduation he was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers and was stationed in Hawaii. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Al was busy installing concrete pillboxes around the island. He returned to the United States and married Peg following service as a company commander in the 34th Engineer Combat Regiment.

He was assigned as an instructor, then associate professor in the Department of Mechanics at USMA. On the recreational side,

Allen Jensen

he and Peg ran the duplicate bridge sessions for the officers and their wives for a year.

After receiving a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of California, he spent a couple of interesting years in Manila, P.I. One assignment there—to prove that the unification of the services could work—caused him to be the only Army officer at the time quartered on the Naval base at Langley Point and to be responsible for all construction there.

Later, assigned to the Pentagon, first in DCS LOG and then assistant secretary of the Army's office, he was the action officer for the Military Construction Program for the Army. This required getting DOD and Congressional approval of needed projects ranging from barracks, commissaries and hospitals to armories for the Reserve and National Guard. This required long, hectic hours but was very informative about how Congress does business.

In 1964, while he was deputy division engineer of the Corps of Engineers' North Atlantic Division, Al supervised an annual $160 million of construction, both civil and military, from Greenland to Norfolk. It was during this tour that his wife Peg died. Al was distraught by her untimely death and retired the following year.

He worked several years for a consulting engineering firm in New York City and earned his PE license. He helped design construction projects for firms in Arizona, Arkansas and all of New York State.

In 1966 he met and married the lovely Alicia. As an artist, her pictures are shown throughout the country. As an entrepreneur, she built the first fast-food establishment called "the Anthony Wayne" in Wayne, New Jersey. Her interest in Holiday Inns was also lucrative and inspiring.

Al and Alicia were fortunate to be able to spend the winters in Florida and summers in New Jersey. Thus Al was able to play golf most of the year, keeping his scores in the low eighties. His untimely death due to an apparent heart attack was on 19 November 1990. He was buried at West Point with full military honors. Al has joined the Long Gray Line; this scholarly gentleman and soldier will be missed sorely by all who knew him.

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Jesse LeRoy Fishback

NO. 13450 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 19 October 1989 in Waimea/Kamuela, Hawaii, aged 70 years.

Interment: Nashville National Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee

Jesse LeRoy Fishback

Born in Ohio and raised in California, Jesse came to West Point a little older and a lot smarter than most of us. With quiet efficiency and boundless good humor, he absorbed the system unflustered and unscathed. While we struggled with the multiple demands of tacs, academics, PE, and yearlings, Jess always had the time and the infinite patience to help us in Math, English or other foreign languages. His reveille announcement of "another day in which to excel" was not a boast but a rallying cry. In the end, it was only fitting that Jesse wear stars on his collar and company commander's stripes on his sleeve.

When we graduated and scattered in June 1943, Jesse joined the Engineer Aviation program, finally settling down in the CBI. At the conclusion of the war, Jesse came home to a new life with Jane Storer, whom he had met, courted and married 12 July 44, one month before leaving for a 21-month separation. It is instructive to note Jesse's handwritten comments in his personnel record some 20 years later in 1964: "Wife Jane served in the US Navy as a W.A.V.E., separating in Dec 1945 as Lt.jg. Since then she has done more for the service than I have." That comment is pure Fishback, as we have all come to know him from Plebe year to 1964 to 1989....It also illustrates the depth of respect and love that characterized that marriage. When Jesse and Jane said "forever," they meant it.

Professionally, the new life began with an MS in civil engineering from the University of Illinois in 1947, followed by two years in the Construction Division at the Chief of Engineer's office. A proposed quiet tour at the Eighth Army Engineer School in Japan was interrupted after a year by the Korean War. The family joined the 7th Infantry Division in Hokkaido, and Jesse went to Korea as executive officer in the 13th Engineer (C) Battalion. After the bitter Korean winter of 1950-51 came orders for the Advanced Class at Fort Belvoir and the Math Department at West Point.

It had been a busy nine years since graduation, and the prospect of a stable tour for the family (John, Jill, JoAnne and Jane carrying Jim) was more than inviting. It proved to be true, and 1952-56 were indeed happy years, surrounded by friends and classmates and immersed again in West Point. Withdrawal was made easier by a year at C&GSC in readiness for return to the active Army in 1957.

If you wanted to understand and be part of the real Army in the mid-1950's, you could do no better than field units—such as the 4th Armored Division. Field exercises, midnight alerts and maneuvers flowed one into another, and Jesse had them all as CO of the 24th AE Battalion from 1957-59 near the eastern border of Germany. Family life was comfortable, and both Jane and the children prospered while, for Jesse, the duty was demanding and rewarding—like being on the A squad! However, even if you are good, battalion command positions don't last forever, and after two years Jesse was called to Theater Army Headquarters at Heidelberg, where he closed out his European tour and welcomed Jerry, the 5th of the "J" children.

Missiles and the alleged Missile Gap were front-page news in 1960, and the Army had special organizations for construction support of the Air Force programs and for the Army's missile activities. Where better to use Jesse than in these programs of high national priority—initially in the Corps of Engineers Ballistic Missile Construction office in Los Angeles where, for the first time, job frustration was more evident than job satisfaction. Things looked up as duty with the Army Ballistic Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal comprised the next three busy years. It was there, at Redstone Arsenal, that Jeffrey joined the happy family, becoming the 6th and last of the J. Fishback children!

A year at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces was a prelude to a satisfying three-year tour as the district engineer of the Nashville District of the Corps of Engineers. Jesse was fortunate to participate in the completion and dedication of both the Barclay Dam and the Percy Priest Dam.

Jesse commanded the 937th Engineer Group in Vietnam and then returned for a second tour at Redstone Arsenal before finishing his Army active duty as commander of the Kwajalein Missile Range in the Pacific. For his military service he received 12 service medals, two Bronze Stars for valor, an Army Commendation medal, three Air medals and four Legions of Merit.

After Jesse's retirement in 1973, he and his family lived in Cookeville, Tennessee, where he served the state in its Department of Transportation before becoming a professor of civil engineering at Tennessee Technological University. Two of the sons, John and Jim, followed in their father's footsteps and attended West Point, graduating in 1970 and 1974. While Jesse was at the University he exercised his continuing curiosity by obtaining a master's in business administration. He also was registered as a professional engineer in both Tennessee and Alabama.

When son John asked Jesse whether he should accept an assignment from Korea to an Engineer slot in Hawaii, Jesse's response was, "Son, for 30 years I've tried to get an assignment to Hawaii—if you don't accept it, you might as well not come home." John in later years offered Jesse and Jane the opportunity to house-sit one of his rentals on the Big Island of Hawaii. Jesse enjoyed building rock walls the Hawaiian way, doing some landscaping and living up to his basic nature of always leaving every place he lived much better than when he found it. Jesse also returned to engineering as a mechanical engineer for Hawaiian Dredging, and worked on the Hyatt Regency Waikaloa and the Ritz Carlton Hotels.

Jesse was a mentor to many and a friend to all. His friends recall his favorite quote: "Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel."

Well done Jesse — Bo thou at peace.

In loving memory, Clare F. Farley June '43, Robert F. Wessels '44; Thomas T. Craven '55 and his family

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Jerry George Capka

NO. 14063 CLASS OF 1944

Died 2 April 1978 in Seoul, Korea, aged 56 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

Jerry George Capka

Jerry George Capka was born on 22 January 1922 in Middletown, Pennsylvania, the son of Theodore and Mary Capka. In high school he was voted the senior most likely to succeed and was valedictorian.

Jerry entered the Academy in 1941. Starring in baseball and B-squad football, he also was academic coach, a member of the camera club and gift committee, and company *Pointer* representative. As a first-classman he was A-2 company commander and Baseball Team captain. In the 1944 *Howitzer* a classmate said, "He has what it takes to make him 'one of the boys' and at the same time to place him academically and tactically near the top of his class. Best of all, he never lost the twinkle in those smiling Czech eyes." Jerry loved the Military Academy and prized his class

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ring and his friends. West Point values guided him.

Jerry was commissioned in the Engineers and assigned to the 4th Engineer Combat Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, in combat in Europe. One of his men said: "LT Capka didn't need to order his men. He was always his own first volunteer. He would just say, 'We must blow that bridge. Who wants to come with me?' And, believe it or not, everyone wanted to go with him! They felt like God was sitting on the lieutenant's shoulder."

Jerry received the Bronze Star in Germany for risking his life by running onto a bridge that was rigged for demolition and pulling a woman and child to safety.

In July 1945 at Fort Benning, Jerry met Mary Hundertmark, whom he married in 1947 while on leave from the First Cavalry Divsion in Japan. In 1949, son J. Richard was born. Assignments at the Baltimore Signal Depot, the Engineer Officers Advanced Course and the Engineer Section of Second Army Headquarters followed. During this period Jerry, Jr. and David were born. In 1953-54 Jerry earned a master's degree in civil engineering at Harvard. He was then assigned to the 2nd Engineer Group in Korea, with which his son David would serve 25 years later. In Korea in 1955, Jerry received the Soldier's Medal for risking his life to rescue soldiers from a burning truck.

After an interim assignment, he attended the Command and General Staff College, where Vincent was born. From 1957-60, Major Capka was at the Pentagon as legislative liaison. Then he attended the Army War College and earned as master's degree in international relations.

From 1961-64 Lieutenant Colonel Capka was the area engineer for the U.S. Engineer Group in Turkey, for which service he received the Legion of Merit.

In 1964, he was a military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Administration, and received the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Colonel Capka's final Army assignment was Director of Athletics at the Academy. Jerry enjoyed his return to West Point and contact with classmates and new friends. He also saw Richard enter USMA with the Class of '71.

Jerry's tenure was a time of growth for the AAA, including the expansion of Michie Stadium. He received the Legion of Merit for his outstanding contributions as Director of Athletics.

After retiring in 1969, Jerry joined Kaiser Engineers and was initially based in London, responsible for project development in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Subsequently, he went to Seoul and established Korea-Kaiser Engineering Company, Ltd.

In Korea Jerry frequently visited Yongsan, home of the Eighth Army, where he met classmates and other friends. During those years he proudly saw Richard, Jerry Jr. and David answer the call to serve their country. He returned to West Point in 1971 to attend Richard's graduation and swear him in.

Jerry died of a heart attack on 2 April 1978 at his home in Seoul. He is survived by his loving wife, four sons and their wives, four grandchildren, three brothers and a sister.

Jerry was exceptional: an unselfish professional, a valued friend and a leader. A classmate says, "He approached most things the same way: a challenge to do the best." He was hand-picked for tough assignments and successful in his endeavors. As a troop leader in Japan, or the senior engineer in Turkey, Jerry formed trained and cohesive teams and completed his missions.

Most importantly, Jerry was a loving husband and father. He imparted to each member of his family a religious foundation that provided a moral and ethical beacon. His legacy is a sense of duty—focused not on personal advancement but on contributions to the community. His family remembers him as the consummate husband, father, son and brother, with endless love, patience and generosity. He was a religious, honorable, modest and kind man who loved West Point and considered his membership in the Long Gray Line an honor. His life epitomized the principles and spirit of West Point.

Mary Capka, the Capka family and WE II

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Robert Warren Conant

NO. 13991 CLASS OF 1944

Died 10 April 1979 in Cumberland, Maryland, aged 58 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

Robert Warren Conant

Bob Conant was born in Tomahawk, Wisconsin on 4 February 1921, the son of Archie and Mary (Shea) Conant. He graduated from his hometown high school and attended Central State Teachers College for two years before deciding that West Point was the place to go. Appointed by Congressman B. J. Gehrman, he was the first local Tomahawk boy to attend the United States Military Academy.

A close classmate characterizes Bob's days as a cadet as follows: "Bob was a quiet, good natured hive who was generous with his talents in helping others who were not so intellectually endowed. He was a devout Roman Catholic who lived his religion as he lived West Point's code. Bob met the Academy's challenges with an ease and grace that many of us envied."

Bob was eager to get into the war, as were most of his classmates, and he managed to get assigned to the 24th Engineer Battalion of the 4th Armored Division shortly after finishing three months of training with his fellow Engineer classmates at Fort Belvoir. He got into the thick of the fight and was awarded the Purple Heart. Later he was assigned to Headquarters, Third Army and to the Munich Military Post, where he stayed for four years before returning in 1951 to take the advanced course at Fort Belvoir. After receiving his master's degree in civil engineering at North Carolina State in 1953, he went to Korea, where he was the S-3 of the 32d Engineer Group.

Unlike some of his Engineer classmates who were diverted to assignments outside of the Corps of Engineers, Bob stayed with the work he loved. A short tour at Fort Randall Dam, South Dakota before attending C&GSC was followed by three years as an instructor at the Engineer School, where he taught combat engineering and nuclear weapons courses. His two years on Guam and Okinawa as Commander of the 809th Engineer Battalion were followed by four years in Office of the Chief of Engineers as the assistant director of Military Construction. Shortly before the end of this tour, he and Anne A. Weatherholt were married. But that didn't keep him from eagerly accepting an assignment to Vietnam in 1965 as the senior engineer advisor to the ARVN IV Corps.

On his return he was assigned to the Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service Command on the West Coast as the command engineer. A better title might have been "Mayor of Oakland Army Base." He was responsible for almost everything from family housing and the commissary to the mortuary. On his retirement his staff presented him with a book of photos of the things that went wrong during his watch, including the sinking of the "J" boat while it was moored at the dock.

After retiring Anne and Bob bought a house on a lagoon in Corte Madera, California, eleven miles north of San Francisco. Perhaps inspired by the "J" boat, they acquired a sailboat and a canoe. He kept his hand—and Anne's, too—in construction with his own concrete mixer, building a retaining wall, a floating dock and a patio. They stayed in California until July 1977, when they moved to the East Coast, Anne's home town of Cumberland, Maryland, where Bob died of a massive coronary two years later.

Bob was survived by his mother Mary (Shea) Conant; his wife Anne; stepson Gordon Adler; sister Mary Anne Kentworthy; two grandchildren; a niece; and three nephews.

Bob's mother (who died in 1986 at the age of 88) wrote a moving account of his funeral for his hometown newspaper. She closed with words any soldier would be proud of: "He was always proud to have served his country, and I, his mother, also have been proud of his achievements and his service to his country, and hope that God, in his mercy, will grant him peace."

A Classmate

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Paul Washington Phillips

NO. 14102 CLASS OF 1944

Died 24 November 1988 in Harker Heights, Texas, aged 66 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas

Paul Washington Phillips was an "Army brat" born at Fortress Monroe, Virginia on 2 August

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Paul Washington Phillips

1922, the second son of Robert E. and Mabel F. Phillips. His family traveled throughout the United States and overseas (twice in the Philippines) and, somewhere along the line, his close friends dubbed him "Joe." It was by this name that his classmates got to know and admire him during his cadet days at West Point. Joe had received an Honor Graduate appointment to the Military Academy from Fishburne Military School. Joe was one of those guys with a great sense of humor, intellect and wit that made the Military Academy an easy and pleasant row to hoe. He was manager of the Football Team and was selected by his peers to be a member of the Honor Committee.

Joe's (Paul's) branch choice was the Infantry and, after the D-Day Graduation for the Class of 1944 and additional training at Fort Benning, he served in the European Theater of Operations. Five service medals, two campaign stars, the Combat Infantryman Badge and a Bronze star later, he volunteered for the Pacific Theater. Peace caught up with him, and he found himself in Puerto Rico with the Antilles Department in February 1946.

During the pause between the wars, Paul married Anne Alicia Jones (also an Army brat) on 11 July 1947 at Fort Myer, Virginia. Their first child, Alicia, was born in Puerto Rico in 1948. Their next assignment was to West Point, where daughter Charlotte was born in 1949.

The Korean War beckoned Paul in 1952—he commanded a company and was awarded a second star to his Combat Infantryman Badge and his second Bronze Star for valor.

The second pause between wars for Paul's generation found him with an ROTC assignment in Ohio, where son Paul was born in 1955. Next came an assignment with the 82nd Airborne and Jump School. He thrived on the paratrooper life. A year later it was Japanese Language School at Monterey, followed by three years in Tokyo with the MAAG, serving as advisor to the Self-Defense Force Paratrooper Unit. "All this fun and jump pay, too" is the way Paul described this tour of duty. His entire family agreed that the Japan assignment was a real plum, to be remembered always.

Command and General Staff College was followed by three years at the Office of Military History in Washington, D.C. In 1965 Paul volunteered for Vietnam, where he served as an advisor in Bach Lieu and Can Tho. Back to Fort Bragg as a commander in the Army Training Center, he had a chance to live in one of those big stucco quarters handily located by the golf course and tennis courts.

A call to Heidelberg was welcome, as Paul had developed a great interest in computers and his duties were to be with the computerized Tactical Systems Development Command. After almost two years, the entire command was gyroscoped in 1970 to Fort Hood, Texas. Central Texas was not a favorite place of the family at first, but Paul and the rest soon grew to love it. Paul retired early in 1971 in order to continue to pursue his interest in the computer industry. After obtaining his master's degree in computer science, he taught at Central Texas College. Several years later, Paul decided to "retire retire" and enjoy his many hobbies and interests.

Paul loved retirement, with the freedom to continue his active pursuit of scuba diving, snow skiing and golf. He had been, all through the years, a wonderful family man, devoting love and understanding to the raising of the three children. He would say, "Annie, we must have done something right to have all three kids turn into happy, productive, mature individuals." She agreed with his choices of sports and hobbies, and they spent many days and trips together enjoying them.

Paul was a religious man. All his life, he'd been active in the Episcopal church. In retirement he served as lay reader, chalice bearer, vestry member, junior warden, and filled in wherever else he was needed. He was a very Godly man, not somber, but full of laughter and good humor.

Paul died suddenly of pericarditis on Thanksgiving Day 1988. He had first become stricken as he stood up from the communion table to return to his pew. He died at the hospital 11 hours later.

His three children wrote the following of him when he died: "Dad was a man of truth, of principles, of honor. He was strong and his strength sustained us. He was his own man. We couldn't sway dad by talking about what everybody else did. He knew what was right and he did it. He was gentle and loved to laugh. He was patient with us beyond measure. Dad had unbounded curiosity and joy in the universe...from squirrels and wildflowers to archeaology and outer space. He taught us to love life, to love knowledge, to love truth. He has left us a legacy of love and kindness, of honor and strength."

His wife of 41 years found this poem which spoke to her of Paul: "The best part of a person's life is not his fame, wealth or ability. The best part of a good person's life is the little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and love given to others. You are remembered and respected for the good you do for others."

Paul Washington Phillips is remembered, loved and honored by his wife Anne, three children, six grandchildren, brother, and many relatives and friends. Paul was a spiritual, kind, honorable, intelligent, fun-loving individual, and the world is far better off for his having lived in it.

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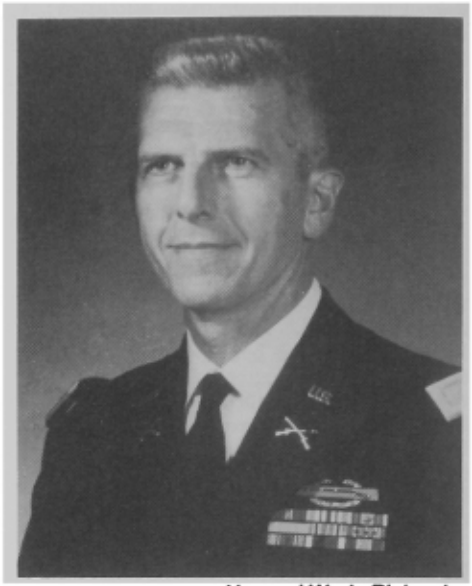
Howard Wade Richards

NO. 14180 CLASS OF 1944

Died 12 January 1988 in Concord, New Hampshire, aged 65 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



Howard Wade Richards

Howard Wade Richards, known as "Boodler" to many of his classmates because of his great love for ice cream and other "boodle" and called "Rich" in later years, passed away on 12 January 1988 while visiting with family in Concord, New Hampshire.

Howard was born in New Jersey on 3 December 1922, the son of Edward M. and Dorothy (Barrett) Richards. His father was a cabinet maker for Thomas Edison, but while still young the family moved to Stratford, New York and a farm high in the Adirondack Mountains. It was there that Rich started his lifelong love affair with the outdoors and in particular with hunting and fishing.

Howard entered West Point after having graduated from high school as both the class valedictorian and as the class goat—his was a graduating class of one. While very different from the rural surroundings he was used to, Rich made a quick adjustment to cadet life among the "Flankers" and, through his strong self-discipline, had little trouble being a good student and dealing with the system.

He was a sharing and giving roommate and could always be counted on for academic help or taking jobs from others on the duty roster. He was known for his keen sense of humor and for his many practical jokes. His humor gave him great strength in later years through many trying situations and was also a source of joy and comfort to his family.

While a cadet, he continued his love of the outdoors, frequenting Lake Popolopoen and other local environs looking for trout and bass. Throughout his life he always returned to the farm in Stratford for vacations and to re-energize himself by trekking through the mountains, fishing the streams and ponds and looking for the elusive deer—which always seemed to just evade him.

Boodler was quiet in demeanor, but a

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commitment from him was sure to be completed and carried out in good fashion. He was a person of quiet strength and deep feeling, with an abiding love for his family and friends and a deep commitment to the Army and his country. He was a man's man in the best sense of the term.

He picked the Infantry as his branch of choice and rose to the rank of colonel during his thirty years of service. Following the Basic Officer's Course at Fort Benning, his first assignment was as a platoon leader in the 423rd Infantry, 106th Infantry Division. The unit was overrun during the Battle of the Bulge (Ardennes Forest) in December 1944, and Rich became a prisoner of war until freed by the 4th Armored Division just before V-E Day 1945. Luckily, his strength and humor came to his aid, along with the comfort of being with several of his West Point classmates during these trying times.

His career following World War II took him many interesting places over the next thirty years. He was a company commander at Fort McClellan, Alabama and then became involved with counter-intelligence, first at Fort Holabird, Maryland and then in Japan. It was while he was at Fort Holabird that Rich met his future wife, Marjorie Quick of St. Paul, Minnesota. Marge was an ensign in the Coast Guard at the time. Rich returned from Japan in January 1948 and married Marge at the Cadet Chapel.

Following his assignment in Japan and the birth of his son Bruce, Rich returned to Fort Benning as an instructor at the Infantry School. While there, daughter Robyn was born.

Then it was on to Command and General Staff College, Fort Dix and even a stint at the Arctic Warfare School in Alaska. Next came a tour with the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii and the birth of twin daughters Janet and Jennifer.

Upon his return stateside, Rich went to the Armed Forces Staff College followed by a year at Governor's Island, New York and the first of two tours in Korea. He also found time to obtain a master's degree in foreign relations at Georgetown.

The family started moved to Falls Church, Virginia in 1962, and Marge continues to live there to this day. While in Falls Church, Rich's career included tours at the Pentagon, the Army War College and, perhaps his most satisfying duty assignment, as brigade commander of the 3rd Brigade, 7th Infantry Division in Korea. Rich retired after a final tour at the Pentagon in 1974.

Rich's military decorations included the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, Commendation Ribbon with cluster and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. He also earned the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Following his retirement, Rich worked for several years with Computer Science Corporation in Falls Church. He retired from CSC in 1982.

In his later years Rich was stricken with Parkinson's Disease. While difficult for him, especially in light of his active lifestyle and love for the outdoors, Rich bore the hardships occasioned by this disease with quiet determination and dignity. His strength was a source of pride and inspiration for those who loved him, and his quiet humor helped everyone put his disease aside to enjoy the man and his life.

Rich loved his country and his alma mater. He loved his family above all else and reveled in the joys that his five grandchildren brought him. He was perhaps happiest when at Stratford for Thanksgiving, surrounded by his family and the mountains he loved so well.

Howard Richards was a quiet man but a resolute one. His life was truly lived on the precepts of "Duty, Honor, Country." All who knew him or served with him were enriched by his wholesomeness and his deep strength of character. Of him it can truly be said, "Well done. Be thou at peace."

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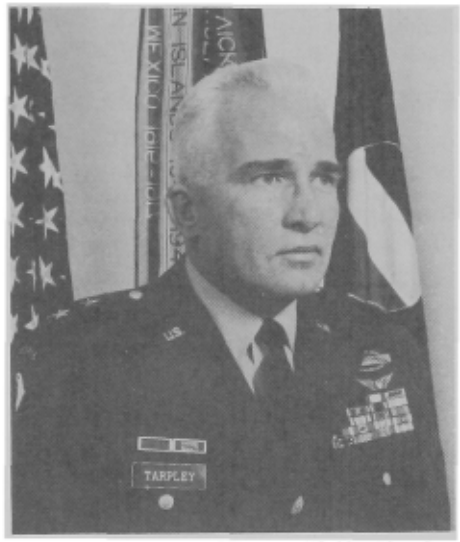
Thomas McKee Tarpley

NO. 14318 CLASS OF 1944

Died 18 December 1986 in Columbus, Georgia, aged 64 years.

Interment: Post Cemetery, Fort Benning, Georgia.



Thomas McKee Tarpley

The 4th of July 1922 was truly a celebration for Major Hugh Tarpley, USA Retired, and his wife Mildred, when son Tom was born in Quincy, Illinois. Tom graduated from high school there and, after two years at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, entered the Military Academy in 1941.

At West Point Tom was on the Golf and Skeet Teams and was a member of the Fishing Club, sports he continued to enjoy all his life. Tom had an irrepressible sense of humor and loved to tell the story that, on the first blind date with Trudy Baldwin, whom he married in 1951, he was walking a penalty tour and she had to wait at the Hotel Thayer until he finished.

Upon graduating in 1944, Tom took Infantry training at Fort Benning and reported to the 66th Division just as it departed for Europe. After serving with distinction as a combat platoon leader, his assignments included post-war duties in Germany, company commander at Fort Riley and aide-de-camp to the Fifth Army commander at Fort Sheridan.

Tom and Trudy were married in Turkey while he was assigned to the US mission there. He returned to be a student and then a faculty member at the Command and General Staff College, followed by a tour in Korea.

Pentagon duty presented to Tom the unlikely hazard of being fired upon in the Belgian Congo. He was escorting Senator and Mrs. Dodd to see Tshombe when his convoy was shot at and detained by guerillas. Tom's typically friendly demeanor and cool negotiations prevented a near-disaster.

After attending the Army War College, Tom commanded a battalion and then a brigade in Vietnam. In addition to military schooling, he earned two master's degrees, in history at the University of Maryland and in international affairs at George Washington University.

When promoted to brigadier general, Tom took rotary wing training, which he longed to do, and loved every minute of flying he did thereafter. He was a deputy division commander at Fort Lewis and, upon promotion to major general in 1971, commanded the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. His last assignment before retirement was commandant of the Infantry Center at Fort Benning. There, among other excellent innovations, Tom got the long-anticipated Infantry Museum started. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and numerous others.

Tom's friendly and effective leadership continued in civilian life. After retirement in 1975 in nearby Columbus, he became president of the Infantry Museum Corporation and aggressively pushed its financing and construction. On 4 July 1976, the 200th anniversary of our nation's birth and the 54th of Tom's, he saw it become a reality with a ribbon cutting by General Omar Bradley. Tom also became a bank executive, president of the local West Point Society and a member of several civic organizations in Columbus.

Tom was a devoted husband and father as well as military leader. He knew adversity, having lost his high school senior son in an accident and having had some difficult military experiences, but he was highly intelligent, could see directly to the heart of a problem and know what to do about it. The special secrets of this genial and successful officer, however, were his sense of humor and, above all, his integrity. Tom died at home of heart failure, peacefully in his sleep. He is survived by his beloved wife Trudy; three sons, Tom, Hugh and Bill; one grandson; and many friends. At his funeral the priest closed with, "This warrior was a man of the people and enjoyed people. He always displayed a fine sense of humor and had a grin on his face. We will miss our general with a smile."

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John Jacob Knight

NO. 14987 CLASS OF 1945

Died 18 August 1981 in Lancaster, California, aged 57 years.

Interment: Joshua Memorial Cemetery, Lancaster, California

John Jacob Knight was born 30 June 1924 in Superior, Wisconsin. When he was still very young, his parents, William H. and Jane W. Knight, purchased a home in Duluth, Minnesota and moved the family there.

As a teenager, Jake attended Campion Military Academy in Prairie de Chein, Wisconsin for two years. He then transferred to St. Thomas Military Academy in St. Paul, Minnesota and graduated in 1941. Moving on to Washington, D.C., he enrolled in Millard Preparatory School. After completion of the school year, he returned

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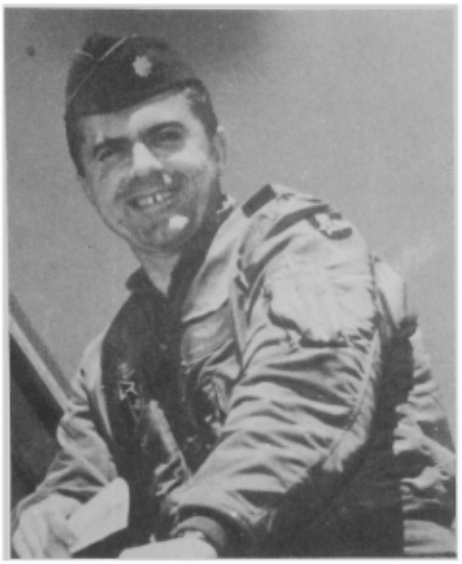

John Jacob Knight

to Minnesota and took an entrance exam for the United States Military Academy. He received an appointment from Senator William Pittinger, entered West Point in June 1942 and graduated June 1945. He joined the Army Air Corps upon graduation and took flight training in Dothan, Alabama. From there he was assigned duty on Okinawa.

Jake returned to the States in early 1948 and reported to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. In June of that year he went on a six-month tour of duty with the Navy, flying off the aircraft carrier *Leyte*. In December he returned home and, on 15 December 1948, married Georgia L. Bramlet at St. Francis Xavier (College) Church in St. Louis, Missouri. While at Wright-Patterson he attended Test Pilot School (Class 49A) and was in Flight Test Operations until 1952.

His next two assignments took him south to Eglin Air Force Base in Florida for three years and then on to 5th Air Force Headquarters in Nagoya, Japan. While in Japan, a movie crew filmed the motion picture *Sayonara*. Opening scenes of this movie feature a 5th Air Force F-86F Sabre Jet flown by Captain J.J. Knight.

He returned to Flight Test Operations at Wright-Patterson in 1956. During this time, while assistant chief of Fighter Test Operations Division, he flew 19 missions in an F106 Delta Dart Inteceptor in the 1961 operation "Rough Rider." The formal name is "National Severe Storms Research Project" and it is flown in an area called "Tornado Alley" near Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. That year this "Rough Rider" pilot was honored by New York City's Aviator Post #743 with its Valor Award.

In July 1962, Jake was transferred to Edwards Air Force Base and assigned to Fighter Test Operations. In October he became the test force director for the F-5A Supersonic Fighter-Bomber.

While at Edwards, Jake volunteered for duty in Vietnam and became an A-1E squadron commander at Bien Hoa Air Base. During that year he flew 66 missions and was awarded a medal by the South Vietnamese Air Force. His squadron was cited by President Lyndon B. Johnson to receive the Presidential Unit Citation, the first such award to be given for service in Vietnam. Upon his return from the Far East he was assigned to the Pentagon, a four-year tour of duty.

In the summer of 1970 Jake took an assignment at Zweibrucken Air Force Base in southern Germany. He was vice-commander of the 86th Tactical Fighter Wing.

After three years in Germany and 28 years in the Air Force, Colonel John J. Knight retired on 1 August 1973 at McGuire Air Force Base. Other awards Jake received included the Distinguished Flying Cross, five Oak Leaf Clusters and two Commendation Ribbons.

He chose the sunny southern California climate for his retirement home. He loved the desert, and the sound of an aircraft brought him to his feet—he watched it until it was but a speck in the distant sky.

Jake died from a heart attack on 17 August 1981. He was interred with full military honors in Joshua Memorial Cemetery in Lancaster, California. He is survived by his wife Georgia; sons Christopher and John; daughters Laura, Sarah and Martha; and ten grandchildren. His sister, Loretto Morrow, resides in Sun City, Florida.

His wife Georgia

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Dale Earnest Lockard

NO. 14638 CLASS OF 1945

Died 3 January 1989 in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, aged 64 years.

Interment: Fairview Cemetery, Martinsburg, Pennsylvania.

Dale Earnest Lockard

Dale Earnest Lockard was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania on 17 April 1924, the son of Lawrence Gordon and Iva Earnest Lockard. He attended school in Altoona, graduating from Altoona High School in 1942 with the honor of being selected the "most outstanding athlete" of his class. Dale was also a member of the National Honor Society. He was a football star as well as captain of his high school track team, where he ran the 440 and the dashes. With his high academic and athletic achievements, Dale was able to enter West Point right out of high school. At West Point he played halfback on the Army football team all three years. In his last season the Army football team won the national championship. The book, *The 1944 Army Football Team National Champions*, presented to Dale by Earl "Red" Blaik, it states, "Along with the ability to slip through right guard like a shot, Dale combines a fast clicking brain which makes him a valuable halfback." He stood in the top fifth of his West Point class. Many cadets are either athletes, students or leaders; but Dale was one of the rare cadets who was all three. Dale was quiet, modest, studious and always willing to help encourage those who needed it.

Dale wanted to join the Army Air Corps, but his hearing was impaired from a training accident in summer training at West Point. His physical disability nearly cost him his Regular Army commission, but he was finally commissioned as a Regular Army Engineer officer. Four days after graduation he returned to Altoona to marry his sweetheart, Jean Lower. After a special basic engineer officer course at Fort Belvoir for recent West Point graduates, he was assigned in 1945 to an engineer battalion in Korea, passing through Manila and Japan en route. An accidental injury to his spine caused his evacuation from Korea in 1946 to an Army hospital in New Jersey for back surgery, nearly causing early retirement. Following his recovery he was assigned to West Point to teach mathematics. Dale and Jean's first child, Dale, Jr., was born at West Point in January 1948. That summer Dale was assigned to graduate studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received a master's degree in civil engineering the following year.

In the summer of 1949, Dale was assigned to the 548th Engineer Composite Battalion in Fuchinobe, Japan. The battalion deployed to combat in the Korean War on 4 July 1950. While in Korea during the war, Dale was assigned to the 76th Engineer Combat Battalion. Dale's combat units moved throughout North and South Korea, repairing destroyed bridges and facilitating the movement of our units during the most mobile stages of the Korean War. Jean and their son remained in Japan until Dale was reassigned in the fall of 1951 to the G4 section, 6th Armored Division, at Fort Leonard Wood.

The following August Dale was assigned to the engineer advance course at Fort Belvoir, where their second child, Elenore Jean, was born in December 1952. The following August, Dale decided to try his hand at civil engineering and resigned from the Army. Dale first went to work for Bethlehem Steel as a construction engineer, New York District. Dale and Jean made their home in Metuchin, New Jersey. In 1955 Dale became a construction engineer for Procter and Gamble, Inc., working in Cincinnati, Ohio and later in Lexington, Kentucky. In 1957 Dale became a consulting engineer with Michael Baker in Beaver, Pennsylvania. In 1960 Dale went to work with AMP, Inc. as director of Facilities Services. He retired from AMP and in 1987 went to work for H.B. Alexander Company. In the summer of 1988 Dale was diagnosed with cancer and retired. During these years Dale and Jean lived in Camp Hill and Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Dale continued his volunteer work with the local community, in particular helping young people with their careers and studies. Many of the youth that Dale assisted kept in touch with him in their later years, expressing their gratitude and respect for him.

Dale used his brilliant mind and dedicated himself to serving his neighbors, friends and young people around him. Dale's modesty

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never allowed him to seek credit or praises for his many accomplishments and services to others. He is greatly missed by his family, his classmates and his many friends throughout the country. Their son Dale lives in Milford, New Hampshire with his wife Paula and their son, born in January 1990. Dale Jr. is a computer engineer in Nashua, New Hampshire. Daughter Elenore, her husband William McCord and their two sons, born in 1985 and 1991, live in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Dale's widow Jean lives at 58 Devonshire Square, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, 17055.

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Thomas Angelo Lombardo

NO. 15163 CLASS OF 1945

Died 24 September 1950 near Ch'ogye, South Korea, aged 27 years.

Interment. Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri.

Thomas Angelo Lombardo

On 24 September 1950, First Lieutenant Thomas A. Lombardo joined the hallowed ranks of graduates who have fallen in distant lands facing the enemy. Tom was company commander of I Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, Second Infantry Division at the time of his last action on a hilltop near Ch'ogye, Korea. Tom's journey to Ch'ogye began in St. Louis, Missouri on 17 April 1923, when he was born into the large and loving family of Anna and Angelo Lombardo. Tom's athletic abilities surfaced in his early years with participation in football, basketball, baseball and track. In 1940 Tom was captain and ace back of the Soldan High School Football Team and was chosen "Most Valuable" football player in the St. Louis Metropolitan District. After graduation, Tom entered St. Louis University in the fall of 1941.

However, Tom's outstanding athletic accomplishments had not escaped the attention of a distinguished graduate of St. Louis University and the Military Academy. Colonel (later Major General) Harvey J. Jablonsky—"Jabo," as he was affectionately known—played an important role in Tom's decision to enter West Point. "Jabo's" descriptions of cadet and Army life, plus the encouragement of his older brother Gus, proved the telling influences that brought Tom to West Point in July 1942.

Tom quickly won the respect and admiration of his classmates. Though two major sports occupied much of his cadet time, he never ignored his academic requirements. Tom lettered in each of his cadet years in both baseball and football, becoming captain of the 1944 Army Football Team that amassed a record which will probably never be equaled or bettered at USMA. Tom's leadership as captain of this great team was widely recognized throughout the sports world. The final tally of 504 points to their opponents' 35 points brought Army "Team of the Year" honors and the Lambert Trophy as Champions of the Eastern Conference.

Colonel Arch Arnold, Jr., a classmate and teammate, recalls: "Tom was easily the choice to be our team captain. Serious, sincere, concerned, unselfish, mature—one who oozed confidence. A natural, good-hearted guy with lots of athletic ability but without the flair for headlines. He was so popular because he supported his teammates rather than competing with them for attention. He was a good man." Lieutenant Colonel Y. Arnold Tucker, USAF (Ret) Class of 1947, followed Tom as quarterback of the Army football team. Tucker remembers that "Tom led by example and performance. He was rock solid on the field and off. His advice and instruction were forthcoming in a mature and professional manner. He did it naturally without pretense or fanfare." To Tom accrues much of the credit for inspiring and developing the greatest football team in West Point history.

With Infantry as his branch of choice, Tom graduated on 5 June 1945, married his lovely "one-and-only," his childhood sweetheart from St. Louis, Agnes McFarland. After a thirty-day graduation leave, he served a brief tour at Fort Benning, followed by duty with the Army of Occupation in Japan. In June 1946 Tom was selected by Coach Earl Blaik to return to West Point as an assistant to the football coaches. Agnes and his two-month-old son Tom shared this pleasant duty with Tom. In January 1947 Tom returned to Japan and the family followed shortly thereafter. Coach Blaik once again selected Tom to assist at West Point in the fall of 1947. Then it was back to Japan, where he coached the First Cavalry Football Team that fall. In April 1949 Tom joined the 38th Infantry Regiment at Fort Lewis, Washington, serving as a heavy weapons company officer until being detailed to coach the Second Infantry Division Football Team. The team won the Sixth Army championship under Tom's leadership.

On 23 February 1950, Agnes presented Tom with a daughter, Joanne. On 25 June 1950 North Korea invaded South Korea; the Second Infantry Division with the 38th Infantry Regiment was soon deployed to augment the hard-pressed US forces rushed into Korea from Japan. Tom had been transferred to the G-3 section of the Second Division, but his repeated requests to join a line unit were realized after breakout from the Pusan Perimeter when Tom assumed command of I Company, 38th Infantry. The regiment had suffered heavy casualties along the Naktong River. After a successful crossing on the night of 18 and 19 September, Tom assumed command and quickly made his presence felt.

"His reputation preceded him. We knew he was a great athlete but also that he had come from headquarters—no line experience. We were skeptical, but we took an instant and strong liking to him. He got us better food, blankets and ponchos. He really impressed us tremendously. He seemed more genuinely concerned for our welfare. He was in our foxholes with us face-to-face checking on us to see how we were. He brought about a loyalty in two or three days that had not been there before."

The invasion at Inchon had relieved the pressure on the Pusan Perimeter and the North Korean forces were quickly put to flight. Tom's regiment was in pursuit, and Tom's company was left behind to search out and destroy bypassed enemy strong points. On the afternoon of 24 September, while crossing a wide valley floor near Ch'ogye, the company came under intense enemy fire from the hills above. Pinned down, Tom called for volunteers to follow him in an assault on the enemy positions. Tom led the charge and, although casualties were heavy, put the enemy to rout. Tom fell mortally wounded just as the enemy abandoned their positions.

In January 1956, Agnes "Babe" MacFarland became Mrs. Paul Kelly; she survives. Also surviving are son Thomas A. Lombardo and daughter Joanne Showman, brothers August, Angelo and Carmen and sister Antoinette (Lee) Schlichting.

On 17 November 1962, the US Army Seoul Area Command designated the football field at Yongsan Reservation, Seoul, Korea as Lombardo Field. On 20 November 1962, the commanding officer, Seoul Area Command, read two messages: one from General of the Army Douglas MacArthur and the other from West Point football coach Colonel Earl Blaik.

General MacArthur said: "It is highly appropriate that this gridiron, carved out of ground hallowed by American bloodshed that men might be free, be dedicated to honor the memory of Lieutenant Thomas A. Lombardo. For he brought to the battlefield the fighting spirit and leadership acquired on the football field. He captained West Point's 1944 eleven and later gave his life in the consolidation of our victory at Inchon. He knew no compromise with duty nor sought any but to his final breath gave implacable devotion to the immortal legend by which he was trained to serve—'Duty, Honor, Country.' Let those who struggle here for supremacy in sport remain ever conscious that hereto are sown the seeds that upon other fields, on other days, will bear the fruits of victory." Coach Blaik's message was that "it is a source of inspiration to all who were associated with Tom to learn that a football field is being dedicated to the memory of this soldier-athlete. On behalf of his teammates and the coaching staff may I express our sincere gratitude for the honor you have bestowed on our former colleague. From her sons, West Point expects the best—Tom Lombardo always gave his best." Though his journey to Ch'ogye ended so many years ago, this superb athlete, husband, father, soldier and friend is still loved, revered and respected by those privileged to have shared part of his life with him. West Point has had no finer son.

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John Thomas Fargason Milnor

NO. 14770 CLASS OF 1945

Died 15 December 1947 in Nierstein, Germany, aged 23 years.

Interment: Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee.

John Thomas Fargason Milnor

John Thomas Fargason Milnor, "Johnny" to his classmates, was a gentleman of the deep South. He was born on 30 July 1924 in Memphis, Tennessee, the third son of J. Pervis and Mary F. Milnor.

Johnny attended school in Memphis, and for four years of high school he attended Kent School in Kent, Connecticut. It was directly from Kent that he received his appointment to the United States Military Academy from Senator McKellar of Tennessee.

At West Point Johnny joined Company F, Second Regiment. He was among the youngest members of his class. Academics came relatively easy for him, and he had the time and the energy to devote to athletics and various other activities.

In both 1943 and 1944 he earned a monogram in football playing tailback. Those same two years he also went out for wrestling. In 1943 he earned a numeral in tennis. When he became a yearling he was promoted to corporal and then to sergeant in his first class year. Johnny was a member of the Ski Club and worked on the *Howitzer*. Plebe year he also played soccer.

Johnny always had a great many friends. His engaging sense of humor was well-known to his classmates. He was always ready for a good time and never let the rigors of West Point get him down. He was proud of his Southern heritage and wore it well.

His application to enter air cadet training was accepted, and, upon graduation, Johnny joined the Army Air Corps. His first assignment was to Turner Field in Albany, Georgia for B-25 training. Following this, in rapid succession, he was transferred to Lockbourne AAB, to Hendricks Field and then to Orlando AAF Center. By this time he had received training in B-17's and had attended the Junior Staff Officers Course.

Europe was next, and John arrived there at the end of February 1946. He joined the Headquarters Squadron, IX Air Force Service Command at Erlangen, Germany. He remained in that assignment until his untimely death on 1 December 1947. On that day he was flying as co-pilot on a C-4 which crashed near Nierstein, Germany.

Johnny had never married. His death came just 30 months after graduation. His older brother William, Class of 1944, is retired from the Air Force and living in Memphis.

It is indeed a sobering experience to see so promising a life end so early in one's career. Johnny had all the attributes necessary to take him through a brilliant career in the Air Force. All of us who knew him through cadet years and later in the Air Force carry fond memories of a true West Pointer.

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William Henry Norris

NO. 14681 CLASS OF 1945

Died 20 February 1974 in Washington, DC, aged 52 years

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

William Henry Norris

William H. Norris was born and grew up in Goldsboro, North Carolina, graduating from high school there. He attended North Carolina State University for one year before entering the US Navy in August 1939. He served for one year as a radioman aboard the destroyer USS Stack in the western Atlantic and then attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Norfolk, Virginia. His slight myopic astigmatism kept him out of the Naval Academy. After a second year in prep school, he worked hard for an appointment to West Point and was appointed from his home state.

His positive attitude, calm disposition and gentlemanly conduct gained him the early admiration of his classmates. As a cadet, he was able to surmount the academic challenges. His cheerful outlook toward cadet life and his willingness to help others gained him the respect of both senior and junior cadets with whom he came in contact at West Point. He, like several of his classmates, hoped to gain assignment with the Corps of Engineers upon graduation but did not expect to receive their first choice. Things worked out for Bill at the branch drawing, and he was able to join the Corps of Engineers. It was a fine selection for both the Corps and Bill, one which lasted throughout his life.

After finishing the Basic Engineering Officer Course at Fort Belvoir, he married Virginia Stafford, a native of Hamlet, North Carolina. They joined other classmates at Gieger Field, Washington for training in airfield construction and maintenance. This led to duty in the Engineering Department of the Far East Air Force Headquarters in Tokyo and at Misawa Air Force Base in northern Honshu.

Bill began his experience with troops at Fort Campbell, Kentucky with the 185th EC, where his daughter Nancy was born. After assignments at Fort Belvoir and Sharpe General Depot, California, he joined the 11th Engineer Combat Battalion in Korea, where he served as company commander and later as operations officer. In 1953 he received his master of science degree at Texas A&M and subsequently his most enjoyable assignment as a physics instructor at West Point. Son William Eugene was born at West Point in March 1957 while Bill was working with the Eastern Ocean District in Thule, Greenland. After CGSC at Fort Leavenworth and 18 months at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Bill received one of his most challenging assignments. As assistant Army attach[acu]e in Israel, he was able to observe the complexities of the Arab-Israeli situation.

Bill received the Army Commendation Medal upon his retirement from active duty on 30 June 1963, for his work with the 39th Engineer Combat Battalion. He took over a newly activated unit in November 1962, and when he left it was up to strength and field ready, despite many setbacks.

Bill spent two years with Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Company in the Silver Spring, Maryland office. He missed the Army, and in 1965 he again became part of the Corps of Engineers when he joined the Engineer Strategic Studies Group in Washington, DC. He was made a project director in January 1971 in the General Purpose Force Systems and was awarded the D.O.D. award for meritorious civilian service in February 1974. The citation reads: "His efforts greatly enhanced the store of knowledge available to defense planners and exemplify the possible impact of extraordinary individual accomplishments."

A very important part of Bill's life was his family. He took time to work with them personally and with the boys, William Eugene and George, in Indian Guides, Cub Scouting and, later, in 4-H after the family moved to a small cattle farm near Frederick, Maryland. While on the farm, Bill was active in the Maryland Polled Hereford Association. Virginia and the children remember him with love and respect. His sense of honor, duty and respect for his country have been an important influence on their lives and on others who knew him. His last battle, with cancer, was fought with much bravery, a sense of humor and great dignity.

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Walter Jerome Slazak

NO. 14530 CLASS OF 1945

Died 26 January 1991 in Buffalo, New York, aged 67 years.

Interment: Santa Clara Cemetery, Oxnard, California.

Walter Jerome Slazak

Walter Jerome Slazak was born in Buffalo, New York on 18 March 1923, the first of two children of Walter and Anna. He skipped two grades in elementary school, excelled in mathematics at Kensington High and worked his way through two years at the then-private University of Buffalo.

Walter graduated from West Point in June 1945. His first assignment as a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers was to the Philippine Scouts. In 1947 he was assigned to Sandia Base, Albuquerque, where he met and married Vivien Jacobs. Later assignments included (not in order) Forts Meade, Belvoir and Leavenworth. He also attended Cornell University and the Naval Post Graduate School at Monterey, and served with the Jacksonville Engineer District and Great Lakes Engineer District, with tours in Maine, Korea, Vietnam, France and Panama.

In April 1967, while director of the Nuclear Cratering Group at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratories of Livermore, California, he was severely wounded in a helicopter accident in Colombia, South America. He was hospitalized for six months with head and arm injuries. Walter resisted all advice to take a disability retirement and remained cheerfully optimistic during his painful recovery. Walter was a work-around-the-clock person until his retirement seven years later in September 1974.

Walter's wife believes that he would not want his meritorious awards mentioned. He died on 26 January 1991 of smoke inhalation during a fire in his mother's home in Buffalo. He is survived by his wife Vivien, daughter Deirdre Pettet, mother Anna and brother Richard.

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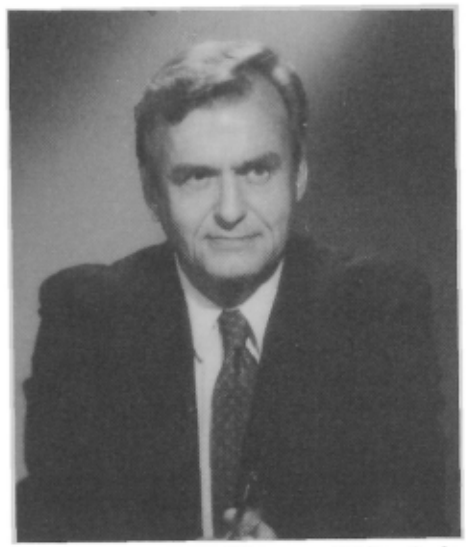
Daniel Doremus Whitcraft, Jr.

NO. 14605 CLASS OF 1945

Died 3 January 1990 in San Pedro, California, aged 65 years.

Interment: Santa Barbara Cemetery, Santa Barbara, California.



Daniel Doremus Whitcraft, Jr.

Daniel Doremus Whitcraft, Jr. was born in Washington, DC on 6 August 1924, the son of Daniel D. and Dorothy Doing Whitcraft. He was reared in the shadows of Griffith Stadium and enjoyed reminiscing over the exploits of the "old" Washington Senators and Redskins. The story is told that Dan decided at the age of five, after visiting West Point with his parents, that attending West Point was his dream. He went to public schools in Washington, D.C., graduating before his 17th birthday from McKinley Technical High School, where he was a captain in the High School Cadets and accrued three scholarships. Selecting Johns Hopkins University, he attended one year, studying engineering, before his appointment to West Point by the D.C. Board of Commissioners.

Dan entered the Military Academy on 1 July 1942. His keen intellect served him well, enabling him to finish in the top 20 percent of his class while finding time for such activities as the 100th Night Show productions, the Dialectic Society and the editorial staff of the Howitzer. He was appointed regimental sergeant major first class year, and his warm and genuine personality won him the enduring friendship of all those who had the privilege of associating with him during his cadet years. An interest in flying led Dan to choose the Air Corps. He and his air cadet classmates received their pilot wings at Stewart Field on 2 June 1945, with USMA graduation on 5 June 1945. This was followed by more flight training in Georgia and Florida. During this hectic period Dan married Margaret (Peggy) Corcoran on 29 September 1945 at Mitchell Field, the culmination of a romance that started as a blind date at West Point and would continue in love and devotion for the remainder of their lives. It was overseas in 1946 to the European Air Material Command at Erlangen, Germany. Duties included adjutant, aide to the commanding general and personnel officer. The first of three sons, Daniel D. III, was born 19 June 1947 in Nurnberg. Returning to the States in 1948, Dan entered the USAF Institute of Technology at Dayton, Ohio, moving to Columbia University for graduate studies and earning a master's degree in industrial engineering. A second son, Christopher, arrived at Mitchell Field on 18 March 1950. His next assignment after Columbia was to the Air Materiel Command at Wright Field, followed by a transfer to the Air Research and Development Command in Baltimore. At ARDC Headquarters, Dan was continuously on temporary duty as a member of the USAF R&D Manpower Requirements Survey Group. His outstanding performance brought a transfer to USAF Headquarters in 1952 for duty with the secretariat of the Scientific Advisory Board to the USAF Chief of Staff. Promotion to major came below the zone in April 1953, ahead of his contemporaries. At the SAB, Dan had daily association with outstanding leaders of academia, research, science and technology as they addressed the challenge of weapon system development. These challenges led to his decision to leave the Air Force in July 1955 and join General Electric in Syracuse, New York to take part in the development of the Nation's first ICBM. Dan retained a Reserve commission, serving active-duty tours with the SAB until 1962, leaving the Reserves as a lieutenant colonel.

While in Syracuse, Dan and Peggy were blessed with their third son, Jonathan Wade, born 23 June 1956. On leave from GE, Dan served as a consultant to the House Appropriations Committee (Nugent Group), for an inquiry into the guided missile program of DOD. In 1957, GE sent Dan to Los Angeles to head the Western District of their Defense Systems Department. The family settled on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, their home for the next 30 years. In 1960, Dan joined the newly-formed Aerospace Corporation. As the fifth person hired, he would become one of the corporation's key members for the next 30 years. In positions as director of government relations, assistant secretary to the Board of Trustees and secretary to the executive council, he played a significant role in the accomplishment of the Aerospace Corporation mission of providing system engineering and technical direction for Air Force space programs.

Dan was active in many professional, civic and community groups. He served as president of the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce, the Western Region Chapter of the National Security Industrial Association and the Town Hall West Advisory Board and chairman of the South Bay Economic Education Foundation. Dan was a charter member of the First Baptist Church of Palos Verdes and was active throughout the church's history, serving as a member of many committees and the Board of Deacons.

During the early 1980's, Dan and Peggy began dividing their time between Palos Verdes and what they hoped would be their final home, a condominium in Palm Desert, California. But such was not to be, with Peggy finally losing a long, valiant battle against cancer on 20 June 1987. The loss of his beloved Peggy was a devastating blow to Dan and, although he appeared to cope with the loss, he probably never fully recovered from his grief. Like Peggy, he was diagnosed with terminal cancer

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in the fall of 1989.

Dan and Peggy are survived by their three sons; Daniel III, MD, director of Emergency Medicine at Memorial Hospital Medical Center, Long Beach, California; Christopher, wine maker and expert, Santa Barbara, California; and Jonathan Wade, stockbroker, San Francisco. They raised these three outstanding young men to become successful members of their communities, loving husbands and fathers of families with a total of five children. Dan is also survived by his sister, Carol Bouton of Naperville, Illinois. Dan leaves a legion of friends in both the civilian and military communities. He was loved and appreciated for his kindness, love, generosity, loyalty and genuine humility. He had a great warmth and a true gift for friendship, together with an integrity and character above reproach. He will be greatly missed. Dan's love of country, church, family and friends makes him a true son of West Point, of whom it can be said, "Well Done."

B. F. Knolle, classmate and roommate

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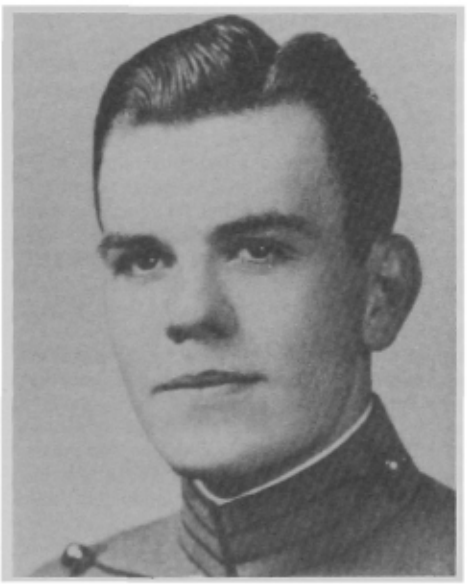
William Stephen Culpepper, Jr.

NO. 1600 CLASS OF 1946

Died 23 June 1983 in Baltimore, Maryland, aged 58 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



William S. Culpepper, Jr.

William Stephen (Bill) Culpepper, Jr. was born 24 November 1924 in the post hospital at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. His place of birth tells that Bill was an "Army brat." His father was a physician in the Army Medical Corps, so Bill spent his childhood traveling from one Army post to another. As was the case with many Army children of his generation who lived overseas, Bill took up radio as a hobby that he continued in his later life. Bill graduated from Lowell High School in San Francisco, California. From there he attended Sullivan Preparatory School in Washington, D.C. in order to achieve his lifelong ambition to enter West Point. This dream became a reality when he entered the Academy in July 1943 with the Class of 1946.

Having grown up in the Army, Bill had an idea of what to expect from cadet life. He was one of many who kept a low profile and made no waves. Academics were a challenge for him, but, with much diligence, he managed to stay ahead of the Academic Department. His companymates remember Bill as quiet and rather withdrawn, keeping mostly to himself. He continued his interest in radio by staying active in the radio club during his stay at West Point. Graduation saw Bill become a second lieutenant of Infantry.

Following basic schooling at Fort Benning, Georgia, Bill served in Japan from 1947-50, first with the 19th Infantry and then at Headquarters, Far East Command. From Japan, he moved to Fort Carson, Colorado for an assignment with the 14th Infantry. On 30 June 1950, Bill married Virginia Pekor in Columbus, Georgia. Bill and Virginia traveled to Germany, where he first served with the 26th Infantry and then transferred to the Ordnance Corps. He spent the remainder of his tour as a logistics officer with Headquarters, Seventh Army and then as commander, 357th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company. The Culpeppers returned to the States in 1954, where Bill became a supply management officer in the Ordnance Training Command at Aberdeen, Maryland. In 1956, Bill was selected to attend Syracuse University, where he obtained his master's degree in business administration. With degree in hand, Bill became the assistant comptroller for Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Bill and Virginia had two sons, William III and Robert, before their divorce in 1957. Bill was married to Harriet Fox in Maryland in early 1959. He served at Aberdeen until May 1959, when he traveled to South Vietnam for assignment with the US Army Military Assistance Advisory Group in Saigon. This tour was interrupted after three months when Bill was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Ordnance in the Pentagon. In 1960, Bill left the Army to try his hand in civilian life.

Bill's first job was with the AC Sparkplug Division of General Motors in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he was a contracts coordinator for the Titan II Program. He returned to Aberdeen, Maryland in 1964, where he became a management analyst under civil service. Bill again traveled to Vietnam in 1966, where he was a program manager for non-military construction, first for the Navy and then the State Department. He returned to the States in 1968 and went to St. Louis, Missouri in the civil service. He and Harriet had three children, Stephen, Phillip and Susan, before they were divorced in 1968. Bill returned to Maryland, this time to Headquarters, First Army at Fort Meade. He remained at Fort Meade until 1980, when he retired from civil service. In June 1983, Bill entered a hospital in Baltimore, suffering from emphysema and heart problems. He died 23 June 1983 of complications from these conditions.

Bill Culpepper had wanted to be a soldier from his early childhood. That he was able to attend West Point and serve his country in the Army and then in civilian life was the thing that made his life a success in his eyes. His son William III remembered his father's unstinting commitment to, and love for, his country and its armed services. Bill Culpepper was proud to be a West Pointer. His earthly remains are at West Point, the focal point of Bill's life, both as a young man and in his later life. That he has come full circle, back to the place where his dreams were fulfilled, would be a source of great pride to him. Rest in peace, Bill.

'46 Memorial Article Project and his son William

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Glenn Willard Dettrey

NO. 15956 CLASS OF 1946

Died 27 May 1971 in El Paso, Texas, aged 46 years.

Interment: Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas.

Glenn Willard Dettrey

Born 28 June 1924 in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, Glenn Willard Dettrey was the elder of two boys in his family. His father ran the Overhead Door Company but died in 1939 when Glenn was a freshman at Lewistown High School. Glenn was active in many activities in high school. His yearbook entry shows Glenn played football, basketball and golf besides being the assistant business manager of the yearbook and serving on the Student Assembly. His write-up reads: "Blond, curly-haired football hero...gets around in his Ford...expects to go to West Point." He entered Penn State University following graduation from high school, and, after a year, won his coveted appointment to West Point. Glenn joined the Class of 1946 on the banks of the Hudson on 1 July 1943. Glenn had the personality to take on cadet life with a minimum of unpleasantness. As one of his roommates, Jack Miley, recalled: "...We were down the hall from St. Onge and a few other fun-loving yearlings and, in spite of this, Glenn kept a low profile and a very, very low demerit record. I cannot recall him ever walking the area. I will always picture Glenn as a cadet with his head tipped slightly forward and a little to the right, with a faint smile on his lips. He had a wry sense of humor which gave him the ability to fare well as a cadet, and I'm sure it served him equally well during his later Army career."

Another roommate, Phil Clements, recalled: " ...The thing I remember most is that he was quiet and did not show his anger openly. He was an easy person to live with because he did not try to give unwanted advice....I do remember that we complemented each other academically. I had a hard time with language,

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history, etc. and he helped me, whereas I was able to help him with math and the sciences. He was not the kind of person to try to get away with something he was not supposed to do...."

A classmate and fellow artilleryman, Elmo Cunningham, recalled: "...By nature, he was a very likable person—always with an easy smile that assured you of his sincerity. Everyone liked Glenn. He was a quiet, easygoing type, but with an inner strong determination that enabled him to successfully get through the West Point experience. I remember him with a warm fondness, as others do." Graduation saw Glenn pin on the bars of a second lieutenant of Field Artillery.

Following the basic Artillery courses at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Fort Bliss, Texas, Glenn was assigned to the 24th Division Artillery in Japan. During his two years there, he served in a variety of assignments. Glenn returned to the States in 1950 to attend the radar course at Fort Bliss, Texas before assignment to the 10th Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. The 10th, part of the 7th Infantry Regiment, left Fort Devens and arrived in Japan on 1 September 1950 before deploying to Korea, assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division. Glenn saw much combat with the 10th Field Artillery Battalion. He was involved in the Chosin Reservoir action in November 1950, the United Nations Counterattack in early 1951 and in the CCF Spring Offensive in spring 1951. His unit also was active in the subsequent United Nations Offensive and the Second Korean Winter campaign. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his performance in combat. Glenn returned to the States in 1952. He and Shirley H. Cairns were married in El Paso, Texas on 5 August 1952. Shortly afterwards, Glenn reported to Fort Sill, Oklahoma to attend the Artillery Officers Advanced Course. In 1953, Glenn became an instructor in radar at the Artillery School. The Dettreys traveled to Alaska in 1955, where Glenn served as battery commander in both Field Artillery and Anti-Aircraft Artillery units. Glenn returned to Fort Sill, where he served in the Guided Missile Department of the Artillery School. Remaining at Fort Sill, Glenn moved to the Missile Systems Evaluation Group in 1961. In 1962, Glenn became executive officer of the Third Battalion of the 81st Artillery Group. He remained in that position when the unit deployed to Korea in 1963. After six months in Korea, Glenn suffered a serious illness (encephalomyelitis) and was transferred to William Beaumont General Hospital at Fort Bliss, Texas. On 10 June 1964, Glenn was retired for permanent disability in the grade of lieutenant colonel. He and Shirley lived in El Paso, Texas after his retirement.

Glenn's disability left him without the use of his left arm and he wore a brace on his left leg. Notwithstanding these problems, Glenn did his utmost to become productive. During 1965-68, he earned 27 semester hours' credit from the University of Texas at El Paso plus certification to teach in public school, and was certified in public accounting, International Accountants Society. While attending school, Glenn worked in the accounting department of the El Paso Natural Gas Company. Following his certification as a teacher, he taught school in the Anthony, New Mexico School District. In 1970, he worked with a small business organization auditing small businesses. Glenn died on 27 May 1971 of complications from his illness. His survivors included his wife Shirley, daughter Lynn and brother Eugene. Glenn Dettrey was beginning to make major contributions to the Army when he was struck with the disease that forced him to retire. Faced with severe physical problems, Glenn still managed to accomplish things that would have been impossible for a lesser person. The inner strength and determination that he displayed as a cadet served him well after retirement. He never complained and made the most of the opportunities presented to him. His family remembers Glenn as a loving father and devoted husband. His classmates remember him as a good friend, one of those selfless members of the Class of 1946 who, after graduation, carried Duty, Honor, Country into the Army and continued to live up to those lofty words each day of his life. His family, friends and classmates will remember Glenn fondly and find solace in the fact that, for his short time with them, they were able to know and serve with a truly good man. " Well done, Glenn; be thou at peace!"

'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife Shirley

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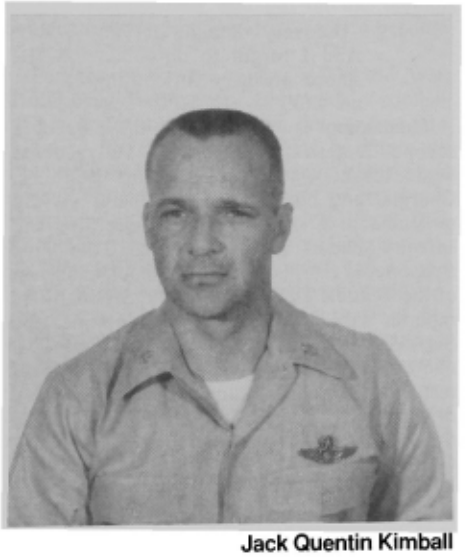
Jack Quentin Kimball

NO. 15788 CLASS OF 1946

Died 7 August 1969 in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, aged 44 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas



Jack Quentin Kimball

Jack Quentin Kimball was born on 25 October 1924 in Fremont, Michigan. He grew up in Muskegon, Michigan, where his father was vice-president and trust officer of the Hackley Union National Bank. Jack always loved airplanes and, at age eight, collected old magazines and newspapers to make fifty cents to pay for his first ride when a famed transatlantic flyer visited Muskegon. He continued his interest in flying by building model airplanes. At Muskegon High School, Jack was editor of the school magazine and yearbook and won a scholarship to Michigan School of Mining and Technology in Houghton, Michigan. After one semester in college, Jack became an aviation cadet before receiving his coveted appointment to West Point. July 1943 saw Jack become a member of the Class of 1946 on the banks of the Hudson. Cadet life was just another challenge to be met for Jack. He stayed safely in the middle of the class academically and never had problems with the system. One of his roommates, George Griffith, recalled: "While Jack could laugh with the best, he was also a very serious-minded person. Anything worth doing was given his maximum effort....There was no question that Jack would be successful at anything he chose to do." With his love for flying, Jack jumped at the opportunity to get into the aviation program when it was offered in the spring of 1945. At graduation, Jack pinned on the gold bars of a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. Following transition training to fighters in Arizona immediately after graduation leave, Jack served as a fighter pilot in the 61st Fighter Squadron at Selfridge Field, Michigan. From there he moved to Alaska, where he served as a jet fighter pilot with the 64th Fighter Squadron until 1949. His next assignment was to Williams Air Force Base, Arizona, where he was a jet fighter instructor. On 19 January 1951, Jack married Gladys H.M. Staehr in Phoenix, Arizona. In 1952, the Kimballs moved to Webb Air Force Base, Texas, where Jack was assigned to the Pilot Instructor Group. In early 1954, Jack departed for Korea, where he became a command pilot of the 335th Fighter Interceptor Squadron stationed at Kimpo Air Force Base. In February 1955, almost two years after the end of the Korean War, Jack was the flight leader of 12 Sabre Jets escorting an Air Force RB-45 reconnaissance plane over the North China Sea. A contemporary newspaper clipping tells of Jack's superior ability as a fighter pilot when eight communist MIG fighters attacked the US formation. Jack's flight shot down two of the MIG's and chased the remaining six back north, with no loss of US aircraft.

From Korea, Jack became a staff officer for strategic planning at Headquarters, Department of the Air Force. He served as secretary, Joint Strategic Plans Committee, and received the Legion of Merit, a signal honor for a major. From the Pentagon, the Kimballs traveled to Norfolk, Virginia, where Jack attended the Armed Forces Staff College. Next Jack and Gladys moved to Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, where Jack served as operations officer for the 4756th Air Defense Wing and then executive officer of the 4757th Air Defense Squadron. Moving to Hawaii, Jack became chief, Command Policy Division at Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces. Selection to attend the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort McNair, DC followed in 1964. Graduation from ICAF found the Kimballs headed for Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, where Jack served in Wing Operations and then as Wing executive officer in the Air Training Command. In 1967, now a colonel, Jack received orders back to the Pentagon to serve in the Directorate of Personnel, Headquarters, Department of the Air Force.

As his tour in the Pentagon progressed, Jack developed a kidney disease that at first did not appear to be serious. His condition deteriorated, however, and Jack died at Fort Belvoir Hospital on 7 August 1969. His survivors included his wife Gladys, two daughters, Lisa and Dru, son Mark, his parents and sister Joyce. Jack Quentin Kimball lived his life as he had

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dreamed when he was a youngster. He was a jet fighter pilot, a command pilot, a strategic planner, an instructor pilot and a colonel in the United States Air Force. That he was destined to accomplish bigger and greater things, there is no doubt. He demonstrated the qualities that make the term West Pointer a symbol of what is best about the United States. Jack Kimball earned the respect and esteem of all who knew and served with him, and he never stopped giving his utmost effort when something was worth doing.

Jack's family life was one devoted to his wife and children. He was a loving husband and father, always making sure that their future was considered in all his plans. He was thoughtful and considerate to each person he met and formed lasting friendships. When Jack died on that fateful day in 1969, his family lost the bulwark of their existence. The Air Force lost one of the brighter stars in its firmament. His friends and classmates lost someone who stood for everything good in this world. Duty, Honor, Country—three words that stand for West Point and describe Jack Quentin Kimball. The Class of 1946 joins Jack's family in proclaiming, "Well done, Jack; be thou at peace!"

'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife Gladys

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Joseph George Rioux

NO. 15995 CLASS OF 1946

Died 22 May 1972 in Providence, Rhode Island, aged 47 years.

Interment: Island Pond Cemetery, Harwich, Massachusetts

Joseph George Rioux

Joseph George (Joe) Rioux was born 30 November 1924 at Attleboro, Massachusetts. Growing up, he loved to walk on the beaches of Cape Cod. He loved the ocean and, throughout his life, was to enjoy the feeling of oneness with the world that the ocean brought him. Joe graduated from Attleboro High School in 1942 and entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After a short time there, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and spent three months on active duty before receiving his coveted appointment to West Point. He joined the Class of 1946 on the banks of the Hudson in July 1943.

As noted in Joe's Howitzer write-up, life as a plebe came as a total and absolute shock. With aplomb, perseverance and a great sense of humor, however, he managed to survive and learn to cope with the system. Academics posed a minor problem to him, but he managed with no great difficulty. Once adapted to the system, Joe had no problems with either the Tactical Department or with the upperclassmen, due mainly to his sincerity, conscientiousness and good humor. His good friends, classmates and fellow Infantrymen, Bob Coller, Sewall Johnson and Jack Cairns, remembered: "He had an exceptionally good and quite unique sense of humor. His comedic bent was most effectively shown in the form of his one-man skits—always good, clean humor with a keen sense of good-natured satire. His wry and ironic lampooning of The System (both at West Point and later in the Infantry) was always appreciated and applauded. He was 6'2", wiry, rangy and angular with a unique gait and stride. When he would 'bring down the house,' he would chuckle, too, and then don a distinctive elfin grin. Joe loved life and his fellow classmates and, to a man, they loved him. He was a kind and thoughtful gentleman who liked to have a fun time and share it with others." Bob Coller noted how he likes to remember Joe: "One nice spring evening yearling year, Joe Rioux was cadet in charge of quarters. He was walking along the stoops of barracks in the 'lost fifties' rattling his keys. His Joe Rioux stride was carrying him along; he would kick out each leg and foot and put his feet down as though testing for the thickness of ice on a lake. And he was singing, really quite melodiously, as adapted from the famous song:

> 'The very thought of you—
> And I forgot to do—
> Those ordinary little things—
> on CCQ ——'."

Graduation saw Joe pin on the bars of a second lieutenant of Infantry. He received basic Infantry schooling at Fort Benning, Georgia, and his Infantry classmates vividly remember one of Joe's skits concerning the Infantry School. With Joe playing all the parts, a reporter is interviewing the colonel, chairman of the Tactical Department at the School. The reporter asked about what new doctrines the School would come up with to cope with tactical nuclear weapons on the battlefield. The colonel responded that the School would thoroughly drill into the troops that, when deploying in the field, they would really have to Spread Out!

From Benning, Joe traveled to Japan, where he served with the 21st Infantry Regiment. His assignments in Japan were varied, from platoon leader to executive officer to company commander. In one instance he was an assistant economics officer in Kagoshima, Japan. In early 1950, Joe returned to the States and served with the 505th Airborne Infantry Regiment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. En route from the West Coast to Fort Bragg, Joe married Dorothy S. Glascock on 19 March 1950 in Corvallis, Oregon. When the Korean War broke out, he returned to the Far East to serve with the 38th Infantry Regiment of the 2d Infantry Division in Korea. Joe arrived in Korea on 17 November 1950, just in time to take part in the Eighth Army's drive north to the Yalu. He was a platoon leader with E Company of the 38th when the Chinese entered the war and forced the UN Forces out of North Korea. After Joe's platoon was decimated by fierce Chinese attacks, he was transferred to F Company. The first night, Joe was hit by fragments from a Chinese rocket. The next day Joe's platoon endured the infamous run through the "Gauntlet" when the 2d Division moved south from Kunu to Sunchon. Joe is mentioned in S.L.A. Marshall's River and the Gauntlet. Later, when the Second Division regrouped south of Wonju, Joe led his platoon into battle during the "Wonju Shoot." As the 38th started to drive north in Operation "Killer," Joe again was wounded and this time evacuated on 21 February 1951. When fit, Joe traveled to Fort Campbell, Kentucky for assignment to the Eleventh Airborne Division. In 1952 he began to have problems with his vision and entered Walter Reed, where he was retired with permanent disability in 1954. Joe suffered from keratoconus, a condition where the cornea was conical instead of spherical.

Joe returned to Massachusetts. He suffered progressive vision deterioration but was determined to make the best of a bad situation. He enrolled at Bryant College in Providence, Rhode Island, and in 1958 received a bachelor of science in accounting. Notwithstanding his limited vision, Joe graduated fifth in his class. He became a certified public accountant with Neff and Armstrong in Providence. In 1969, Joe's marriage ended in divorce. Though his vision continued to deteriorate, Joe never stopped working. He died of cardiac arrest on 22 May 1972. His survivors included son Joseph; two daughters, Jacqueline and Mary; his parents; brother Raymond; and two sisters, Norma and Dennice.

Joe Rioux was a good man in every sense of the term. His friends and classmates remember that he never had a bad word to say about anyone. He was universally liked and respected. He loved the Army, and having to leave due to his physical problems was a great disappointment to him. Yet he never complained, instead moving forward to do the best he could with his life. He was a loving father. His daughter Jacquie recalled that he gave her a lot of love and that she has many wonderful memories of a very rich childhood. He allowed her to be a child and explore life. She remembered specifically, "Some of my fondest memories of my father are our long, quiet walks on the beaches of Cape Cod. He loved the ocean as much as I do, and I really think he felt as one with the world there. He was taken too soon. I would have liked to have known him not only as a child but as an adult." His classmates agree that Joe was taken too soon. His vitality, charm and tremendous sense of humor helped make the world a better place. A West Pointer through and through, Joe is sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. His classmates can fondly say, "Well done, Joe; be thou at peace!"

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Andrew Burton Talbot

NO. 15290 CLASS OF 1946

Died 19 September 1969 in Mexico City, Mexico, aged 43 years.

Interment: Mexico City, Mexico

Andrew Burton Talbot

Andrew Burton Talbot was born 12 February 1926 in San Francisco, California. Known to his family and friends as Andy, he grew up in a home overlooking the Pacific Ocean, just above the Golden Gate Bridge. A childhood friend, Robert E. (Bob) Drake '44, recalled that Andy attended The Bates School in San Francisco. Bob often would go to Andy's home, where Andy would show him chemistry experiments or other scientific endeavors. Andy graduated from high school at Manlius School in Manlius, New York. The headmaster of Manlius wrote that Andy had the highest academic standing in his class. Andy entered West Point with the Class of 1946 on 1 July 1943.

Cadet life was an entirely different way of doing things for Andy. Academically, he demonstrated a brilliance that boded a potential of truly great things ahead. However, as a cadet, and as was to be seen in later life, this powerful potential was never tapped. Andy was a generation too early to have found his niche in life. He would have been in his glory with electives and advanced study programs such as those now in place at West Point. His mind and nature were a natural for the computer age. As it was, he managed easily to be a starman each of his three years at West Point. His roommates all remember that Andy would glance at his books for about 20 minutes before going to class each morning and then max that day's lesson. He possessed a photographic memory and a phenomenal ability to reason through a problem to derive a correct solution. Unfortunately for Andy, this brillance and ability left him much too much time on his hands with no constructive outlet for his creativity. This, plus his youth (he was the 25th youngest out of a graduating class of 875), found him in constant hot water with the Tactical Department and others in authority. Andy channeled his creative ability into mischievous escapades for the benefit and amusement of his classmates. One of his most famous was immortalized in a movie about West Point filmed in the 1950's. He had calculated that if all the commodes in South Barracks were flushed simultaneously, the plumbing in that area would not handle the load. With a plebe at each commode in several sub-divisions, Andy gave the command "flush," and his calculations proved correct. Classmate and friend Kenneth (Ken) Van Auken recalled that he and Andy worked on a "Beat Navy" sign to be hung above the entrance to Washington Hall in November 1945. It was a large sign that alternately blinked. Ken recalled that Andy did all the design and construction planning. A roommate, James (Jim) Day, recalled that Andy was an excellent roommate. He also recalled that Andy often irritated the tactical officers with such pranks as placing an Easter Bunny outside their door to celebrate Easter. Another roommate, Harlan Koch, recalled that Andy often coached his less talented classmates but had trouble gearing his mental processes to the level of the "goats" he was coaching. Harlan remembers asking Andy if he would choose Engineers as his branch. Andy's reply was indicative of his true nature: "If I had wanted to be an engineer, I would have gone to Cal Tech and gotten paid for it. I came to West Point to be a combat officer, and I'm going Armor....You can't do that in civilian life." Harlan also recalled that Andy emulated the spirit of "Benny Havens Oh" in that he was a frequent after-taps visitor to the haunts of Highland Falls. For these and his other tilts with the system, Andy spent most of his free time walking the area and confined to barracks. When graduation arrived in June 1946, Andy graduated number four in a class of 875 academically and put on the second lieutenant bars of the Cavalry—soon to become Armor.

Perhaps it was the ending of World War II and Andy's dream of becoming a combat officer or for another reason, but Andy again failed to find a channel for his brilliance as a lieutenant of Armor. His time at the Armor Basic Officers Course followed pretty much his pattern as a cadet. He was unable to find the challenge necessary to bring out his potential. His first assignment after school was to the Fourth Constabulary Regiment with headquarters in Linz, Austria. As with most of his second lieutenant Armor classmates at that time, Andy moved frequently in Austria to get a feel for different type jobs. About halfway through his three-year tour, Andy was assigned as communications officer for his squadron. This assignment interested him and he stopped his "wine, women and song" life. He began to date a Special Services librarian assigned in Austria; they were married in 1948 at one of the Officers Clubs in Linz. Andy's mother and younger sister came over from the States to attend his wedding. In 1949, when Andy's obligated service was complete, he resigned from the Army and returned to civilian life in California.

While Andy was on active duty, he received a relatively large inheritance from his grandfather. So, upon entering civilian life, Andy was not required immediately to search out a second career. Once again, circumstances precluded Andy from finding an outlet for his untapped potential. Instead, he dabbled in first one and then another endeavor. In 1967, his former roommate, Harlan Koch, contacted him in the hopes of renewing their friendship. Andy had just given up on a bar he had operated in San Francisco. Andy moved north of San Francisco to a country place in Sebastapol, California. There, he and his second wife raised show dogs. In 1968, Harlan invited Andy to attend a party in San Francisco; Andy planned to attend but had to cancel at the last minute due to the difficult whelping of one of his show dogs. The next Harlan heard of Andy was news of his death in Mexico City, Mexico on 19 September 1969. Harlan wrote the chief of Police in Mexico City but was unable to discover the cause of death and place of interment.

Andy Burton Talbot's life was an enignma. Possessing a brilliant mind with the ability to create, Andy was the victim of circumstances at each juncture of his life and never fulfilled the enormous potential within him. His friends and classmates remember him as someone who was always glad to see a classmate. His charm and wit were his mainstays throughout his life. His classmates will always remember Andy. Those who remember him for the right reasons know that he was proud to be a West Pointer. He may not have epitomized what Sylvanus Thayer strived for, but Andy Talbot was a remarkable person. Rest in peace, Andy.

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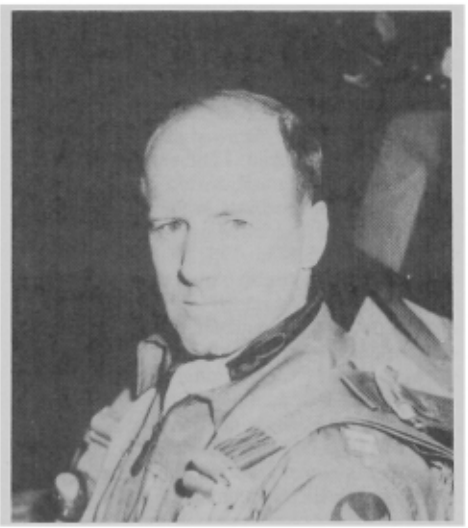
John William Armstrong

NO. 16788 CLASS OF 1949

Missing in action on 9 November 1967 over Laos, aged 40 years, and declared dead, 7 June 1974; his body was never recovered.



John William Armstrong

John William Armstrong was born 5 December 1926 and grew up in Garland, Texas, at that time a small farming suburb of Dallas. During his youth hardly anyone knew that his first name was John; he was always known as Bill. Not until his Academy years did he acquire such names as Jack, or appropriately, Army. From time to time he was reminded of the radio serial popular in the 1930's, "Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy," but he denied any kinship with that folk hero.

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Always a good youngster and student, Bill blossomed in his high school years to become exceptional. He was a standout at every aspect of teenage life in the early 1940's. He was a social, academic and sports leader. He graduated as valedictorian of his 1944 Garland High School class. He had been class president, captain of the bi-district championship football team and editor of the school yearbook. He won the school leadership award and was elected most popular boy. He participated in every team sport offered and letterd in them all. Upon graduation, he won a scholarship to Southern Methodist University. Bill always had roots in Garland, and he was remembered there. In 1988 a public park in the city was named in his honor.

It was during his year at SMU that he became interested in West Point, and, as a result of competing for a congressional appointment, he was admitted to West Point in July 1945. Bill's success continued at the Academy. In this broader setting, he again met every challenge, always with good humor and an engaging openness. He graduated 16th in his class of 574, participated in both intramural and varsity athletics, and was a cadet captain. Always busy, he was seldom too busy to pursue the fair sex. He maintained an exceptionally high level of physical fitness, which he continued throughout his life, also becoming an avid golfer. At graduation, Bill chose the Air Force and pilot training. After getting his pilot's wings in 1950, he began his career as a fighter pilot. His initial assignment was to fly F-84's, then a new fighter in the Strategic Air Command. In December 1950, from its Texas base, Bill's unit moved to Korea to fly in combat. Although the standard tour length was 100 missions, Bill flew 127 before returning to the United States. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and other combat decorations.

When his tour in Texas ended, he had another fighter assignment at Bangor, Maine. From there Bill returned to West Point for four years as an instructor in the Military Psychology and Leadership Department.

Then he was transferred to the USAF, Europe as a fighter pilot. During this tour he was selected to lead the Skyblazers, the USAF Europe's aerial demonstration team, comparable to the Thunderbirds in the United States. He also met and married Margarete Burch. They moved to the US in 1961.

He was assigned to an Atlas missile wing at Altus AFB, Oklahoma as crew member and supervisor during the early ICBM buildup. This was for Bill a different type duty, one that he enjoyed far less than flying. He was pleased to be selected to attend USC in 1965, where he earned an MBA with high marks. While there, Bill and Margarete adopted a son, Thomas. His next assignment was to DaNang Air Base, RVN as a squadron commander and F-4 pilot. While on a night combat mission on 9 November 1967, Bill's aircraft was seen to explode in mid-air. His body was never recovered. He was declared dead in 1974.

We will never know what success later life might have brought, but his loss at mid-life was great—to his family, his friends, the Air Force and the Country. He was an exceptional person, gifted and talented, one who applied himself diligently to every task undertaken. He had a zest for life that was contagious; his unfailing good spirit and optimism attracted people. To know him was to like him. There was no vanity in him. He was genuine, open and unselfish.

He was, in many respects, "Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy."

DHP and GWS

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Dean Winston Meyerson

NO. 17320 CLASS OF 1949

Died 28 September 1983 in Washington, DC, aged 57 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Dean Winston Meyerson

Graduating only about half of those new cadets who entered in July 1945, the Class of '49 was unusual. One of the most unusual was the son of Milton Dean and Blanche Loretta Miliner Meyerson, born 25 September 1926. Dean Winston Meyerson earned his appointment through competitive examination. Before admission, he had worked at various jobs to cover the costs of a year at the Bullis School, from which he graduated, as well as another at the University of Maryland.

Those of '49 who remained to graduate were achievers. As Dean's career developed, so did his special potential to contribute much to society. The caption next to Cadet Dean's picture in the 1949 *Howitzer*, "Enthusiasm, tempered with good cheer, is his greatest asset; this engaging attitude makes him a welcome member of any activity. We will remember Dean for his active interest in sports, dancing, good literature—and for his affable grin," foretold traits that served him well and characterized his career.

Dean spent his graduation leave touring Europe by motorcycle; his curious and adventuresome spirit was epitomized by a side trip to blockaded Berlin in a DC-3 amid sacks of coal.

In July 1950, he was assigned to the 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division and sent to Korea, arriving on the Pusan perimeter in early August. As a platoon leader and battalion staff officer, Dean was described as "an outstanding officer—very cool and confident in battle, thereby inspiring confidence and ability in his men." He stayed with the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry as it broke out of the perimeter and became the first to enter Seoul and Pyongyang, North Korea, and was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism in action under fire on 1 November 1950. Subsequently, his unit absorbed the brunt of heavy Chinese attacks and was overrun at Unsan. He was captured but escaped and led others back to friendly lines. An efficiency report commented, "He is blessed with an unusual sense of humor and the ability to undergo trying situations without losing perspective."

After a year in combat, Lieutenant Meyerson joined the 1802nd Special Regiment at West Point teaching cadet Tactics and English. During this unusually early posting to the Academy, his teaching skills were rated outstanding. However, the most important event of his West Point tour was his courtship of Beatrice van Cortlandt Berle of New York, a top student at Vassar.

Dean's next assignment was a voluntary hardship tour as an Infantry company commander guarding the Keflavik Iceland Air Base. Bea joined him, and they were married in Reykjavik, traveling to their reception in the Ambassador's limousine. No family dependent housing was available, so they completed the year living on the local economy with minimal creature comforts. Dean's sense of humor was always present. He commented that, after their prestigious wedding, his bride noted that his "trousseau" consisted of two barracks bags (one with clean and the other with dirty clothes). Icelanders, in the winter of 1953-54, lived mainly on fish, potatoes and oranges. Dean described supplementing the limited food available with smuggled items. On his way home one evening, he was required to have an extended conversation with an Icelandic customs official in a well-heated guard box at the base gate. He chose not to remove his parka and reveal a rasher of bacon suspended from his neck and slowly seeping fat down his body.

Returning to the United States, Dean resigned his Regular Army commission and accepted one in the Reserve. He was called to active duty in 1966, working in the Office of the Joint Chiefs until 1968. A senior regular officer observing him during this period noted, "Dean demonstrated his broad-gauge talents as an Army strategic planner. Working in the heart of the Army staff long hours, day after day, involved with all major substantive issues of the time (particularly those concerning the war in Vietnam), he was an inspiration to his colleagues and a great source of strength in trying times. Self-aggrandizement was not in Dean's makeup, and he was noteworthy for his tireless and unselfish contributions to team efforts. Never were the personal and professional qualities expected of a West Pointer more evident than in Dean's performance on the Army staff." For this work, Dean was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Recalled in 1971, Dean served into 1972 as a special studies project officer at the Combat Development Command Strategic Studies Institute, where he "contributed valuable assistance to the Secretary of Army's 'Alternative for Improved Armed Forces Capabilities Study.' " This tour earned him a Meritorious Service Medal. Again on active duty in 1973-74, Dean served as a member of the Office of Secretary of Defense Total Forces Study Group.

The culmination of the military side of his career commenced in 1975 with assignment as deputy commander of the USAR's 157th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) in Horsham,

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Pennsylvania. Promoted to brigadier general in 1976, Dean accepted the challenge of molding an effective, combat-ready force, even to the point of personally leading fitness runs in complete field uniform with combat boots. His tank battalion, while on summer active duty for training in Germany, outscored its Regular Army counterparts. Official recognition came as an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit. He left the 157th and transferred to the Inactive Reserve in 1980.

As a couple, Bea and Dean raised three fine, achieving sons: Dean Winston (Win), Frederick (Fred) and Christopher (Chris). They traveled extensively and did much to make Washington life easier for foreign diplomatic families. A church deacon, director of young adult programs and Sunday School teacher, Dean also worked extensively in support of public libraries and the establishment of a New Jersey community college.

From 1960-65, he directed a Humanities Reading and Seminar Program at Drexel that involved nearly 3,000 students. From 1964-78, Dean was vice-president of the New Jersey-based Cuthman Corporation specializing in multi-family housing investments. Dean also earned a master of arts in English from Columbia University in 1959 and a Ph.D. from the American University in Washington, D.C. in 1980.

During his final years, Dean continued his life-long interest in physical fitness, extensively involved in American University's National Center for Human Fitness, where his memory remains alive in an annual award for "the individual whose integrity, compassion for fellow human beings, responsible leadership and contribution to health and fitness best exemplifies the values and ideals of Dean Winston Meyerson."

With all these many accomplishments, Dean can be regarded as an extraordinary example of the Duty, Honor and Country for which West Point stands. He is most poignantly remembered for his love of life, friends and family; for his devotion to the Army and its people; and for his inspiring leadership and his love of country. Called to leave us suddenly and unexpectedly in 1983, he left a legacy of respect and memories of love. He was a husband, father and friend worthy of loyalties and admiration. All of us who knew him were privileged. We cherish his memory.

Thomas R. Mackenzie, Beatrice "Bea" Meyerson and other friends

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Lee Arthur Gaughan

NO. 22056 CLASS OF 1958

Died 30 June 1987 in Salem, Massachusetts, aged 51 years.

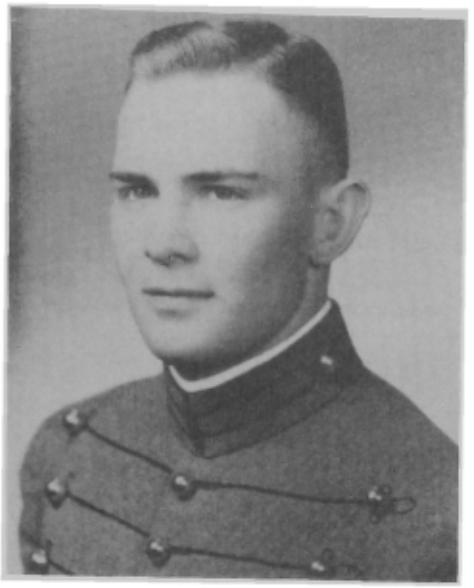
Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

Lee Arthur (Smoky) Gaughan died on Tuesday, 30 June 1987 in Salem, Massachusetts. Born in Boston in 1936, Lee was the son of Joseph and Grace Gaughan. After graduating from the Boy's Latin School, Lee was appointed to West Point by John McCormack, Speaker of the House. Lee was Boston Irish at its best—witty, talented, uncommonly energetic and committed to the task at hand.

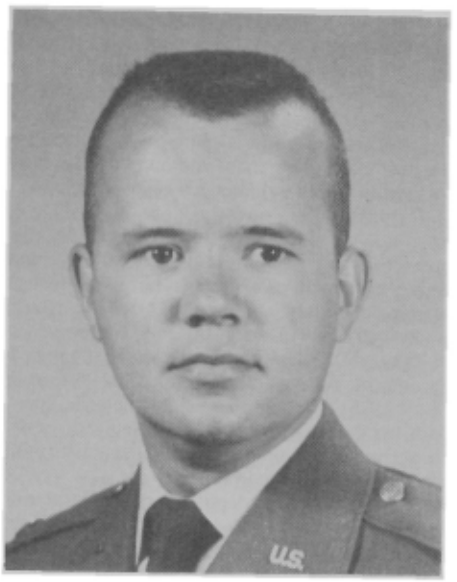
Lee chose a commission in the Air Force and trained in intelligence and ground electronic systems activities. He was a combat crew member with the Strategic Air Command when he resigned his commission in 1963 with the rank of captain.

After leaving the Air Force, Lee used his extraordinary aptitude in electronics engineering, along with a thoroughly natural ability to sell, to develop and implement sales and marketing programs throughout the electronics components industry. His talent was recognized by such internationally-known firms as the Foxboro Company, Texas Instruments, AMP Inc. and Transitron Electronic Corporation. At the time of his passing, he was the training manager for ITT Cannon's Components Division. An avid handball player as a cadet, Lee's passion became the sea, where he and his wife Sondra sailed their Pearson 303 sloop out of Newburyport and Constitution Marina. He was a member of the Alumni Association, the Society of American Engineers, the Electronic Connector Study Group, the Army Athletic Association and the American Yacht Club in Newburyport.

He is survived by his wife Sondra Allen of 15 Monroe Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts, and his sister Grace Lotus of Avon, Massachusetts.



Lee Arthur Gaughan



Robert Eugene Olson

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Robert Eugene Olson

NO. 22067 CLASS OF 1958

Died 5 February 1969 in the Republic of Laos, near Chavane, in an air mission, aged 32 years.

Interment: Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri.

Robert E. Olson was lost with the rest of the crew of an EC-47 aircraft during a combat mission over Laos. Bob's death epitomized the many references to "The good who die young." At only 32 years of age he barely had the opportunity to begin to realize his potential or his many hopes and dreams. His family, friends and classmates lost much on that day in February 1969. But we all remember so many special things about Bob and how his life touched ours, if only for such a relatively short time.

Bob was born 26 October 1936, the third son of Robert M. and Helen S. Olson in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As the youngest member of a closely-knit, middle-class Catholic family, Bob was reportedly his mother's favorite and a near-perfect child. He also must have been your typical red-blooded American youth of the era, with his pet Irish Setter Mike and lots of close friends all involved in a multitude of activities from piano lessons to Boy Scouts and church or school commitments.

Despite a lack of any military tradition in the family, Bob gravitated early towards the soldier's career. He attended Cretin High School in St. Paul, where he culminated an extremely active scholastic and extra-curricular life as a cadet colonel, commandant of the cadet corps, crack drill team commander, sergeant at arms, editor of the school paper and member of the National Honor Society.

West Point must have seemed the obvious choice, particularly since he wanted to obtain his schooling on his own, without any financial burden falling on his family. He aggressively pursued and won an appointment to the Military Academy from Congressman Eugene McCarthy, entering with the Class of 1958 in July 1954. Following an easy couple of months in Beast Barracks, where he dazzled the upperclassmen, Bob settled into making a niche for himself in Company D of the Second Regiment-Delta Dos. If his class and companymates remember correctly, "Bouncing Bob" had a great four years at USMA, with academics never posing any real threat (or great interest).

He had lots of time for friends, fun, sports and enjoying life in general. With what some have called "that Mona Lisa smile" always on his face, he performed assorted mischievous acts on roommates, upperclassmen and even Tacs.

Evading honest labor or study by keeping continually involved in the Glee Club, Catholic Chapel Acolytes and choir and assorted other clubs, Bob also won renown as the company's best boxer, handball player and party pianist. By early yearling year Bob had also discovered his "OAO," Mary Kay Lovold of the Twin Cities. During their two-and-a-half-year courtship Mary Kay visited West Point several times, but remembers best the three June Weeks

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of 1956, 1957 and 1958. On the first she and Bob were pinned, the second engaged and immediately after the third married.

Bob's desire to fly made him an early and devout "Air Force file." Following graduation and their marriage on 21 June in Minneapolis, the new USAF lieutenant and his wife reported to Florida for the challenges of pilot training. Unfortunately, Bob washed out early in the program. Still pursuing his desire to fly, he opted for navigator school and excelled. Finishing in the top of the class, he was selected to remain at James Connolly Air Force Base as an instructor. During their next three years in Texas, Mary Kay and Bob became the proud parents of Kris (1959), Kenneth (1960) and Mark (1961). They also established the standard for their partership in the Air Force, with an active volunteer contribution to their unit, the base and the community.

Having made his mark as a superb instructor, Bob was singled out in 1962 by US Air Force Academy to join the Department of Navigation at Colorado Springs, Colorado. In addition to his routine teaching duties, Bob gave lectures at the Academy's planetarium, coached Little League, tutored cadets and worked toward a graduate degree. He received special recognition from the Army when he was presented the "Iron Mike" leadership award as the top graduate in Airborne School at Fort Benning. In between her time-consuming contributions to church, schools, clubs and the Academy, Mary Kay presented Bob with two young ladies, Kathleen (1963) and Marjorie (1965).

In the summer of 1966 Bob was picked to attend the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He graduated with a master's degree in Aero and Mechanical Engineering in 1968. He had also tested out while still a student, as a board engineer in the state of Ohio. The Southeast Asian conflict then was at its peak. Bob recognized his commitment to his country, and volunteered for a combat flying tour in Vietnam. Upon completion of EC-47 and other training, Bob left Mary Kay and the children in Minnesota and reported to the 362nd Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron at Pleiku Air Base, Republic of Vietnam in July 1968.

Between operational missions out of Pleiku, Bob got involved helping the local montagnyards with school and hospital construction and joined a squadron barbershop quartet.

On 5 February 1969, while flying an operational mission near Chavane, Laos, Bob's aircraft was reported missing. His body was located and recovered in October 1969, and he was laid to rest along with the other members of his crew at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on 14 November 1969.

Robert E. Olson is survived by his wife Mary Kay, his five children, nine grandchildren and his two brothers, Captain Gerard R. Olson, (USN Ret) and Thomas M. Olson.

During his short but distinguished career, Bob received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart, the Air Force Commendation Medal and several other awards.

Bob Olson was a special person whose memory has and will provide so much to those who called him husband, father, brother, classmate and friend.

Shakespeare said it quite appropriately (I believe in Henry VIII) with:

"...He gave his honours to the world again
His blessed part to Heaven, and slept in peace
So may he rest; his faults lie gently on him."

Burt Miller '58

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Edward Irwin Haskin

NO. 22653 CLASS OF 1959

Died 2 July 1980 in Fairfax, Virginia, aged 44 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

Edward Irwin Haskin

"Buzz" was born into the Army Air Corps on 10 April 1935 on Governor's Island to his father Millard L. Haskin and mother Vera (Leppert) Haskin. Colonel Haskin, who graduated from the Military Academy in 1939, was stationed at Mitchell Field at the time.

Buzz's boyhood was shaped by his close relationship with his brother Millard, who was only 13 months older. The "twins" were constant companions. They started to develop their talent and love for working with people as young boys in Argentina, where their father had been sent on special assignment by President Roosevelt during World War II.

Buzz and Millard continued their exploits together in the Washington area, serving as escorts for foreign visitors, high school class officers and generallly developing skills with people would serve them throughout their lives. They finally entered The Citadel together in 1953.

Buzz persisted in his desire to attend the Military Academy and joined the Class of 1959 even after two years at The Citadel. At West Point he was immediately recognized for his good-natured love of life and his willingness to listen to others. He was always available to talk over problems and give advice and was constantly sought out by everyone.

Upon graduation, Buzz was commissioned in the US Air Force and was trained in launch control in the Missile Command. While stationed at Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming, he met Mary Clare Goeb; they were married in January 1961. Their daughters Pamela Marie and Patricia were born in November 1961 and May 1963.

Buzz decided that his administrative talents would better be used in the civilian side of the military, and he left the uniformed Air Force to serve in the Air Material Command at Olmstead Air Force Base in Pennsylvania in 1963. After a brief time there, he transferred to the Naval Ordnance Systems Command.

In Washington, Buzz was recognized for his ability to work with people and quickly rose through the ranks from a GS12 to a G16 and finally to Head of Fleet Logistics. On the way, he received numerous honors.

He graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (Fort McNair) in 1975. He was selected to tour the Balkan States, Yugoslavia and Romania.

Tragedy struck for Buzz, his family and for his friends in January 1980 when he learned that he had cancer. Buzz died 2 July 1980 and was buried at West Point.

Buzz is survived by his wife Mary Clare, daughters Pamela Marie and Patricia Ann, stepmother Sara A. (White), half-sister Sara Lauren Day and brother Ralph W. Haskin and mother Vera (Leppert) Farmer. His father, Colonel Millard L. Haskin, (USAF Ret) Class of 1933, died in 1990.

Those of us who knew Buzz, listened to his counsel and enjoyed his enthusiastic spirit will miss him.

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John Michael Minor

NO. 28923 CLASS OF 1970

Died 17 March 1972 at Bien Hoa Airbase, Vietnam, aged 23 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

John Michael Minor

The life of John Michael Minor ended in tragedy long before it should have. He was a man destined for great accomplishments: bright, quick, sturdy, effervescent, honest, charismatic and blessed with an electric sense of humor. He had never met an obstacle that he couldn't easily overcome until beset with a bullet-riddled aircraft and a wounded comrade who needed his assistance.

The record shows that he led his commander and crippled aircraft back to safety after an air-to-ground attack on a North Vietnamese

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position. His commander was wounded and could not make it back to base unassisted. Both of their jet fighters had received ground fire and could only limp back to base. Mike led his fellow airman back to a safe landing while snipers pecked away at them from outside the base perimeter. While pulling up to circle for his own landing, his aircraft was hit with more ground fire and crashed.

For his actions, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. Close friend and classmate Larry White escorted him home to West Point to his final resting place near his grandfather, General Gerald C. Counts.

What the record doesn't show is the extraordinary man who was lost that day. Mike Minor was one-of-a-kind: successful in whatever task he undertook and capable of making the worst of chores into an enjoyable event. He was a constant source of warmth and friendship for anyone lucky enough to be around him. His wit and humor were boundless, yet he never lost sight of the task at hand and rarely failed at any. His spirit, smile and self-confidence were infectious.

He met his lifelong goal to be a West Pointer via Presidential appointment, forsaking a full scholarship to Stanford without hesitation. West Point was in his blood, and he thrived on it. His father, John Max Minor (USMA 1946), his grandfather (USMA 1917) and his many West Point family friends had all been a very positive influence on his life. Reverence for the institution and its ideals was also nurtured by his loving mother, Anne Counts Minor, who had grown up there. As a young teen, Mike had lived on post and knew its every nook and cranny. He was ready for West Point well before he was of age.

Once in the Corps, Cadet Minor went through the same transformations shared by all of us, yet he did so with a smile and a style that set him apart. Academics were a lark, and he flirted with stars nonchalantly. His more important challenges included tutoring struggling classmates, of whom he thought so much. Those who ventured over to the soccer field may recall hearing Mike's favorite, Coach Joe Palone, egging on this fiercely competitive halfback with a banter that only those two could generate. Most classmates and friends will remember him as the always-colorful sparkplug who kept things lively and positive, whether facing final writs or a weekend pass.

Mike's high school record also reflects his unique character. Graduating with honors as class president of Paris American High School, he captained the football and soccer teams and lettered in a variety of sports. Selected "most popular student" and "most likely to succeed," he just laughed and shrugged. Through his many school activities he gained the respect and friendship of many of the student body, who still stay in touch with his family.

Mike was denied the pleasure of knowing his son Mike, Jr., born to the lovely Signe Pabst Minor on 4 July 1972. Signe and Larry White married in 1974, and young Mike has been surrounded by a happy family of brothers and sisters. How proud Mike, Sr. would be to know his son is now a member of the USMA Class of 1994.

Mike Minor left us before he had a chance to truly experience this wonderful thing called life. Those of us left behind can only dream in sadness of what might have been. Yet his loss is greatly offset by the memory of the joy that he brought into our lives.

J.M.

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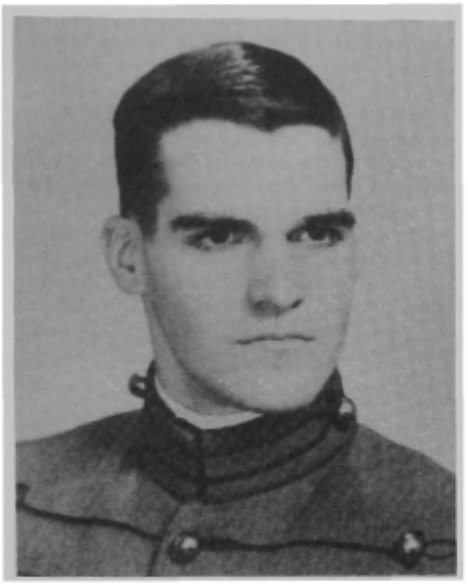
Lance Eugene Motley

NO. 36792 CLASS OF 1979

Died 30 May 1989 in Chiang Mai, Thailand, aged 31 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



Lance Eugene Motley

To understand Lance, one must hear how he died. Lance was working as a reporter for *Soldier of Fortune* magazine. He was with the Karen guerrillas in Burma when he was injured by a stray mortar round. He died the next day from his wounds. To anyone who knew him, this did not come as either a surprising way for him to die or as an inappropriate way. It was totally fitting to Lance's personality and the way he chose to live his life.

Lance came to West Point from California. From the start of his time at the Academy, Lance began acquiring a reputation. Unlike most of his peers, he had only one goal in life: to be a soldier and to live the life of the warrior. This many sound like an antiquated concept, but it was one which Lance truly took to heart. He focused all of his energies towards this pursuit, to the exclusion of almost everything else. This attitude, combined with his uncompromising and sometimes bull-headed personality, made Lance stand out from almost everyone else at the Academy. He was different, but he did not care because he knew that he was right. He believed in America, the flag and the profession of arms. Some may associate such an attitude with various groups of "crazies" and amateurs who play soldier games on weekends and like to think of themselves as something they are not. That was not Lance. He was the genuine thing who was committed to his ideals and believed them with everything within him. He also was good at what he chose to do and dedicated himself to being better. He gave up much of his free time to such things as the Military Affairs Seminar and the Tactics Club, of which he was a founding member. He went to Air Assault School during one spring break and set a new school record there for the 12-mile rucksack march. He also became famous for doing a rucksack march on the West Point reservation during CATEGORY IV conditions, passing out, and being found by the Commandant. Such was the person who graduated and went to the "real Army" in June 1979.

Lance, in turn, went to the 82nd Airborne Division, Second Ranger Battalion and the 9th Infantry Division. The peace-time Army could not hold him, though, and after five years he resigned and sought to find his own wars. His first move was to go to Afghanistan for six months. He was at this time on his own, without employment or sponsorship. Upon his return he wrote several articles for *Soldier of Fortune* magazine and was hired on a permanent basis. Lance occasionally wrote under his own name but usually went by the name of Gene Scroft. He then went to all of the wars of the world. He visited Lebanon, Honduras, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Guatemala and any place else where there was action and a story to be told. From his writing, one could tell that reporting was merely a means to an end. Lance was learning about the profession in the only way he could. He always went with the "good guys" and spent a lot of his time training, teaching and sometimes leading the soldiers he was with. He got as close as he could, and in the course of his travels was wounded three times. He accepted the danger, and such a lifestyle is what eventually caught up with him.

What then to think of Lance Motley? He was an extremist, a fanatic even. He also was completely honest and a friend who would break his back for you because friendship and honor, too, were a part of his make-up. Although he made most people uncomfortable, he made no apologies for his attitude or actions. He *believed* and *knew* he was right. He was a patriot, soldier and dedicated professional. Probably nobody else could, or would want to, be like Lance. He was one-of-a-kind. Let us hope, though, that there is a part of Lance in anyone who wants to indeed be in the profession of arms and serve this country. For all of his extremism, one has to admire his patriotism, dedication, honesty and motivations. He lived Duty, Honor, Country.

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Jay Ellis Perlberg

NO. 39644 CLASS OF 1982

Died 29 December 1987 in Aiea, Hawaii, aged 28 years.

Interment: Mililani Memorial Park, Mililani, Hawaii.

Jay Ellis Perlberg was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 24 April 1959, the son of Stan and Ruth Perlberg. While growing up in Philadelphia, Jay always expressed a strong desire to excel in all that he did. This desire began to show in all that he did and all that he accomplished. While attending Central High School in Philadelphia, Jay was elected class president and captain of the football team in his senior year.

It was again this desire to excel, as well as his strong leadership abilities, that brought Jay to West Point in the summer of 1978. Due to an injury during his first year, Jay was readmitted into the Academy in the summer of 1979 with the Class of 1982. From this point

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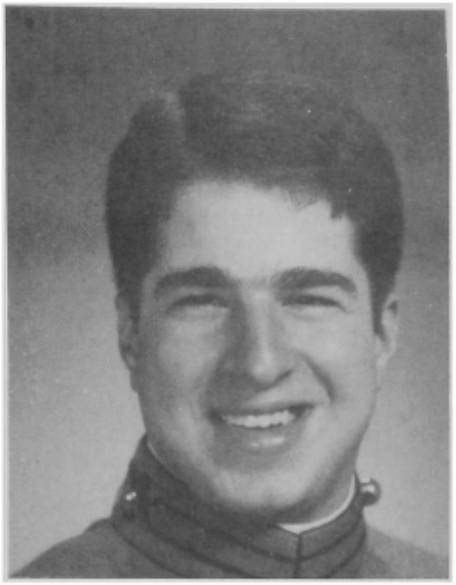

Jay Ellis Perlberg

on, Jay was determined to graduate and set his mind and spirit to doing just that.

So it was, in May 1982, that Jay was commissioned in Armor and went off first to the Infantry Mortar Platoon Officers Course at Fort Benning, Georgia and then to the Cavalry Officers Basic Course in Fort Knox, Kentucky. After his schooling, Jay left the States to become a platoon leader for 2-72 Armor in Korea, where he paid the dues that landed him his next assignment in Hawaii.

While in Hawaii, Jay served with the 3-4 Cavalry as well as having staff time with Westcom. In both his Westcom assignment and his 2-72 Armor assignment, Jay earned the ARCOM for his outstanding leadership and contributions. It was also in Hawaii that Jay met his wife, Miss Jennifer Lynn Foreman, whom he married on 17 December 1985.

In May 1987 Jay finally left the Army, resigning his active duty commission to become an account executive for Merrill Lynch in Honolulu. He kept his reserve commission as a captain and remained active in the reserves. During this time at Merrill Lynch, Jay began the process of applying to Harvard Business School to obtain his master's in business administration. It was during this process that Jay passed away on 29 December 1987 at his home in Hawaii.

Jay is survived by his wife Jennifer; his father Stanley; his mother Ruth; his two brothers; and many friends.

For those who took the time to know Jay, we have suffered a terrible loss. Jay was always ready with his quick sense of humor, a warm smile and a heartfelt compliment just when you needed it most. He was always the one to go out of his way to make a new friend or help an old friend.

Jay was a special kind of person. His wisdom, wit and warmth spread to all around him because he brought true friendship with him. His sharp intellect and aptitude were as such as to be admired by anyone who observed him at work. His leadership and caring spirit showed in all that he did, from being the class president in high school to being a devoted and loving husband later on in life.

For those who did not take the time to know and befriend Jay Ellis Perlberg, you missed the opportunity of a lifetime. Because, to know Jay, to really know him, was to know what true friendship could be.

Shalom, Jay, Shalom.

Letters to the Editor

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military threat from Japan. In agreeing with his premise, I would like to add a little evidence from my recent experience in Japan and suggest that some of the old stereotypes about Japan are changing.

First, as the Area Engineer for the US Army Corps of Engineers office at Misawa Air Base in Northern Japan, I have supervised over $400 million in construction funded by the Government of Japan (GOJ) in the last three years. The total amount of support funded by the GOJ for US military forces in Japan is expected to exceed $1 billion next year. This "burden sharing" is a substantial portion of their defense budget that is spent in support of forward deployed US forces. Although it is arguable that this expenditure is a bargain for the Japanese at three times the cost (for reasons to be discussed in the next paragraph), Japan is the only country in the world that provides a significant amount in Host Nation support.

Second, the Japanese people have no desire to start a military rivalry with the United States (or other world powers) by becoming a large military power again. The Japanese politicians cannot even get consensus to send military personnel for UN peacekeeping duty outside of Japan. Further, the Japanese Self-Defense Forces have an extremely close working relationship with US Forces, although their personnel are not as well-trained and their equipment is not as modern. Here at Misawa Air Base the USAF and Japanese Air Force routinely fly missions together. The USAF has F16 aircraft and the Japanese AF has F1 Mitsubishi aircraft. The Japanese Self-Defense Forces are small in comparison to the US Forces, with only 240,000 personnel from all services. Because of the undesirability of serving in the military in Japan, the Self-Defense Forces cannot even keep their relatively small force manned at this level. Japan could not continue to be a world-class economic power if they started to divert the resources and personnel to provide an offensive military force.

Third, and most important, in this time of economic rivalry and "bashing" by the politicians and business leaders, the military forces of the United States and Japan set the example that others should be following. In his farewell address LTG Jack Woodall, the recently retired Commander USARJ and IX Corps, noted that, in these turbulent economic times, the military forces in Japan provide the stability necessary to ensure peace in th region. During the last three years, I have had a "ring side" seat at the closest large US Base to the Soviet Union as it [the USSR] crumbled. Just because that threat has started to diminish is no reason to start looking for another enemy.

Mr. Clark's article was right on target. The Japanese do not pose a military threat to the United States. What we need to emphasize is the continued improvement in the excellent working relationship between the military forces of the two countries, and we need to continue to set the example for the politicians and business leaders.

MAJ Bruce A. Fink '79

NATHANIEL GREENE

I am a Nathaniel Greene enthusiast. His 250th birthday is 7 August this year. Although he was not a graduate, he did command briefly at West Point (October 1780) and was a tremendous influence upon the Army during the Revolution and of major import to the founding of this country. I suggest the Military History Department or the Museum or the *ASSEMBLY* Staff write an appropriate article commemorating the man for this occasion.

You will recall that General Greene:

—was made Brigadier General Continental Army the same day in May 1775 that the Army (now the US Army) was created.

—commanded units at Boston, New York, Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Springfield, Guilford Court House, Hobkirk Hill, Ninety-Six, and Eutaw Springs, almost all the original battle streamers on the Army's colors.

—served as strategist, confidant, and close friend to George Washington throughout the Revolution.

—also served as Quartermaster General of the Army and as commander at West Point.

—personally conceived and executed the strategy which forced Cornwallis to Yorktown and forced the British out of the South, the deciding strategy in winning the Revolution.

—retired in Georgia at the end of the War, where he died a relatively young man. "Such were his attainments and character that it was certainly unfortunate for his country that he did not live to succeed his great commander (Washington) in the Presidency of the United States." (Quote from "Leading American Soldiers" London 1907).

Harvey C. Jones '45

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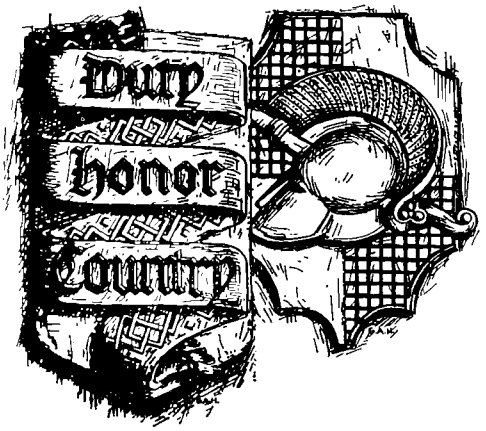

Reports of death of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the July 1992 *ASSEMBLY.*

Name	*Class*	*Date of Death*	*Place of Death*
Richard P. Ovenshine	1919	14 July 1992	Alexandria, Virginia
Wendell G. Johnson	1923	16 July 1992	Fort Belvoir, Virginia
William L. Johnson	1924	10 July 1992	Coral Gables, Florida
Marcellus Duffy	1931	3 July 1992	Providence, Rhode Island
Clifford H. Rees	1932	10 June 1992	Winter Park, Florida
Robert H. Terrill	1932	3 April 1992	Riverside, California
Roland A. Elliott, Jr.	1933	23 July 1992	Coatsville, Pennsylvania
Patrick W. Guiney, Jr.	1933	27 June 1992	Hershey, Pennsylvania
Chalmer K. McClelland, Jr.	1933	29 July 1992	San Antonio, Texas
Edward W. Moore	1934	16 July 1992	Little Rock, Arkansas
Charles J. Daly	1935	3 March 1992	St. Petersburg, Florida
Stanley W. Connelly	1937	18 July 1992	Birmingham, Michigan
Gibson E. Sisco, Jr.	1938	5 July 1992	Daytona Beach, Florida
Ralph J. Hanchin	1939	29 June 1992	Hampton, Virginia
Samuel G. Kail	1939	16 June 1992	Dallas, Texas
Thomas D. Collison	1941	13 June 1992	Long Beach, California
Thomas G. Corbin	1941	29 May 1992	Colorado Springs, Colorado
John M. Henschke	1941	27 June 1992	Golden, Colorado
Wallace M. Lauterbach	1941	4 August 1992	Brewster, Washington
William L. Mitchell, Jr.	1941	22 June 1992	Shreveport, Louisiana
Francis J. Myers, Jr.	1941	21 July 1992	Manitou Springs, Colorado
Richard V. Travis	1941	6 June 1992	San Antonio, Texas
William H. Dannacher	Jan-1943	5 June 1992	Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
Richard H. Meyer	Jun-1943	18 June 1992	West Reading, Pennsylvania
Douglas F. Parham	Jun-1943	26 July 1992	Pensacola, Florida
Richard D. Sullivan	Jun-1943	23 July 1992	Cobham, Virginia
James J. Patterson	1944	24 June 1992	Washington, DC
Donald V. Crowe	1945	5 December 1991	St. Paul, Minnesota
Gordon R. Jacobsen	1946	14 June 1992	Sarasota, Florida
Kenneth J. Steen	1946	27 July 1992	Seattle, Washington
Jay R. Brill	1948	24 July 1992	Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland
James A. Muehlenweg	1948	24 November 1990	Luther, Oklahoma
Jon R. Matt	1956	17 May 1992	Bristol, Connecticut
Robert E. Baker	1958	6 February 1992	Santa Barbara, California
Russell S. Simonetta, Jr.	1963	25 June 1992	Grafton, Virginia
Larry L. Spohn	1963	2 June 1992	Kansas City, Kansas
James S. Kenady	1969	23 July 1992	Burnsville, Minnesota
Sean E. Maxwell	1970	10 June 1992	Norfolk, Virginia
Stephen H. Muse	1970	8 July 1992	Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Ross C. Williams	1970	23 July 1992	Palm Springs, California
Thomas G. LeBlanc	1982	23 February 1992	Peabody, Massachusetts

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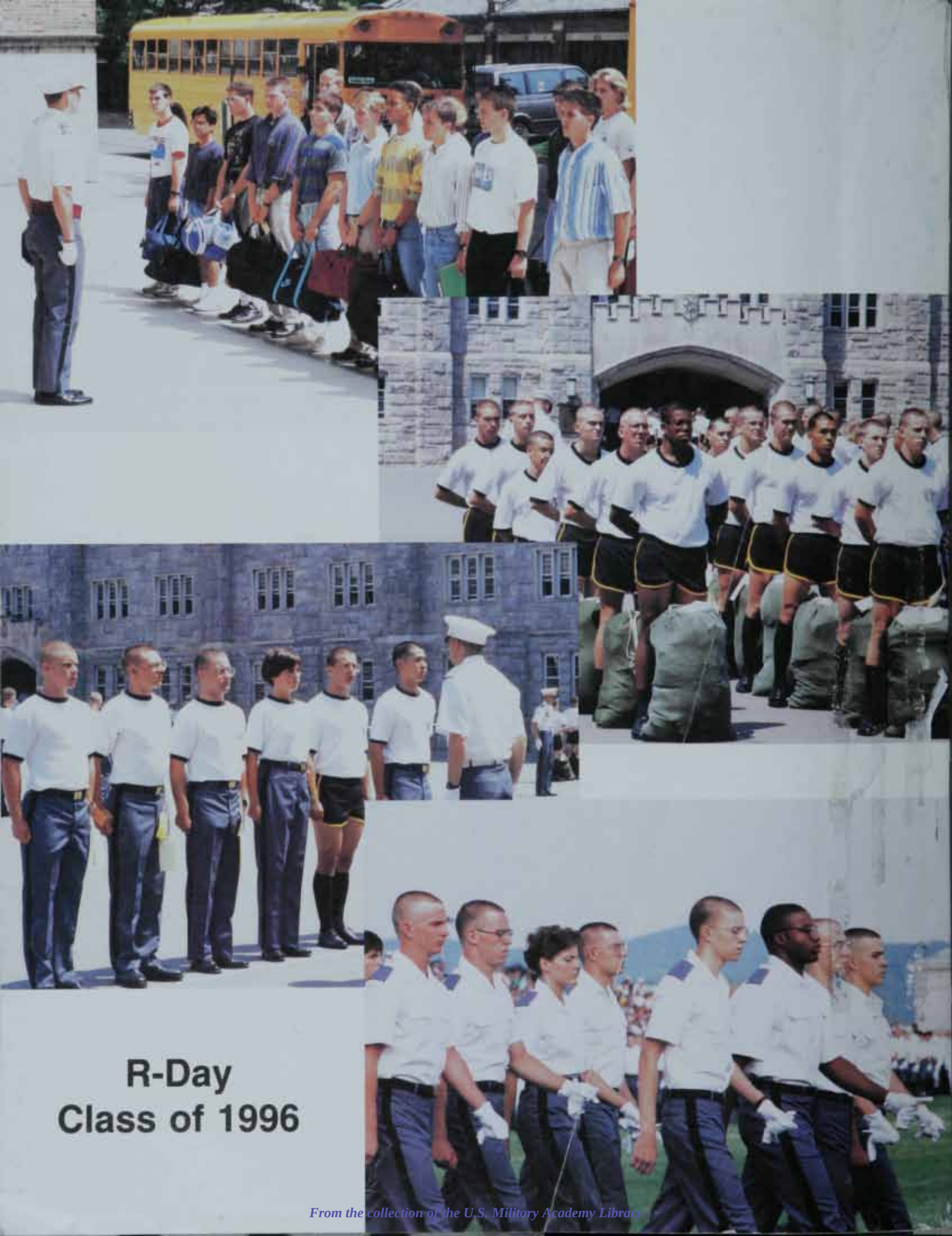

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