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Dear Graduates and Friends of USMA,

Though the summer of 1992 is a memory as you read this letter, I want to share with you some of its excitement. You will find that some of the events at the Military Academy were what you would have expected and hoped for; others will surprise you, I think.

The two big events were, as you would expect, Graduation and R-day. On May 30th, under a glorious sunny sky, West Point graduated a class of 928 sharp young men and women in the class of 1992. One month later, on June 29th, we enrolled the class of 1996, a class equal by all measures of quality to any previous class. The number of New Cadets, 1193, was lower than recent classes, in keeping with our plan for the Corps of Cadets be at a strength of 4000 by fall of 1995, but they were selected from the third largest applicant pool in USMA history. You will be reassured by some of their characteristics:

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| Combined mean SAT score | 1207 |
| Valedictorian/Salutatorian | 10% |
| National Honor Society | 61% |
| Class or student body president | 25% |
| Varsity letter winner | 86% |

During Beast Barracks, the New Cadets proved themselves equal to their advance billing. For example, their pass rate on the computerized rifle marksmanship training exceeded 99%. They had no major accidents or disciplinary offenses, although 185 members of the class included in their Beast experience a tour on the area averaging three hours in duration. The yearlings at Camp Buckner also excelled as a class, achieving a pass on rifle marksmanship of 99%. In addition, their pass rate on land navigation, both day and night, dramatically exceeded previous years' performance. Such superb training achievements are a mark, I believe, of the fine leadership that the upperclass cadets are providing at Beast and Buckner.

Feedback from the Army in the field on the performance of our upperclass cadets on Drill Cadet Leader Training at the training centers and on Cadet Troop Leader Training with TO&E units is equally positive. This information, along with cadet enthusiasm for both of these summer training opportunities, reinforces my conviction that our cadets are both able and eager to lead the Army of the future.

Less familiar to many of you may be the numerous activities conducted at West Point in addition to summer training. Many efforts by our staff and faculty are important in meeting needs of the Army beyond USMA as well as other academic and professional communities; they represent a significant Academy contribution to others. Let me describe a few of these efforts.

- The Academy hosted and assisted 34 officers and civilians from the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army as they conducted an in-progress review assessing the first year of the Chief's tenure, evaluating the status of the Army and considering the Army's future.
- The 29th Annual Senior Conference, sponsored by the Department of Social Sciences, brought together sixty scholars, government officials, military leaders, and journalists to discuss "The United States and the Atlantic Alliance."
- The USMA-ROTC Military History Fellowship, sponsored by the Department of History, provided a program of study on teaching military history to 26 civilian college professors representing 23 colleges. The USMA-ROTC Military History Fellowship is among the nation's most influential programs in the field.
- Two workshops, funded under grants from the National Science Foundation, were conducted at West Point for professors of mathematics by the Department of Mathematical Sciences. The first workshop addressed reform of the instruction of calculus and the second, mathematical modeling.
- The 10th Annual Army Conference on Applied Mathematics and Computing was held at West Point to provide a forum for sharing significant accomplishments by Army mathematicians.
- The Tri-Service Radar Symposium provided to all services a forum for discussion of research and development of military radar systems.

With summer behind us, the academic year is well underway, and the Class of 1993 has taken over the leadership of the Corps of Cadets with enthusiasm. I have charged them with leading by presence, taking pride in achievement—especially those collective achievements of the Corps as a whole—and with enforcing high standards of personal performance. Their leadership is quite impressive, as fall reunion classes have been able to experience first-hand.

While we have been moving forward in accomplishing our mission here at West Point, our progress in the Washington political arena has required considerable effort. The months of July through September were ones of extensive assessment here and in the Army Staff. As I have said before, a post-war environment invariably brings to the Nation a questioning of defense programs, which frequently includes actions directed against the service academies as symbols of the Nation's military. This period is no exception. We have responded in recent months to a continuous series of GAO inquiries into such issues as cost of operations, integration of women, hazing or hazing-like behavior, and the role of the prep schools. Coincident with these actions have been measures passed into law extending the Active Duty Service Obligation to six years and limiting award of Regular Army commissions to officers who have served at least one year of active duty. The latter measures appear to have arisen from deep-seated convictions within particular Members of Congress rather than from the general post-war environment.

You may know that we attempted to get hearings by the Armed Services Committees on the RA commission issue. We were successful in getting hearings by the House Personnel Subcommittee in March, but not by the Senate subcommittee. Moreover, by July, it was evident that the Army was out front on the issue, with no flank security from the other services and no fire support from DoD. In fact, OSD told both Armed Services Committees that the Defense Department preferred to observe the effect of the law and then request change later if the effect is deleterious.

In July, the nature of the exchange shifted dramatically when the Senate Armed Services Committee Mark of the FY 1993 Defense Authorization Bill was announced. Simply put, if enacted the bill would have markedly altered the essence of the Military Academy. Its provisions would have required the academies to convert 50% of our faculties to civilians, reduce the leadership to one general officer, eliminate tenured military professors, eliminate the bands, reduce our military staffs, reorganize under Training and Doctrine Command (or its equivalent) rather than directly under service staffs, examine the cost effectiveness of the military preparatory schools, and show greater reductions in costs of operations.

In response to this critical situation, the Army Staff and the Academy leaders conducted an in-depth assessment of the concerns of the Armed Services Committees and


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pursued a direct dialogue with both committee members and staffs. First, the Assistant Secretary of the Army, the DCSPER, and I met with Senate staff members, and then the Chief of Staff of the Army and I met with Senator Nunn. These were intentional efforts to re-establish communications and useful dialogue as well as to find mutually acceptable directions on the key issues. Senator Nunn and the staff expressed their concerns about our operations, and I explained the actions we had already taken in the past and proposed taking in the future to respond to their concerns. In response to our plan, Senator Nunn instructed his staff to provide us the flexibility we needed to adjust our program as we proposed. Accordingly, the original Senate Mark was substantially modified, and the House members and staff concurred with the changes. As it emerged from the conference, the FY 1993 Defense Authorization Bill now directs us to submit plans for increasing the civilian portion of the faculty and for reducing the costs of military bands, permits general officer leadership at academies to be determined by the services, requires study of military staff reductions and of oversight arrangements, and directs us to reduce the cost of operations. It also contains the original provision regarding the prep schools.

More details remain to be worked out, and I will report on our plan for implementing these provisions in future letters. I will also report on how we propose to implement the RA Commission provisions which are now law; in that regard, we believe it is possible to preserve a symbol of commitment by the Nation for the pre-commissioning excellence of USMA graduates and ROTC DMGs, and at the same time satisfy the Congressional concern for equitable treatment of all officers. Time will tell the extent and impact of these changes, but for the present I am encouraged by the renewed atmosphere of communication and accommodation.

Some of you may be anxious over these developments, and I assure you that we at USMA and the Army's leaders are striving to be vigilant in protecting the Nation's interests as we see them from here. The Nation's interests are the standard by which all actions and initiatives must be judged, and protecting these interests is an obligation we all share. While many of our graduates and other friends offered help during the recent crisis, we and the Army staff agreed that a direct approach by the Army and Academy leadership was the best course of action. In the past we have been accused, incorrectly, of encouraging "hate mail" to members of Congress, and our cause is not helped by any appearances of that kind. Still, there is an important role each of you can play, which is to articulate the value of the Academy among your fellow citizens with whom you have influence and credibility. Much of the criticism of the Academy arises from simple ignorance of the Nation's need for West Point. Most Americans do not understand the unique and vital role it plays in serving the national defense, nor do they appreciate its relative benefits and costs. Such ignorance can be reduced by spreading the good word about West Point when and where you have opportunities. To assist you, the editor of *ASSEMBLY* has included in this issue a reprint of a speech I recently gave on the subject, "Why America Needs West Point." I invite you to use it freely as you have occasions and to tell us how we may make it more effective.

I am continually grateful for the knowledge that a principal strength of the Academy is the sincere support it receives from its graduates and friends. I thank you.

With best wishes and God's blessings from Gracie and me,

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

# Letters to the Editor

### LONG GRAY LINE

I reinforce Mr. Manville's opinion about the Long Gray Line including former cadets, as stated in the September issue of *ASSEMBLY*. I certainly became a member of the Long Gray Line when I took the oath out at Battle Monument. And, like MacArthur and most of the others, it was the culmination of "all my youthful hopes and dreams...."

Any other definition has strange consequences: Would you exclude from our ranks Armistead, x1837? Or, Pelham, x'61?

Look 'em up; plenty there.

So, the only difference between Manville and JH Harwood, x1941, is that Manville hasn't died on some battlefield—yet.

Joseph B. Love '50

### USMA, AOG FACE HOSTILE CONGRESS

Over the past year a disturbing trend has emerged in the United States Congress regarding the Military Academy. Congress has reduced the size of the Corps of Cadets, lengthened the active service requirement for Academy graduates, and restricted the issuance of Regular Army commissions. Recently a new threat to USMA emerged as the Senate Armed Services Committee proposed legislation to eliminate the USMA band and reduce the number of general officers at the Academy.

Throughout the past year we have all watched as the Academy's position on these critical issues was virtually ignored by a majority in Congress. While LTG Graves' letter in your July 1992 issue shows several Army officials fought these changes, I cannot help but wonder what the Association of Graduates has done to inform graduates and to provide some organized support of the Academy's position. It seems that the AOG is more concerned with fund raising than with ensuring that USMA's interests are forcefully represented to several legislators who appear to be hostile to the Academy.

Some will say that these are minor issues that can be expected with the downsizing of the Army. I wonder if that view will pervade when the Corps of Cadets executes a brigade review without a band. The power of the graduates of the Long Gray Line is great and would, I am sure, be an important addition to the Superintendent's efforts.

Craig C. Borchelt '88

*Editor's Note*: This issue's letters from USMA Superintendent LTG Howard Graves and AOG President Denis Mullane, both address these pressing concerns.



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Dear Fellow Graduates:

An attractive young woman sat next to me on a recent American Airlines flight. As the plane pushed back from the gate, she spoke. "You must be a very complex man," she said. "Oh," I replied, demonstrating my quick wit and urbane civility. "Yes," she continued, "on your left hand you are wearing a West Point ring and a Mickey Mouse watch." "Now," I countered, "I know something about you. You have a very stereotypical view of who West Pointers are."

All of this launched a conversation that was unabated until our destination. She, it turned out, was more complex than I. She was Roman Catholic (she had observed that I must be since I was reading an Andrew Greeley book) and a psychiatrist employed by Planned Parenthood. Through our conversation we determined that we were more like-minded than might at first have been imagined. In fact, we both wanted the same thing for our nation. We had differing views on how best to obtain it.

What has all this to do with West Point and the AOG? Well, the problems with which West Point is dealing are complex, as are the problems of our nation. As graduates and citizens, we must each do our best to understand them and to understand the people who see them from a different vantage point. All graduates and the leadership of the Army, graduates or not, have a vested interest in a strong West Point capable of delivering to the nation leaders of character as it has done so successfully for nearly two centuries. The nation has that same need. My guess is that we all want the same thing for West Point but we have differing views on how best to get it.

At the AOG, we have done our best to keep you informed about legislation that we believe is inimical to West Point and the nation. I pledge that we will continue to do so.

The Superintendent and CSA have been generous in listening to my views on how best to achieve our congruent goals. In those meetings I have done my best to represent your views as I understand them. They have made decisions and implemented their plans. I do not agree with all the decisions they have made but, in my view, they have acted professionally and in the best interest of the US, the Army and West Point.

Let me turn now to another matter of importance to the US and the AOG. Everyone is speculating about the benefit to the nation of the so-called "Peace Dividend." My own view is that the savings may be more illusory than real. The plan is to separate 500,000 men and women in uniform in the next two years. That should result in 4,500,000 civilians losing their jobs. Besides defense workers, pizza deliverers and pants pressers, etc., will be affected. How our economy will absorb 5 million unemployed at a time when real GNP growth is lower than it's been since the Great Depression, I don't know. But it is a call to arms for the AOG and for all of us as graduates who may be able to help. We must help our graduates who will be entering civilian life sooner than expected to find work even in this adverse circumstance.

Once again, I call upon those of you who can provide jobs or influential introductions to please contact Seth Hudgins and volunteer that information.

Let me close with thanks to all of you and each of you for your continued support of our alma mater.

Sincerely,

Denis F. Mullane

Denis F. Mullane
President
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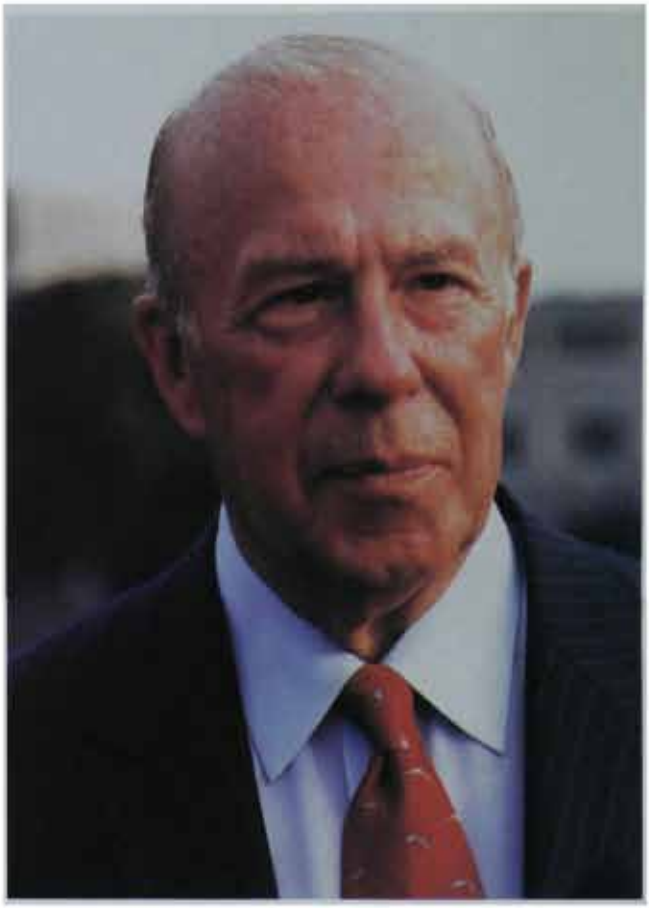
# Former Secretary of State George P. Shultz, Recipient of the 1992 Sylvanus Thayer Award



On Wednesday, 9 September 1992, the Association of Graduates, the United States Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets paid homage to the Honorable George P. Schultz, bestowing upon him the Academy's most prestigious honor, the Sylvanus Thayer Award.

The Award, given by the Association of Graduates since 1958, is conferred upon an outstanding citizen whose service and accomplishments in the national interest exemplify the ideals expressed in the West Point motto: DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

The award is named in honor of Sylvanus Thayer, Class of 1808 and the 33d graduate of the Academy, who nine years later became its fifth superintendent. Serving in this capacity until 1833, Thayer instituted at West Point those principles of academic and military education, based upon the integration of character and knowledge, which have remained essential elements of the Military Academy.

Secretary Shultz addresses the Corps.

Former Attorney General Meese, General Graves and Secretary Shultz at the reception in Cullum Hall.

Secretary and Mrs. Shultz arrived at West Point early in the afternoon and were the guests of Lieutenant General Howard D. Graves and Mrs. Graves at Quarters 100. Following an office call with the Superintendent and a tour of the Thayer Award Room, the Secretary and his guests were welcomed at a reception in Cullum Hall, attended by distinguished guests of the Association and the Academy and by prominent members of the greater West Point community.

Following the reception, the Secretary was honored at a double regimental review, where he was presented an engraved Cadet Saber by the Cadet First Captain.

The Thayer Award medallion was presented to Secretary Shultz at a dinner banquet in Washington Hall, attended by the Corps, distinguished guests and members of the Academy staff and faculty.

Following the meal, Cadet First Captain Shawn Daniel welcomed Secretary Shultz and introduced Lieutenant General Howard D. Graves, 54th Superintendent of the Military Academy. General Graves recognized distinguished guests which included Mr. Denis F. Mullane, President of the Association of Graduates; the Honorable Robert Silberman, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Lieutenant General Thomas P. Carney, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Department of the Army; and Lieutenant General John J. Davis (Ret), representing the Class of 1931, the class whose vision and efforts were responsible for the creation of the Thayer Award.

In his remarks General Graves noted Thayer's extraordinary contribution to West Point and the nation. The Superintendent commented that while much at West Point has changed since Thayer's day, the standards of character and the intellectual values which were Thayer's vision remain an essential element of the West Point experience and the quality of its graduates. General Graves then introduced Mr. Denis F. Mullane, President of the Association of Graduates, for the presentation of the Award.

In his remarks Mr. Mullane paid tribute to the remarkable achievements of the Secretary with these words:

"Tonight we honor a man who year after year, in government and out, rendered extraordinary service to the nation. He has earned the enduring esteem and gratitude of his fellow countrymen." Mr. Mullane then read the citation conferring the Sylvanus Thayer Award on Secretary Shultz.

The Secretary then addressed the



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Corps. He began:

"You can have no idea of the impact that this honor has on a person like me." In his words which followed he described his view of the West Point motto, saying that Duty represents a principle, that Honor represents a value and that Country represents a mission, a cause. "These words ring true because they express ideas of lasting value. The Academy was built on ideas. It is a place, but really it is an idea....America is unique because it is about an idea. What unites us, what makes a country,

is ideas." The Secretary spoke of the nature of war and its demeaning impact on the human spirit. Drawing upon his experiences as a Marine Corps Captain during World War II, he said he had learned that "war on a very personal level, is a tragedy, a very human tragedy."

He then contrasted the roles of diplomacy and force in the conduct of the affairs of state. Secretary Shultz stressed the importance of both roles and their relationship: "We are most effective in our country if we look at strength and diplomacy as supporting pillars of our policy and think of them as working together. I could spin you tale after tale about how the use of diplomacy and force together was effective. In the great seal of our republic, the eagle has in one talon arrows and in the other an olive branch; and the eagle is looking at the olive branch. It wasn't always that way. After World War II, President Truman wrote an executive order declaring that henceforth the eagle would always be looking at the olive branch, to show that the United States would always seek peace. But the eagle would hold onto the arrows, to show that the United States would always understand that to be effective in seeking peace, you have to be strong." He continued: "We live in a world that is transparent, where borders mean less and less than they used to, but a world that still needs a strong military."

The Secretary concluded his remarks by thanking the Corps and saying: "I want to honor you, the Corps of Cadets, and thank you for choosing a profession that protects civilization and protects America, unique in the world and founded on ideas, just like West Point."

Following the Secretary's acceptance speech, the Cadet Glee Club concluded the ceremonies by singing "Benny Havens" and the "Alma Mater."

—Colonel John C. Snodgrass '56
Secretary, Thayer Award Committee

# 1992 SYLVANUS THAYER AWARD
## *CITATION*
## GEORGE P. SHULTZ

As a distinguished educator, business leader, and public servant, the Honorable George P. Shultz has rendered a lifetime of outstanding service to the United States and its citizens. In education, in government, in corporate business enterprises - all in selfless service to his fellow countrymen - George Shultz has exemplified the ideals of West Point, as expressed in its motto, "DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY."

As an educator, George Shultz's contributions to the study of industrial economics are without parallel. After earning his doctorate in industrial economics at M.I.T. in 1949, he was invited to join its faculty, becoming an associate professor and director of the M.I.T. industrial relations section.

In 1957 George Shultz was appointed Professor of Industrial Relations at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. In 1962 he was named Dean of the Graduate School of Business. In 1968 he spent a year as one of the fifty scholars in residence at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. Later he joined the faculty at Stanford University and following his decades of service in government, he was named a Distinguished Fellow of the Hoover Institution. During his distinguished academic career, George Shultz published prolifically and his scholarly works are regarded as fundamental texts in the fields of economics and labor relations.

As a leader of corporate business enterprise, he served first as executive vice-president and later as director and president of the Bechtel Group, an international corporate enterprise involved in major construction and engineering projects. In addition, he has served as a member of the boards of directors for General Motors, Tandem Computers, Boeing and Chervon Corporations.

As a public servant, George Shultz first served his country as a Marine Corps Captain during World War II. In 1955 he was appointed as a senior staff economist on President Eisenhower's Council of Economic Advisors. Later he served as a consultant to the Secretary of Labor. During the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, he served on various consulting and advisory bodies. During this period George Shultz became nationally recognized as an expert in industrial relations and compiled an impressive record as an arbitrator of management-labor disputes.

In 1968 President-elect Nixon selected George Shultz to be his Secretary of Labor. A year later he became the first director of the newly created Office of Management and Budget. In 1972 President Nixon appointed George Shultz Secretary of the Treasury. During this period George Shultz also served as Chairman of the Council on Economic Policy. As Chairman of the East-West Trade Policy Committee, he negotiated a series of trade protocols with the Soviet Union. He also represented the United States at the Tokyo meeting on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The last of President Nixon's initial cabinet appointees to leave office, George Shultz fashioned an impeccable reputation as a man of independence and courage.

Early in President Reagan's administration, George Shultz again answered his country's call, becoming Chairman of the President's Economic Policy Advisory Board. In 1982 George Shultz was sworn in as our nation's sixtieth Secretary of State. As Secretary, he guided our nation's foreign policy in the delicate negotiations of nuclear and conventional arms control, in the continuing search for a peaceful resolution of civil strife in Central America and in the establishment of the foundation for a Middle East peace process.

The centerpiece of his more than six years in office was the remarkable transition in United States-Soviet Union relations. When George Shultz took office, the world scene was dominated by the adversarial confrontation of the two world super powers. When he left office, world communism was collapsing, the Soviet Union was on the verge of disintegration, the nations of Eastern Europe were casting off forty-five years of darkness and the United States and its Western Allies were emerging as the victors of the Cold War.

George Shultz has served and advised five Presidents. He is the only public official in the history of the nation to serve in four different cabinet level positions. George Shultz has forged an unsurpassed reputation for integrity, candor and love of country. His matchless record of achievement personifies uncommon dedication and is in keeping with the finest traditions of American public service. His lifetime of willing response to his nation's calls of duty clearly reflects the values expressed in the motto of West Point. Accordingly, the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy hereby presents the 1992 Sylvanus Thayer award to the Honorable George P. Shultz.

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# "Why America needs West Point"

## A Speech by LTG Howard D. Graves, Superintendent, USMA

Several times in our nation's history—after each war—we have found it natural to re-think the need for the service academies. We are again in such a time, and as our nation adjusts to the end of the Cold War, some proposals are being made regarding the academies which are potentially destructive of the best interests of the nation. Because some of these proposals are being made without a full understanding of what the Military Academy is and does, I believe it is important for our citizens to appreciate why West Point is essential to the health of the nation; thus, my topic is simply, "Why America needs West Point."

I begin with the premise that America continues to need an effective Army. It has been said that those who ignore history are destined to repeat it. Our national history is one dotted with unanticipated military conflicts. Think back quickly across the years of our nation's history: the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Indian Wars, the 1898 Spanish-American War, WWI, WWII, Korea, and the Cold War, punctuated by conflicts in the Dominican Republic, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf. Our nation has used its military forces so frequently that there has never been a single West Point class in which the graduates, if they stayed in the Army for a career, were not exposed to the possibility of combat. Why should we believe that the end of the Cold War has brought an end to future unanticipated needs to deploy our Armed Forces on behalf of the nation? It would be very shortsighted to think so. We live every day with dangerous instabilities, uncertainties, and potential trouble spots in the international community. I am not predicting war in a specific sense; but, I am suggesting a likelihood of combat, because I do not believe that the community of nations has eliminated the causes of international conflict.

My second premise follows directly from the first. If the nation continues to need an effective Army, then the Army needs effective leaders. If we believe that the nation will again be forced by unanticipated circumstances to commit portions of the Army to combat, then the Army must be prepared, and that preparedness requires that the Army be led at every level by effective leaders.

The Army meets its need for effective officers by drawing from several sources, all of which should continue to be used: Direct Appointment, Officer Candidate Schools, the Reserve Officer Training Corps, and West Point.

- Direct Appointment is the primary means by which the Army commissions officers in the professional specialty branches (doctors, dentists, lawyers and chaplains).
- Officer Candidate School provides enlisted soldiers a route to commissioning and provides the Army a means of rapidly acquiring officers in response to mobilization requirements.
- Reserve Officer Training Corps provides a large number of candidates in a program of military training as an adjunct to their college education. It provides the services with the flexibility to adjust the number of graduates who are commissioned into either the Active or Reserve components each year to meet changing manpower objectives. It also fills specialized educational requirements.
- USMA provides to a select group of candidates a total four-year immersion in professional military culture and values, as well as providing an undergraduate education and military training experience tailored for the military officer.

These programs are complementary. Some observers make the mistake of trying to pit the four officer sources against one another—as if they were four quarterbacks competing for the starting position on a football team. To do so is to misunderstand why we have four different sources. Each of these programs meets separate national needs, and they each make their own uniquely valuable contributions. Like the members of the backfield on a football team, they have complementary roles in the Army's total officer accession structure.

Convinced of the need for multiple sources of Army officers, I believe unequivocally that West Point should provide a significant number of those officers, because West Point supplies an essential core of officers who cannot be obtained in any other way. As you know, West Point attracts into the nation's military service the highest quality young men and women of America. The reputation of West Point is extremely strong among American youth, and that reputation attracts to the Academy students who could have attended any college in the nation. At the Academy, the entering classes have routinely averaged combined Scholastic Aptitude Test scores in excess of 1200, placing them on a par with the most selective colleges in America. In the latest entering class at West Point, 85% were in the top fifth of their high school class.

- 13.5% were class valedictorian or salutatorian.
- 20% were elected class leaders.
- 58% were varsity team captains.
- 90% had lettered in a sport in high school.

As a result, the Academy begins with a small, highly select group of officer candidates drawn from across the entire nation. It should be recognized that the students who enter West Point are not "elite" in the sense of socio-economic affluence or aristocratic influence. Rather, our studies indicate that the students at West Point are more likely to be from working-class families than are the students at the highly-selective private colleges which would be regarded as "elite." Each entering class at West Point also includes substantial representation of disadvantaged groups and racial minorities. The Academy admissions program actively seeks disadvantaged candidates who show potential to be leaders of character.

Given a high-quality student body, West Point imbues those talented youth with the moral, professional and patriotic values to provide them a solid foundation for leadership. Perhaps the quintessential value they learn is submission of military power to the authority of the civilian government. We should remember that governments in all times and places face the risk that Army leaders will turn their weapons against the citizenry or the govern-



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ment. And the values that our nation finds vital for its officer corps, other nations recognize as well; recently, President Nazarbaev of the new state of Kazakhstan visited West Point to discuss methods his country might follow to develop loyal officers. Over past years, West Point has entertained numerous visitors from other nations for the same purpose. They recognized their need and that West Point has successfully met the same need in the United States for nearly 200 years.

West Point succeeds in meeting that need because cadets at West Point are immersed for four years in a values-enriched professional military culture. They live 24 hours a day within a military organization, subject to the Honor Code and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Throughout the four years, they are educated by predominantly-military faculty role models who exemplify essential values. These include:

- submission of the military to civilian authority,
- selfless service to nation,
- self-discipline, and
- a high sense of honor.

In addition, the academic curriculum supports value formation. The military history courses demonstrate a past of military officers submitting to civilian control. The Constitutional law course points out the authority of the Constitution above all. Political science courses reinforce civilian control and the appropriate role of the military in our governmental system. The philosophy course explores fundamentals of ethics and their applications to the profession of arms. Military science courses emphasize the responsibilities of the professional to serve society in a selfless and self-disciplined manner. Even extracurricular activities reinforce values. Honor education classes are taught by cadets and military faculty members; strong and highly-active voluntary religious programs reinforce spiritual values.

Historically, the nation has counted upon West Point to provide officers whose character, leadership and attitudes of public service provide core values to the Army. Debates over the need for West Point have occurred regularly since 1830, particularly after each major war, and invariably decision-makers have concluded that the nation's need for character in military leaders justifies West Point.

The essential role of West Point has been evaluated thoroughly against alternative formulations of pre-commissioning education. The most deliberate consideration of such alternatives was undertaken prior to the founding of the United States Air Force Academy. At the direction of Secretary of Defense Forrestal, a board chaired by Dr. Robert L. Stearns, then-president of the University of Colorado, reviewed "the manner in which officer candidates should receive their basic education," and considered alternatives for joint education of officers. In its conclusions, the Board affirmed, above all other considerations, the nation's need "for a highly-trained, intensely loyal corps of professional officers." Given this singular priority, the Board recommended continuation of the current model of academy education, to include the founding of a third academy modeled after West Point. The Academy model has been affirmed repeatedly because of "the extent to which the existing academies are achieving the objectives of their mission in the field of character and leadership development." In a sense, West Point serves as a wellspring through which the nation's highest values are transmitted into the Army. It symbolizes the nation in a special way.

What I have said so far clearly demonstrates West Point's essentiality to the nation; but there is still more which should be said in its behalf. In addition to its development of character in its cadets, the Military Academy also provides an unparalleled educational experience for future military professionals. West Point's broad undergraduate curriculum in the sciences and humanities is first-rate and uniquely tailored for the military professional. The academic curriculum includes military topics (such as military history, leadership, military ethics) and military applications (such as weapons design), and the Academy is a major supplier to the Army of officers educated in the physical and applied sciences. Each cadet's summers are filled with training in military knowledge and skills and with practical leadership experiences. Each cadet is systematically evaluated against rigorous standards over four years by highly-qualified professionals. It is important also to know that the Academy is the only source of pre-commissioning undergraduate education which is wholly controlled by, and answerable to, the Army. During the Vietnam years, anti-military sentiment closed many ROTC detachments. Currently, numerous universities are discussing elimination of ROTC because of the Army's refusal to accept homosexuals.

West Point has shown through its graduates its essential role in the nation's history. Former Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, testified to the value of West Point when he said, "West Point does many things for its men, but the highest quality it gives them is character; and in the emergency of the World War, our success rested upon the character of our leaders. It, therefore, finally rested on West Point." One of our recruiting posters says, "At West Point, the history we teach was made by those whom we taught." That is an apt expression of the importance of West Point graduates in the nation's history. Remember

- Grant and Lee in the Civil War,
- Pershing heading the Allied Expeditionary Force in World War I,
- Eisenhower, Bradley, and Patton in World War II,
- MacArthur and Ridgway in Korea,
- Westmoreland and Abrams in Vietnam,
- Schwarzkopf and Franks in the Gulf War.

But West Pointers serve the nation in years of peace as well as war. For example, the benefits of peace are often won through the deterrence of war. West Point graduates are knowledgeable not only of military affairs but also of national and international affairs, and they play vital roles in the formulation of national, foreign and defense policies. General Jack Galvin's leadership in shaping NATO policy after the collapse of the Warsaw Pact is a current example. West Pointers have met many civil needs as well. The largest civil engineering project ever attempted was completed by a West Point officer after two noted civilian engineers quit in frustration. President Roosevelt selected Major George Washington Goethals, USMA Class of 1880, to head the Panama Canal project, because, as Roosevelt said, he needed someone "who will stay on the job until I get tired of having them there or until I say they may abandon it." Today, that civil role continues: disaster relief after hurricanes, the "war on drugs," nation-building in South America, construction projects by the Corps of Engineers.

West Point's success in attracting the highest quality youth in America, providing them a rigorous undergraduate education and imbuing them with high qualities of character, leadership and dedication produces officers who, as a group, serve longer and with higher rates of promotion than those of any other commissioning source. Consider a typical Army officer year group such as 1972. At twenty years of service, 35% of the USMA graduates in the year group are still on active duty, whereas 21% of the officers commissioned from other sources are still on active duty. This statistic is doubly significant because of the high quality of the group of students with which West Point began. The high-


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quality, high-achievers coming out of West Point are also the men and women who have the most lucrative employment alternatives outside of public service. Corporate America ambitiously recruits young West Pointers. That they stay in public service longer than their peers from other sources is, therefore, doubly impressive as an indicator that West Point has effectively developed in them a high value of service to nation.

Another indicator is the fact that USMA graduates continually exceed the Army average rates for promotion. During 1988-91, the selection rate to major for USMA officers was 80%, all others 64%; selection to lieutenant colonel: 76% versus 59%; colonel: 46% versus 38%. And, remember that the officer boards making these selections were predominantly non-USMA graduates.

I come now to my last major point. What I have discussed so far are the benefits to the nation derived from West Point. But, citizens should also know that while the Military Academy's benefits are great, its costs are still reasonable. Those who do not understand West Point's benefits, I fear, are doubly confused about its costs. Perhaps it would be useful first to place West Point's cost in perspective by comparing its cost to the costs of other things.

- Public schools resemble West Point in that they provide an essential service to our communities, and most people have a rough feel for the size and cost of their local public schools. The cost of West Point is less than the cost of the public school system in a city the size of Rochester, New York; or Anchorage, Alaska; or Nashville, Tennessee.
- For another comparison, research and development funded at Johns Hopkins University by the Federal government exceeds the cost of West Point.
- The Federal government also spends more for food stamps in the state of Maryland and for Louisiana's Highway Trust fund than it does for West Point. I am not questioning the worth of these expenditures, only pointing out that the cost of West Point is not large in comparison.
- On the other hand, I also could point to less productive expenditures. For example, people in our nation spend more money betting on jai alai than they do on West Point, and jai alai is "small potatoes" compared to what they bet on dogs, horses, sports or lotteries. (For the curious, these figures come from the Statistical Abstract of the United States, published by the Department of Commerce.)

From these comparisons, I hope you realize that, as we discuss the cost of West Point within the larger context of government expenditures, we are not talking about a large sum of money.

Citizens also should know that West Point has engaged in extensive cost reductions and efficiency measures, both in past years as well as during the current Defense downsizing. Innovations within Academy programs have been funded internally by elimination of lower priorities or through generated savings. Support functions have been contracted out. Literally dozens of staff and faculty positions have been eliminated. Others have been downgraded or civilianized. Millions of dollars have been chopped from our budget. The size of the Corps of Cadets has been reduced by 10%. And, the Academy is preparing to make further cuts in keeping with Defense Department reductions and Congressional mandate.

With these points in mind, I still want to discuss West Point's costs, because benefits cannot really be evaluated independently of their costs. I sympathize with those people who want to argue that we as a nation cannot put a price tag on the value of acquiring a core of military officers who have been intensively prepared for loyal and able service. They say that our national survival again may be, as it has been in the past, in the hands of a few leaders of character from West Point, and that our national survival is priceless. "How can we not afford West Point?" they ask. I understand their point, and it would seem to serve my purpose here to agree with it entirely. Intuitively, I can; but, rationally, I cannot. Rather, I am persuaded that we citizens acting collectively as stewards of the nation's resources should ask whether we, as a nation, can afford the benefits West Point provides. That is, we all share a responsibility to decide whether there are alternatives to West Point which offer benefits approaching those of the Military Academy but at substantially lower costs.

The first half of such a benefit-cost analysis asks, "Can other alternative sources of officers provide benefits approaching those of West Point?" In fact, the nation could provide a college education approaching that of West Point to future officers through an expanded ROTC-type program on college campuses, though it would lack the tailoring to the specific needs of the military profession that West Point provides. This approach to officer education in the United States was suggested as early as 1830 by Alden Partridge. And, yes, it is also true that we could give future officers military training approaching that of West Point through a shortened OCS-type training program. This is the British method at Sandhurst. Some urge it upon West Point. But, NO. There is no other college in the world that provides to its students the four-year immersion in moral, professional and patriotic values that West Point does. This is a critical need of a democratic nation which no other undergraduate institution provides as well as West Point. The Military Academy provides the nation an essential benefit which cannot be achieved in any other way.

Turning to the second half of the benefit-cost analysis, we ask, "Can other alternative sources of officers be provided at substantially lower cost?" Here the critics believe they have found West Point's Achilles heel. They frequently point to the GAO report that West Point costs more than $200,000 per graduate and then compare it to tuition costs at other colleges ($20,000 to $85,000). A college education can be obtained much more cheaply elsewhere, they contend. Or, they compare West Point's cost per graduate to the ROTC's cost per graduate. An Army officer can be obtained more cheaply elsewhere, they contend. Why does it appear that West Point costs more than other colleges?

Simply put, in determining the Academy's cost-per-graduate, all of the costs properly attributable to running West Point are counted; but that total is erroneously compared to a fraction of the costs for running other colleges. What one hears most often about other colleges' costs is their tuition rate—the figure of most interest to parents who pay the bills. But, tuition actually covers only a fraction of the costs of colleges. The bulk of college costs are paid from earnings on endowments, from tax subsidies from state and local government, federal grants, and philanthropic gifts. The National Task Force on Higher Education and the Public Interest observed, "Few [people] understand the distinction between price (what students are charged as tuition or fees) and cost (the actual expenses to an institution for research, public service and instruction)."

If one compares all of the costs of West Point to all of the costs of other colleges—not just the tuition portion—the costs of academy education are not significantly different from that of any other selective, comprehensive institution. For example, estimates can be calculated from cost figures for other colleges (such as those appearing in *U.S. News & World Report*, Sept 30, 1991, p. 93) which indicate that


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the average cost of a four-year education at the nation's top-ten-ranked universities is $234,400—that is, higher than the cost of a West Point education. This conclusion passes the "common sense" test. The costs of teachers, classrooms, laboratories and computers generally must be the same whether in Berkeley, Boston, or West Point.

It is vital that we recognize that the operation of West Point is highly "cost-effective" in the most important sense of the term. That is to say, when the Academy's total costs are compared to other colleges' total costs, West Point is as economical to operate as comparable alternatives. There is a similar explanation for the appearance that West Point costs more than ROTC. This confusion arises from the fact that only part of the costs of ROTC are being compared with total costs of West Point. The Army pays only part of the total costs of the education and military training of an ROTC graduate. But someone pays for it; and the total costs of an ROTC officer's education and military training are approximately equal to the total costs at West Point. Again, the common sense test works. Some say that we should consider only costs to the Defense Department. They contend that we should ignore as unimportant those other public funds (taxes, grants, loans, tax-exempt philanthropic funds, etc.) which are spent to sustain colleges and universities. But, those represent real costs to the nation which must be considered.

To summarize this point, let there be no mistake in anyone's mind about the cost of West Point. It costs the nation no more in real resources—actual bricks and mortar—to get well-educated and trained Army officers from West Point than from any other source. And what the nation gets back from that reasonable investment is priceless when needed, because the nation gets officers who can make the difference in the survival of the nation. As Creighton Abrams put it, "Ultimately the Army makes the difference between survival and disappearance of the country, between anarchy and civil authority, between victory and defeat. In war, it is extraordinary how it all comes down to the character of one man."

I will sum up by saying that West Point earns its place as part of the Army's system for the education of officers for the following reasons: The strength of the Academy's reputation attracts to it the highest quality youth in America, and then it educates them and imbues them with traditions of character, leadership and loyal service to the nation. So inspired, they, as a group, serve in the Army longer and more successfully than those from any other source. While their gain in commitment to essential moral, professional and patriotic beliefs is of inestimable value to a democratic nation, it is achieved at a cost to the nation no higher than that of comparable colleges or commissioning sources. These facts led the 1989 USMA Board of Visitors, representing both Congress and the President, to conclude that Military Academy graduates are "a bargain for the Nation." And, these facts need to be more widely appreciated if the nation is to decide wisely the future course of its Military Academy.


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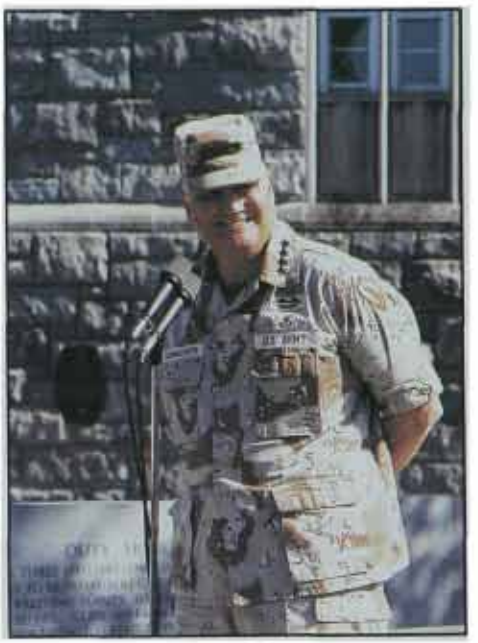

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# Wings of West Point

*By Colonel George S. Pappas '44 (Retired)*

"The first group of cadets to be trained at Stewart [Field] began work on 15 August of this year," reported *Air Force* in its December 1942 issue. The concept of training cadets in aviation techniques, however, materialized over twenty-five years earlier in the early days of World War I. Despite the fact that military aviation was still in its infancy, with most officers considering the airplane suitable only for reconnaissance and observation, a few far-sighted officers predicted the use of aircraft as an extension of ground artillery. Surprisingly, the USMA Superintendent recommended that "a complete outfit of aeroplanes and hydroplanes" be stationed at West Point and that cadets should make two or three flights a year and "submit reports of their observations while in the air as part of their study of reconnoitering." It is not surprising that nothing came of that recommendation. The Aviation Service, then a section of the Signal Corps, had only two flying fields and fifty-five aircraft. Of these, General Pershing considered fifty-one obsolete and the other four obsolescent. This minuscule air arm could not even consider, let alone undertake, the mission suggested by the Superintendent.

The tremendous advances made in designing and manufacturing better aircraft, training pilots and crewmen, and developing fighter and bomber tactics during the war years vividly and clearly emphasized the great potential of aircraft in any conflict. So evident had this become by August 1918 that John D. Ryan was appointed Director of the Air Service (the Signal Corps Air Section had been designated the separate Department of Military Aeronautics in May 1917) and Second Assistant Secretary of War. Shortly after the Armistico, LTC A.J. Hanlon recommended that a separate Air Service Academy be established with the threefold mission of providing adequate and efficient training for all officers, inculcating proper ideas of discipline and fostering high ideals of honor. Secretary Ryan endorsed this recommendation in the belief that if such an institution were established "within five years...it would be impossible for a hostile fleet to come within 400 miles of American shores without being detected and destroyed."

Although efforts to establish an air academy continued unabated, until West Pointers successfully established the Air Force Academy in the fifties, it became apparent in early 1919 that such an institution would not be established, and officers in the Air Service urged that instruction in aviation subjects be included in the West Point curriculum. The Chief of the Air Service, Major General Charles I. Menoher, asked that a course in aeronautics be included in the curriculum, but the request was turned down because the curriculum was considered too crowded already. General Menoher felt that "West Point was dragging its feet and was unwilling to give instruction on aeronautical matters." Menoher, however, was persistent and in August 1920 again urged the Superintendent, now Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur, to include Air Service training and related subjects in the curriculum.

Menoher's persistence brought success, although not to the extent for which he had hoped. Perhaps MacArthur's first-hand observation of air use in France during the war may have influenced his decision. After a careful and cooperative study by the Academic Board and the Air Service Training and Operations Division, a plan was adopted which would, according to MacArthur, "instruct every cadet in the fundamentals only of that branch of the service [the Air Service] in the same man-



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ner and to the same degree as is done with other combatant arms." Yearlings would be given eighteen hours of instruction by the Department of Practical Military Engineering and a lecture on aerial photography by the Department of Drawing; the Tactical Department would teach eighteen hours on gas engines and accessories, provide approximately twenty-four hours for Air Instruction and enable cadets to fly as passengers in planes and balloons during summer camp. The Second Class would attend twenty recitations on aerodynamics under the supervision of the Department of Military Engineering and Military Art; and the Chemistry Department would cover engine operation and nomenclature, although this was already part of that Department's course of instruction. First Classmen would learn about "organization, supply and administration of the Air Service...in the same manner and to the same degree as similar subjects relating to other branches of the Army are taught" from the Department of Military Engineering and Military Art; the Department of Ordnance and Gunnery would include instruction in Air Service ordnance and armament; the Tactical Department would sponsor four lectures by Air Service experts and approximately twenty-four hours of Air Service instruction during summer camp; and the Department of Practical Military Engineering would provide twenty-four hours of instruction on different types of communication systems, also during summer camp. It should be noted that many of the subjects included were already being taught: radio-telegraphy and other means of communication, pyrotechnics and bombs, machine guns, aerial photographs, different types of fuels, and internal combustion engines were already studied in the curriculum when the Air Service plan was developed. What was added was primarily the instruction during Yearling and First Class summer camps: flights and instruction on the Air Service, a total of no more than fifty hours in class plus flying time in aircraft and balloons.

Nevertheless, this schedule was a big step forward. During 1921 and 1922, the Air course of study was adopted, although with some minor changes. LT C.C. Mosely, Air Service Liaison Officer, provided assistance for academic lectures and arranged for other Air Service officers to present lectures to cadets. He also flew a Sopwith experimental aircraft (a successor to Snoopy's Sopwith Camel!) to West Point in both the summers of 1921 and 1922, landing on the Plain in front of the old gymnasium. Observation balloons were inflated on the Plain, and cadets were given brief rides.

The Air Service realized that this schedule provided only minimum aeronautical instruction to cadets and continued to ask for the establishment of a separate "Aeronautics Academy" which would graduate qualified flying officers for both the Army and the Navy. Significantly, this concept visualized the proposed academy to be primarily a school to develop pilots; its curriculum also was skewed to concentrate on air-related academic subjects. The Chief of the Air Service, Major General Mason M. Patrick, felt that the existing instruction in aeronautics at West Point and Annapolis did "little more than scratch the surface." Patrick recommended to the Superintendent, Brigadier General Fred W. Sladen, that one or two aircraft be based at West Point. General Sladen recommended instead that the aircraft be flown to West Point from Mitchell Field on Long Island, because the Academy did not have the facilities required to house either the aircraft or a proposed enlisted maintenance detachment.

Major General Edmund C. Lynch, Class of 1922, recalled his yearling summer air training in his memoirs, *Views of an Early Bird*: "The Air Service gave us a demonstration of their activities. An Army Non-rigid Airship (blimp) of the C-3 Type was flown up from Langley Field, Virginia, to give us demonstration rides. I enjoyed that ride for it was the first time I had ever been airborne and could look down at things on the ground. Then, another day, there were several Curtis JN-4 type airplanes flown down from Mitchell Field on Long Island. I found that ride noisier, but much faster than the airship." Lynch also remembered LT Mosely landing an SE-6 (Sopwith) Pursuit airplane on the Plain for an overnight stay and visit with cadets. Only ten men in the Class of 1922 were commissioned in the Air Service; but, as General Lynch stated, of those who successfully completed flying training, "all ended up in the general officer grades with Chidlaw (Benjamin W.) and Cook (Orval R.) to become four-star generals."

Although the War Department established a quota of fifty Air Service spaces for the Class of 1923—twenty percent of the total number of men in the Class—only thirty cadets chose to be commissioned in the Air Service. Included were the number two man and the anchor man—and Hoyt Vandenburg, who would later become Chief of Staff of the Air Force. At the insistence of General Patrick, cadets were not forced into the Air Service. Patrick considered the fact that only sixty percent of the allocated Air Service spaces had been filled was due to cadet ignorance about air matters, since they had neither visited an Air Service base nor seen an air unit in operation. He recommended that Mitchell Field be added to posts visited during First Class summer camp, but Superintendent Sladen had the Second Class visit Mitchell Field in June before leaving on furlough.

By mid-1925, senators and congressman began to question whether air training at West Point was sufficient to meet Air Service needs. General Sladen informed Senator Hiram Bingham that cadets received about sixty hours of classroom instruction at West Point and thirty hours of practical training at Mitchell Field, little or no change from the program adopted in


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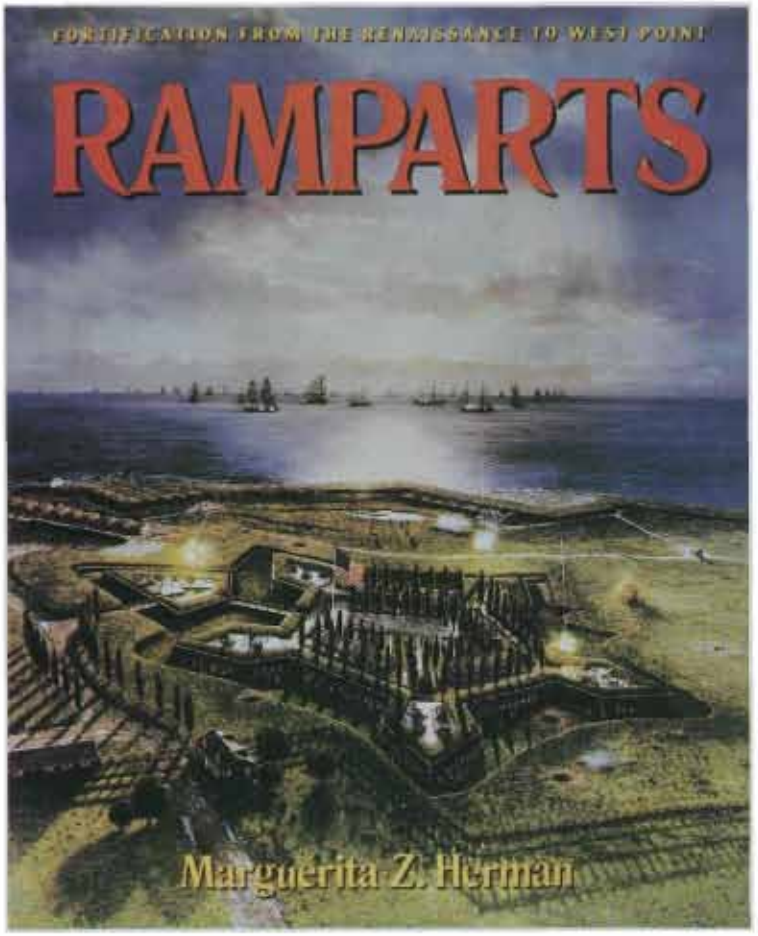


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1921. General Patrick now advocated selecting cadets to enter the Air Service long before graduation, giving them two years of study at West Point before being sent "to an aeronautical training school to get a certain amount of aeronautical training" during their final two years as cadets.

The Army Air Corps (the Air Service was renamed in 1926) proposed in 1928 that "Air Corps Cadets" (cadets who wanted to be commissioned in the Air Corps) be given twenty weeks of special training during summer camp. The recommendation was not given favorable consideration because cadets who failed the air program—"washed out"—would not receive the branch training given other cadets during summer camp.

Replying to a query from Congressman Lewis W. Douglas in 1929, the Superintendent indicated that cadets were taught a theoretical course in "Aeronautics" by the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy and "Theoretical Tactics" by the Department of Tactics and that First Classmen received first-hand experience in "Techniques and Tactics" at an Air Corps flying field. Douglas was told that no actual flying training was given cadets because a flying school required special terrain and climatic conditions and set physical standards essential for aviation but not to the military education of the West Point cadet. The Superintendent again stressed that the existing curriculum took up all time available to cadets and that additional aviation training would require curtailment of other essential instruction.

The aviation program outlined was a distinct improvement over the plan initiated in 1921. The aeronautics instruction had been transferred to the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy from the Department of Military Engineering and Military Art. Colonel Clifton C. Carter, head of the Philosophy Department, had prepared a textbook for use in this course, one of the earliest, if not the first, texts on aeronautics used at the college level. That text was revised periodically by Carter and used by many college and university engineering departments. Peripheral subjects concerned with aviation continued: the Drawing Department increased the study of aerial terrain photographs; air weapons were a part of the courses taught by the Department of Ordnance and Gunnery; and more emphasis was given to the study of radio communications.

Perhaps the greatest change in aviation instruction was in the topics taught by the Tactical Department. The future first Superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Major Hubert R. Harmon, was the only Air Corps officer on the Commandant's staff. He was responsible for giving six lectures on military aviation and, believing that having all six lectures given by the same instructor might possibly bore the cadet audience, arranged to have other qualified Air Corps instructors give some of the lectures. Cadets were given the most current information on the organization, materiel, techniques and tactics used by the Air Corps, supplemented by five days' instruction given First Classmen (each class was divided into three groups) at Langley Field, Virginia, during the summer camp period. Emphasis at Langley was on actual "hands on" training, including flights in various types of aircraft. Demonstrations included bombing runs, machine gun strafing, night flying, navigating, use of lighter-than-air blimps, communications, the use of smoke, formation flying by both pursuit and bomber aircraft, acrobatic flying, message dropping techniques and the use aircraft to adjust artillery fire.

In October 1931, the Commandant of the Air Corps Tactical School ignored normal channels by sending directly to the Adjutant General a letter recommending establishment of a Department of Aeronautics at West Point. The Adjutant General referred the recommendation to the Chief of the Air Corps, who, in his endorsement to the Academy through the Secretary of War, remarked rather strongly that "this officer should be informed in regard to the proper channel established for handling official correspondence." The Secretary ended the matter by informing the writer that the matter already had been considered by the War Department and dropped as being unnecessary.

Major George J. Richards in 1972 recalled that, as a major detailed to the War Department General Staff, he was called to the office of the Chief of Staff, General Douglas MacArthur, in July 1933. MacArthur introduced Richards to Lerner F. Loree, president of the Delaware-Lackawanna & Western Railroad, and his assistant, William Manning, who had been sent to MacArthur by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to discuss a matter concerning West Point. Superintendent William H. Smith proposed to expand the physical plant of the Military Academy by purchasing additional land west of the Academy and some land south of Highland Falls (the Morgan estate) to expand training facilities to construct a landing field on the Morgan property. Smith's proposal was approved by Congress in March 1931, although funding was not provided. MacArthur directed Richards to assist Loree "to consummate the plan authorized by the Act of Congress."

Richards and the two railroad men discussed the problem with the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Copeland of New York, and received an enthusiastic assurance that he would make every effort to gain approval of the funds to purchase the land. The three men carefully reviewed Smith's plan and decided that additional land was required to provide fully adequate maneuver areas and to control the Popolopen watershed, which provided much of the water required at West Point. The original proposal called for an airfield south of Highland Falls with a single north-south runway of limited length. It would have little room for expansion and no possibility whatsoever of adding other runways. The three men decided that the airfield should be located elsewhere and obtained support of the revised plan from Senator Copeland. They were assured that this revision, obviously backed by the President, would be approved by Congress.

Strangely, all of this preliminary discussion had been made without consultation with the USMA Superintendent, Major General William D. Connor, or any of his staff. Richards needed to find a better location for the proposed airfield and went to West Point to discuss the entire plan with General Connor. He went back to Washington dumbfounded; General Connor indicated his doubts about the need for an airfield because only a few Air Corps officers were stationed at West Point and they could get their required flying time in at Mitchell Field. Connor saw no other use for an airfield.

Richards now "stuck his neck out" and decided to go ahead by bypassing the Superintendent. Captain Kenner F. Hertford, Corps of Engineers, who had served under Richards in Panama, was stationed at West Point. Richards asked for his personal help in locating a better site for the proposed airfield. In the months ahead, Hertford became acquainted with Newburgh Buick dealer Thomas A. Stewart, whose uncle, Samuel L. Stewart, had given a large farm west of Newburgh to the city with the stipulation that it be developed into an airfield by a specified date. That date was approaching, and Newburgh had done little to make the site suitable for an airfield.

Richards, Herford and Captain John M. Weikert, Office of the Chief of the Air Corps, met with Thomas Stewart to discuss the possibility of obtaining the Stewart property for an Academy airfield. Stew-


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art agreed to ask the Newburgh City Council to sell its rights to the property to the War Department for $1.00 and to obtain approval of this transaction from the Stewart family. Weikert and Hertford would present the proposal to General Connor, and Richards would provide a full report to the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, Major General Hugh Drum. Newburgh and the Stewart family agreed to the sale of the property; General Drum authorized expenditure of $1.00 to purchase the land. General Connor, presented with a *fait accompli* and the fact that the War Department approved the entire transaction, changed his opinion and supported acquisition of the Stewart property. A bill authorizing purchase and development of the land was approved by the Senate and House and signed by President Roosevelt in May 1936.

During the process of convincing the Stewart family and the Newburgh City Council to sell the land to the War Department, it was proposed that the field be named Stewart Field to honor Lachlan Stewart, the original owner of the property. This also would recognize Thomas and Samuel Stewart for their enthusiastic assistance in obtaining the land. General MacArthur agreed and directed that the property be permanently named Stewart Field. Six years passed before Congress authorized the funds required to begin development of the airfield. Some of this delay was caused by the Depression; but opposition also came from a group headed by Cragstone Associates of New York City who wanted the land between the highway and the river, the old Morgan estate, used for the airfield. West Point did not want this land; the War Department did not want it. But political pressure and the national economic situation held off approval until July 1937. In the meantime, owners of land in the valley west of the Academy had been given intent "liens" indicating that the government intended to purchase their land when funds were made available. Those funds were provided in the Military Appropriations Bill for 1938 and in subsequent appropriations required as the land purchased was developed. Work progressed slowly, with several delays caused by lack of funds. Stewart Field was formally dedicated as an Air Corps installation on 24 August 1942.

In the six years that passed between Richard's initial discussion with the Stewart family and the formal dedication, aviation training at West Point gradually increased. First Classmen continued to spend from one to two weeks at Mitchell Field, the time varying from year to year. In 1938, the Superintendent, Brigadier General Jay L. Benedict increased aviation training at West Point to thirty hours: ten hours of flying and twenty hours of ground instruction. This course was intended primarily for cadets who did not plan to choose the Air Corps as their basic branch after graduation. There was much concern that graduates who took flying training and failed to qualify would be embarrassed when they returned to their basic branches. They also would be several months behind their classmates who had gone directly to branch schools after graduating. To somewhat remove the onus of "washing out," Brigadier General Barton K. Yount, Commander of the Air Corps Training School, recommended that Academy graduates be permitted to take flying training without any obligation to transfer to the Air Corps after completing the course. "To rule otherwise," said General Yount, "would considerably reduce the percentage of graduates of the Military Academy who volunteer for flying training and, therefore, would materially reduce the number of such officers entering the Air Corps as a whole."

Strangely, the Air Corps was not completely enthusiastic about the Stewart Field operation. In May 1938, Brigadier General Henry H. Arnold, Acting Chief of the Air Corps, asked the Chief of Plans if the Air Corps would be warranted to maintain such a field considering the small amount of Air Corps instruction then given at West Point. He also asked if the Air Corps could request an increase in Air Corps instruction at West Point. The reply of the Chief of Plans was negative in most respects. He indicated that a better plan would take cadets to a large Air Corps installation for a short period of instruction, "thus making the rest of the summer available to the Academy for other purposes." He added that any increase in the cadet workload would be excessive, but recommended a change in aviation subjects taught at West Point to include additional instruction on navigation, meteorology, aeronautical engines and radio code. The twenty hours of air training currently provided would be of greater value to the Air Corps and the prospective officer if the cadet was given such training in "a Link Trainer rather than as a passenger in an air experience course." Such training could be given at the Academy and would be far less expensive than moving cadets to an airfield for instruction. Fortunately, the recommendations of the Chief of Planning were not adopted.

Although progress at Stewart Field was slow, world events moved at a rapid and ever-increasing pace. Hitler moved into Austria and Czechoslovakia in a "peaceful" manner. In 1939, Germany invaded Poland, beginning World War II. German use of aircraft in that invasion and in subsequent attacks on Norway and France convinced even the most biased "ground pounder" that air power was important and would have a decided influence on any battle or campaign. At West Point, additional hours were allocated to air-related subjects. Although the only aircraft stationed at West Point were two slow and unwieldy amphibious planes of the CA-9 type, Air Corps officers literally stood in line to fly these aircraft. One officer assigned to the Department of Drawing was grounded for a period after flying an amphibian under Bear Mountain Bridge. Cadets were taken for training rides during summer camp; some members of the Class of 1944 were airborne and flying down the Hudson when the French luxury liner *Normandy* burned at its New York dock, an unforgettable experience. One CA-9 flying to West Point from Mitchell Field crashed at Constitution Island; five airmen were injured, but there were no fatalities.

In April 1941, the Superintendent, Brigadier General Robert L. Eichelberger, asked the Chief of the Air Corps to provide additional summer instruction for cadets. This would include demonstrations of bombing and strafing techniques and flying in various types of aircraft, an expansion of previous training conducted at Air Corps installations. The request was approved and the program adopted in the summer of 1941. With construction at Stewart Field nearing completion, in October 1941 General Eichelberger requested the Air Corps to assign training aircraft and twenty pilots to Stewart for a three-month period in the spring of 1942. This would enable cadets who had requested detail in the Air Corps to receive branch training on the same basis as cadets selecting ground branches. Eichelberger emphasized that such a program would give cadets sufficient dual training to enable the pilot instructors to determine cadets who lacked inherent flying ability. Those eliminated would be given training in another branch. Since this proposal would make most eliminations at Stewart Field before the cadet graduated, it would eliminate the onus of being "washed out" during flying training after graduation.

General Arnold was pleased with the increased interest in aviation at West Point and readily approved Eichelberger's request. First Classmen would be given ten to twelve hours of dual instruction at Stewart Field. Flying training would be given


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five afternoons a week and on Saturdays and Sundays to compensate for time lost due to bad weather. Before Eichelberger's program could be implemented, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Almost immediately, the Superintendent detailed a board to revise the entire aviation program at West Point. Majors John M. Weikert and Robert W. Harper, Air Corps, and Major Richard G. Prather, Infantry, prepared an initial revision that was further refined by an Academic Board committee. Based upon a four-year course of instruction, the final plan would enable the First Class (1942) to be given elementary flying instruction at various Air Corps fields from March to June 1942. The Class of 1943 (this became the Class of January 1943 when the course was curtailed to three years) would make their branch selection at the beginning of their First Class Year (June 1942) instead of in February or March 1943 as was traditional. Those who selected the Air Corps and were physically qualified would be given elementary flying training at various Air Corps fields in the western and southern states and would return to West Point in the fall to receive additional training at Stewart Field on alternate days and weekends. The Class of 1944, which became the Class of June 1943 under the three-year course, would take both the elementary and basic flying instruction and as much of the advanced flying program as possible, some at other Air Corps schools and, hopefully, some at Stewart Field. No changes were programmed for the basic curriculum; all air cadets would receive the same instruction as ground cadets, although flying training would replace some of the tactical instruction taught to ground cadets. Successful completion would enable cadets to receive their wings at graduation and to be assigned directly to Air Corps combat units.

This program was implemented immediately. The Class of 1942 received flight training from March to June, returning to West Point for graduation before returning for additional training. Shortly after graduation, the then-Class of 1943 cadets who had selected Air Corps as their intended branch departed for various flying schools. The Second Class departed on furlough, although about sixty percent volunteered to give up their leave in order to report for flying training at elementary flight schools. The Class of 1945 (it would become the Class of 1944 under the three-year program) was given some orientation flying instruction during summer camp, primarily in amphibious aircraft based at West Point or Mitchell Field. In the meantime, construction at Stewart Field was accelerated, with additional runways and facilities added to the original plans. So fast was the accelerated construction progressing that it was possible to formally dedicate Stewart Field on 26 August, and 245 cadets of the Second Class, which had just returned from furlough or voluntary flying training, continued their flight training there.

Everything seemed to be moving ahead at a rapid pace. A new plebe class had reported in early July to find a smaller First Class detail awaiting them—but that detail was supplemented by Yearlings. As the end of the summer approached, everyone looked forward to the return of the First Class air cadets from their summer flight training schools. And then, on 31 August, the War Department recommended to Congress that the courses at West Point and Annapolis be reduced to three years until the end of the hostilities. This decision had been reached despite strong objections by the Superintendent, Major General Francis B. Wilby, and his Naval Academy counterpart. Wilby pointed out the near-fatal damage to the Academy during WWI, when classes moved through with minimal instruction and only a new plebe class in residence when the war ended. He questioned the value to the Army of receiving a few hundred second lieutenants from the Academy when thousands were needed. The answer was simple; if civilian colleges and universities were curtailing their courses, the Academies should do the same.

It was apparent that the three-year limitation bill would be approved by Congress and signed by President Roosevelt. Consequently, General Wilby and General Arnold agreed that the First Classmen taking flying training at various Air Corps schools should remain there until their instruction was completed, reporting back to West Point in time for their early graduation in January 1943. The four classes were redesignated: 1943 became the Class of January 1943; the original Class of 1944 became June 1943; the Class of 1945, 1944; and the new plebe Class of 1946, the Class of 1945. The curriculum for the two 1943 classes was revised to provide as much of the regular four-year curriculum as possible. The course for the new classes of 1944 and 1945 was changed also, but differed from the curriculum for the two '43 classes. Flying training at Stewart was scheduled year-round. During the summer months, flying cadets lived at Stewart and flew daily. During the remainder of the year, flying was scheduled on alternate days or nights, with weekend flying whenever possible.

Training for ground cadets in camp at West Point also changed. The leisurely pace of peace-time years was a thing of the past. Bayonet drill, self-defense techniques, convoy discipline and small-unit tactics were a part of almost every day's routine. In August, cadet maneuvers took place at Camp Drum in upstate New York instead of in the valley west of the Academy. The trip to Camp Drum was made by military convoy, a radical change from previous trips taken by train or bus. At the end of the maneuver period, the cadets returned, not to West Point, but to the new facilities at Camp Popolopen, later to be renamed Camp Buckner after General Simon B. Buckner, killed during the battle for Okinawa. Old summer camp on the Plain near Fort Clinton was no more; the tradition dating back to Thayer was ended. Camp Popolopen was still under construction when the cadets moved in; the water was not drinkable. A roar went up in the mess hall when the Cadet Adjutant announced at lunch one day, "Water in the taps is now potable, by order of the Officer in Charge." Daily training in Field Artillery, Armor and Infantry tactics was routine, including firing of machine guns and mortars. One 81mm mortar round went over the hill into Highland Falls when a cadet, ordered to use charge 1, removed only one powder increment instead of leaving only one. No injuries resulted, but the exploding round ruined a tire on the postmaster's car. Hearing this, General Wilby shrewdly sent a new tire from the motor pool to the postmaster, who was delighted to get the tire—rationing would have prevented him from getting anything but a retread.

Secretary of War Henry Stimson had directed that every effort be made to give ground and air cadets the same academic education. What actually occurred during the three-year program was that ground cadets lost 763 hours of instruction taught in the normal four-year course; air cadets lost 1,014 hours of instruction because of flying requirements. Ground cadets lost 306 hours of tactical instruction compared to a loss of 986 hours by air cadets. However, the loss of tactical instruction by air cadets actually totalled sixty-one hours because they received 925 hours of the equivalent instruction at Stewart Field as part of their flight training. The loss of academic instruction by air cadets was compensated for to some degree by 267 hours of Air Corps academic instruction at Stewart Field. This was the program followed from 1942-47, when the Academy returned to its four-year course of instruction.


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Because sufficient officers for instruction or tactical supervision could not be assigned, the Superintendent revived a long-standing practice followed from Thayer's day to 1900: qualified cadets were appointed Acting Assistant Professors. This decision had been reached in 1940, and the first cadets selected were from the Class of 1941. Cadets taught plebe classes until mid-1943, the Class of January 1943 being the last class to provide Acting Assistant Professors. Reserve officers were assigned in increasing numbers; by June 1944, almost two-thirds of the officers stationed at West Point were non-graduates. Requirements not connected with instruction appeared almost out of a clear blue sky. Many of the First Class air cadets were cadet officers; replacements had to be "made" to take their places. Extra-curricular activities, including varsity sports, were affected. For example, the January 1943 *Howitzer* staff almost disappeared. Only the biographies editor and the assistant business manager remained at West Point; all of the other key staff members were taking flying training. Because the Class of June 1943 was working on its own book, the Class of 1944 filled positions on the Jan '43 *Howitzer* staff and, by much hard work until the wee hours of almost every morning, got the yearbook completed before the Class of January 1943 graduated.

The "Fly-boys" of January '43 returned to West Point in late December. There were noticeable changes in some. One A Company file walked into Central Area heading for the guardhouse to sign in. He had removed the grommet from his cadet cap, tilted it back on his head, had hair much longer than the regulation cut, and was smoking a cigar—not a good cigar, but a stogie. Within three minutes after he strolled through the sallyport of West Academic Building, he was surrounded by a group directing him to "straighten up your cap, mister!" "Put out that cigar, not on the ground, mister!" "Stand at attention, mister, you're not a civilian!" It was almost a repeat of his first day of Beast Barracks—but the correcting group was composed entirely of tactical officers. The OC had seen him approaching and apparently turned out every tac in the Commandant's area. Within two hours, he reported to the Batt Board and was walking the area the next day.

The Class of January 1943 was graduated on 19 January. Throughout their "June" Week, a popular song of the 1940s was played at hops, at parades, and at all other activities. "June in January" was even included in their graduation parade, a "bandbox" review in Central Area. There were 410 graduates; 164 were given silver pilot wings in a special ceremony before graduation.

June brought graduation and commissions for the Class of June 1943. Of the 514 graduates, 206 earned pilot's wings. Thirty-nine cadets failed to complete the flying training: fifteen were eliminated, "washed out;" two were eliminated for physical reasons; and four died in training accidents; sixteen withdrew at their own request.

Similar programs were conducted for air cadets in the Classes of 1944 and 1945. Cadets who had selected flight training left West Point in April for three months of flying instruction in the Air Corps schools of the Central Command. After their return to West Point from primary flying schools in early July, air cadets moved to Stewart Field for further training until the end of August. During the academic year, air cadets flew on alternate weekdays or nights; weekends provided makeup periods to compensate for bad weather.

There were many funny incidents connected with flying at Stewart Field. One air cadet unintentionally pulled the rip cord on his parachute on the ground. His ground cadet contemporaries razzed him unmercifully when they learned of his carelessness, pointing out that the ground pounders all knew better, since they had taken the jump course at Fort Benning during their summer First Class trip. Even more comical was the prank of an A Company cadet who decided to buzz his home town in upstate New York while flying one night. He did just that, zooming in almost at tree-top level and was reported by the Civil Air Watch on duty that night. His wing number included in the report brought him to the Batt Board and the area soon afterward. Rumor in the Corps was that he had been reported by his father, the duty watch that night!

At the end of their spring and summer primary training, 222 air cadets of the Class of 1944 continued basic training at Stewart Field. In June, 160 received their wings in a special ceremony. The relationship—and the difference—between "ground pounders" and "fly boys" was best shown during June Week 1944. For the first time, a review took place with the Corps wearing khaki uniforms, steel helmets and full field packs. These were ground cadets of the First Class and the Yearlings and Plebes. As the band began to troop the line, the First Class air cadets flew overhead in echelon formations.

There were more than 800 cadets in the Class of 1945, the largest class to enter the Academy at that time. After a preliminary physical examination in November 1943, 528 who had qualified physically indicated their intent to apply for flight training. However, some of these changed their minds, and only 467 left West Point in April for preliminary training at Air Corps schools, and two Negro cadets went to Tuskegee Institute for their instruction, this being the policy in the segregated Army of the time. There were 119 washouts in this group; 348 completed their preliminary schooling when they returned to West Point and Stewart Field to begin basic flying instruction. Fifty-two of this group were eliminated; 294 earned their wings; and three cadets were killed in air accidents.

The end of the war with Germany in May 1945 resulted in a review of the three-year course. After many discussions with the War Department General Staff, the Superintendent, General Wilby, emphasized that the quantity of West Point graduates was very small compared to the total number of officers in the Army. "The quality," maintained Wilby, "is highly important and should be guarded jealously." He continued to urge that the class that had entered the Academy in July 1944 and was scheduled to graduate in June 1947 under the three-year program to return to the four-year curriculum and graduate instead in 1948. He proposed that there be no class graduated in 1947. This proposal received a rather cool reception from the General Staff. A proposal to have the class entering in 1945 become the first postwar four-year class also received little support in Washington. A month later, he proposed splitting the class entering in 1945 into two groups, one to graduate in three years and the other in four. This recommendation received some consideration, but, due to the fact that some Congressmen had already committed themselves to appointments, it wad decided to adopt the Wilby suggestion but to split the Class of 1947, the class that had entered in July 1944. This decision was announced by the new Superintendent, Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, in September 1945.

During the final months of the war and during the time Wilby was urging a return to the four-year curriculum, the Army Air Force commander at Stewart Field, Colonel Joe W. Kelly, evaluated the place of aviation in the four-year West Point course, based upon experience with the classes graduating during the war. He asserted that giving flying training under the three-year program was both impractical and undesirable. Kelly maintained that

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# Earle E. Partridge, USMA '24
## Pilot, Leader, Innovator, Legend

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

Earl E. Partridge was born in Winchendon, Massachusetts, a small town near the New Hampshire border, on 7 July 1900. His father operated a small bicycle shop in Winchendon until 1903, when he and the family moved to Ashby, Massachusetts.In an interview with Air Force historians in 1974, Earl—Pat, as he was known to his contemporaries—recalled that Ashby was a small town with "no railroads, no bus service, no street cars, and only a thousand people then." After attending grammar school and graduating from high school in Ashby, he took an extra year of high school instruction in nearby Fitchburg while he tried to obtain an appointment to West Point. His interest in the Academy was unusual, for no member of his family had any military background.

When he was unable to enter the Academy, Partridge considered trying for Harvard or MIT but instead took entrance examinations for Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Pat failed these tests and later stated that was because his high school education had not prepared him for college. In fact, he recalled, "As far as I know, no one from Ashby had ever gone to college and graduated" at that time.

In July 1917, Pat enlisted in the Army, asking for assignment to an air unit. There were no vacancies, and he was advised to enlist in the Corps of Engineers instead. This he did and was sent to France with the 304th Engineer Regiment. His unit was stationed near the front, working on roads and maintaining bridges. "I watched the airplanes," Pat remembered, "and wished I was up there instead of shoveling." Although subjected to machine gun fire and artillery, his unit was not directly involved in any combat. Watching planes fly overhead or fighting German aircraft convinced Pat that he really wanted to fly, a desire that continued throughout his life.

Returning home, Partridge entered Norwich University in 1920 and was elected president of his class. Although he enjoyed his studies at Norwich, he felt the military instruction was outdated. "They were teaching tactics," he later recalled, "that would have been good against the Indians but not much good against the Germans at the time when machine guns were coming into their own and barbed wire defensive positions were being used." In 1920, Pat learned that he could qualify to enter West Point as an enlisted man. At the end of the Norwich school year, he went to West Point to enlist in the station complement, where he served until August, when he was sworn in as a cadet. Two reasons motivated his decision to enter the Academy: he desperately wanted to learn to fly, and he realized that continuing his education in a civilian college was beyond the means of his family.

General Earle E. Partridge, USAF

His four years at the Academy were eventful. General Douglas MacArthur was Superintendent, and Pat's class experienced the many changes he made or tried to make in Academy activities. Despite his belief that his high school had not prepared him for college, Pat graduated number six in his class. He had been a corporal his yearling year; a sergeant his cow year; and a captain and battalion commander as a firstie. He was a member of the First Class Club Board of Governors, played football his second and first class years, and represented his class in the annual indoor track meet.

Even then, Pat Partridge was a quiet, reserved individual, a typical New Englander. Typically, he was not aware that he was entitled to and expected to wear a campaign ribbon with two stars for his service in France—his tactical officer pointed out rather emphatically that Academy regulations required him to wear the ribbon. Partridge remembered West Point training in laying barbed wire, firing machine guns and artillery. However, there was little instruction in use of antiaircraft guns or tanks or aircraft. Nevertheless, Pat's interest in flying continued. He remembered cadets had some opportunities to fly as passengers in Jennies and DLH aircraft. He also remembered an SE-5 World War I fighter landing on the Plain, a remarkable feat in those days. During his first class year, he was issued a typewriter—he did not remember why—and learned to type by copying Canadian ace William Mitchell's book, *Winged Warfare,* several times. Pat believed Mitchell should be credited with predicting much of the future of airpower.

Pat and fifty-nine classmates went to Texas after graduation for flight training at Brooks Field and Kelly Field. Half of the group failed to qualify at Brooks, and only half of the remainder survived the instruction at Kelly Field to graduate in August 1925. Several classmates who washed out were later qualified as pilots of blimps. One was Uzal G. Ent, after whom Ent Air Force Base, the first home of the North American Air Defense Command, was named.

Pat qualified at both Brooks and Kelly Fields and was assigned to the 3rd Attack Group at Kelly. He enjoyed this assignment because it enabled him to fly and then fly still more. The 3rd Attack Group was an innovative test organization. World War I aircraft, Jennies and DeHavilands, were modified by adding additional machine guns and bomb racks. Pilots flew bombing and strafing missions in the middle of Kelly Field or near the present location of Lackland AFB.

The Group also developed a new system for recording pilot flying time, aircraft use and maintenance. The Group also initiated the practice of requiring pilots to wear parachutes. The chutes used at that time were seat-packs and were hard as rocks. Pilots also were required to wear boots, although they were permitted to remove the spurs. Some aircraft seats could be modified to make pilots more



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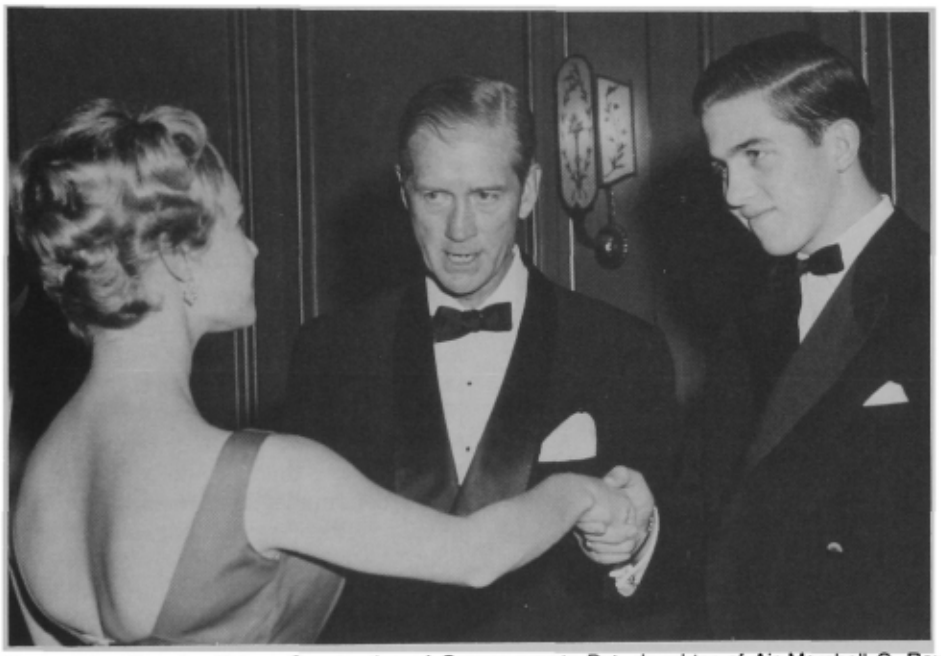
comfortable; others could not, and the pilots suffered from the hard chutes. This experience convinced Pat that planes should be designed to provide both comfort and safety for the men who flew them. He made many practice jumps to gain experience in using a parachute.

The 3rd Attack Group had four types of aircraft: attack, observation, fighters and bombers. Pat enjoyed the fighters most of all because "they were more fun and, after all, when you're flying for fun you'd better go where the fun is." Pat thoroughly enjoyed his tour with the 3rd, one of only three air combat units in the Army (the other two were the 1st Fighter and 2nd Bomb Groups). After a year with the 3rd, Partridge obtained four months' leave (three months for the USMA graduation leave he had not taken and one month for his year of active service). After a month's visit at home in Massachusetts, he returned to Texas. Pat spent the remainder of his leave flying for a Texas oil man. Most of his flights were from Dallas to El Paso or to Los Angeles. He was amazed during one visit to Los Angeles when his employer bought a new Lockheed Vega and paid $20,000 cash for the new plane. Although he had never flown a Vega before, Pat and his employer took off from Los Angeles in late afternoon and flew non-stop to El Paso, landing there long after dark. To fly these commercial planes, Pat had to apply for a commercial pilot's license and was issued No. 5161. He recounted that "This throws everbody, [sic] nowadays the numbers are up in the several thousands."

Returning from leave, Pat concentrated on improving his aerial gunnery. Not satisfied with the guns and sights used, he had the group armament officer fit a DH with a better gun and with a sight he and Pat devised.

In 1934 Pat was one of the Air Corps officers chosen to fly air mail because of his experience flying under instrument conditions, experience that few Air Corps pilots at the time had. When additional pilots qualified for instrument flying, Partridge was made the operations officer for flights out of Chicago. He also participated in cold-weather testing at Great Falls, Montana, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin in January and February 1935. Planes, guns, clothing, fuel, radios—and people!—were tested under simulated combat conditions in below-zero weather. Despite the many recommendations made as a result of these tests, Pat found some the same problems flying in cold-weather conditions in Europe during World War II.



Entertaining Royalty: Prince Constantine of Greece meets Pat, daughter of Air Marshall C. Roy Slemon, Deputy CINCNORAD, as General Partridge looks on.

In July 1936 he was assigned temporary duty at Wright Field, Ohio as a test pilot. Here he flew one of the first models of the P-20, the first low-wing monoplane armed with one 30-caliber and one 50-caliber machine gun. He also tested the P-26, the P-30, the P-31, the P-37, and a predecessor of the C-46 or DC-3. Often, he would pick up a new plane at the factory and take it to Wright Field for extensive testing. He would also ferry planes to other installations, such as the Chemical Corps Center near Aberdeen, Maryland.

After only two months, he was sent to the Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Field, Alabama, followed by another year of schooling at the Command and General Staff School. Pat was not particularly impressed by the instruction at Leavenworth. C&GS School thinking at that time emphasized road marches at two-and-a-half miles an hour despite the knowledge that the Germans were developing high-speed tactics, panzer divisions and motorized units. Pat also complained that students were not given any information regarding European events such as the Spanish Civil War, Hitler's move into the Rhineland and Austria, and the development of the German Luftwaffe.

His next assignment took him back to Maxwell as an instructor in the Pursuit Section of the Tactical School. When Pat learned that the test group at Wright Field had obtained many European air weapons, he flew to Wright and brought back samples of each type of weapon to use in his classes.

Hitler's moves in Europe awakened the United States to its need to improve its armed services, particularly the Army Air Corps and armored units. General Hap Arnold told the staff and students at Maxwell in June 1939 that "You had damn well better get ready. We went through this way back in World War I. It's going to take an improved training establishment, and we need to get out and build bases right now."

Following Arnold's warning about facilities needed for training pilots, the Air Corps established the Southeast Air Corps Training Command with flying schools throughout the southern states. Although he was theoretically still a faculty member at Maxwell, Pat was given sole responsibility for surveying every training base being considered. His forthright rejection of many bases recommended by politicians brought him all kinds of verbal and written abuse, but he stood by his recommendations.

Partridge was sent to Barksdale Field near Shreveport, Louisiana in October 1940 to start an advanced single-engine flying school. Barksdale was already an established base with a commander who did everything possible to assist in establishment of the single-engine, multi-engine, bombardier and navigation schools. Pat later said his biggest problem was getting people; he started with a large staff—himself—but gradually developed the instructors needed.

Promoted to major on 19 February 1941, he moved to Dothan, Alabama in May to supervise construction of another flying school. Unlike Barksdale, Dothan had no runways, no buildings and no base personnel to support the school. Many older units were divided into cadres to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support this expansion, material support was provided and the necessary funds were made available.

Partridge's work at Dothan was far from complete when he was ordered to Washington in October and assigned to the Air War Plans Division. Promotions came quickly; lieutenant colonel in December 1941, colonel in July, 1941 and brigadier general in December. He served on the Joint Strategic Committee in the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from March 1942 until he assumed command of the New York Air Defense Wing, First Air Force, in January 1943.

In April, Pat was sent to North Africa as Operations Officer and Chief of Staff of the 12th Bomber Command under General James Doolittle. Their official association continued until the end of the war. Doolittle relied upon Pat to advise him on Air Corps procedures and in the selection of major commanders because Pat knew the Air Corps and its people well. Pat flew many combat missions, trying to ride with every unit and in every type of aircraft, including flights with British RAF Wellingtons on night missions.

As the Allied Forces moved into Sicily and Italy, Pat, Doolittle and the Fifteenth Air Force continued to provide support, first from North Africa and then from Sicily and Italy. Following tactics devised at Air Corps schools, fighter units initially were given the primary mission of protecting bombers en route to target areas. Pat and Doolittle changed the primary mission of their fighter units to destroying German fighters wherever they could find them, in the air or on the ground. As a result of this effort, Allied bomber losses in the theater dropped to less than one-half of one percent per mission, compared to the Eighth Air Force in Britain with losses averaging fourteen percent. General Arnold decided to transfer Pat and Doolittle to head the Eighth Air Force and sent General Ira Eaker from England to take over the Fifteenth Air Force in Italy. Despite strong objections from subordinate commanders, the get-the-fighter mission was put into effect, and, with the Germans losing as many as 100 fighters as day as a result, bomber losses dropped sharply.

In June 1944, Partridge assumed command of the 3rd Bombardment Division and was promoted to major general. Pat often flew a P-47 or P-51 watching his bomber formations in the attacks into Germany and photographing formation for later analysis. The word got around that Pat Partridge might show up at any time and in any place. With good two-way radio communication, Pat was able to develop a system of airborne control by directing his units from his nearby position. As far as is known, Pat's command was the only one at the time with this airborne control. In addition to missions over France and Germany, Pat's units bombed targets in Poland and dropped food and supplies into Belgium and Holland. Many years later, when asked if he had set an acceptable loss figure for his units, Pat replied that he considered the loss of one plane or one airman excessive. In his opinion, losing even one aircraft and its crew hurt him and hurt the unit.

Washington, D.C. 1959

Pat served in the Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns. His contributions were recognized by both the US and foreign governments. His American decorations included the Distinguished Service Cross, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star and four Air Medals. France presented him with the Croix de Guerre with two palms and the Legion of Honor; Poland, with the Commander's Cross with the Star of Polish Order of Polonia Restituta; and Belgium, its Croix de Guerre with palm. King George VI made him a Companion of the Order of the Bath and an Honorary Knight of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

At the close of hostilities in Europe he again was assigned as deputy commander of the Eighth Air Force, now preparing for redeployment to the Pacific. Pat accompanied General Doolittle and his staff on their return to the United States to train for their move to the Pacific. En route to Okinawa, Doolittle was called home, and Pat became commander of the Eighth Air Force. The war ended before the Eighth Air Force flew any combat missions over Japan.

In January 1946, Pat was reassigned to the Pentagon as the Air Force Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations. This was a tremendous challenge for, as Pat said many years later, the Air Force "didn't know where the planes were, where the people were, or the condition of any equipment. I was in charge of more jobs, more missions than I could count—operations, communications, training, requirements, engineering, buildings and installations."

During the same period, the separation of the Air Force from the Army was underway. Pat was given the task of obtaining personnel spaces, including the required service and support personnel from the Army. He also participated in the organization of the new Air Force Commands: Air Defense Command, Tactical Air Command and Strategic Air Command. Pat advocated consolidating all air defense weapons under the Air Force. The Army would not go along with this proposal, and air defense was split with the Air Force being responsible for interceptors and the Army for all ground units. This decision would plague Pat later when he became responsible for the air defense of the United States.

Partridge seldom gave his opinion about the establishment of the Air Force as a separate service. As far as is known, he only once spoke his mind. During a visit of the Air Force Chief of Staff, General Thomas White, to NORAD Headquarters, Par-



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tridge quietly told him, "Tommy, the biggest mistake the Air Force ever made was becoming a separate service." When White, somewhat aghast, asked what he meant, Pat replied, "If we had stayed part of the Army, you might be Chief of Staff of both Army and the Air Force—and the ground troops would get the support they need."

Pat became Director of Training and Requirements under the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations in October 1947. Although he held this position for less than a year, Pat was instrumental in establishing the Air University, which included the Air War College and the Air Command and Staff College. Initially, the War College was to assist in formulating doctrine, recommending air organization and conducting studies sent there by the Air Force Chief of Staff, approximately what the Army War College had done when it was first organized. Later, officer education became the primary mission of the Air War College, again in the same way that the Army War College had changed. Pat also developed the program for training foreign officers in Air Force flying schools.

In August 1948, Partridge assumed command of the Fifth Air Force in Japan. Less than two years later, he took the Fifth to Korea. His bombers and fighters soon gained air supremacy, so much so that Pat and General Walton Walker, Eighth Army Commander, almost daily flew over North Korean lines in an unarmed observation plane. Both felt that they needed firsthand and personal information about enemy dispositions. After Walker's untimely and tragic death, Partridge offered General Matthew Ridgway the same opportunity, and the two often flew over enemy lines. Ridgway in his memoirs said that "not a day went by that General Earle E. (Pat) Partridge...did not call me to ask, "What can we do for you today?"

Before the Korean conflict began, Partridge improved the combat capability of the Fifth Air Force, obtaining better aircraft and establishing a joint Army-Air Force maneuver ability. Although Air Force units were as surprised as the Army when the North Koreans crossed the border, Partridge quickly established a Fifth Air Force base in Korea, sending a radar unit immediately which was to report to him personally on the ground situation. Within ten days, he moved near Eighth Army Headquarters at Taegu. He sent air controllers to serve with Army units, providing far better air support for the ground battle.

LTG Thomas Moorman recalled that General Partridge was flying north of Taegu, observing the air action of his pilots. So many planes were in the air "that they were creating a veritable hubbub of talk, making you wonder how targeting instruction and directions could be understood and followed. There was no communications discipline. This vast sea of noise was suddenly interrupted by a calm voice that said, 'This is General Partridge. Stop this chatter, NOW!'—and it stopped."

Master Sergeant James Flanagan, who would become Partridge's enlisted aide until Partridge's retirement in 1959, remembered "He would go unannounced into a mess hall and take his turn in the chow line. He would find a table with an empty chair and ask the seated airmen if he could sit with them. While eating, he would visit with them, ask how they were doing, and if they had any questions he could answer. After he finished his meal, he carried his own tray out."

Partridge returned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in June 1951 as Commanding General of the Air Research and Development Command. Two years later he returned to the Pentagon as Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. Another year found him back in Japan, this time as Commander of the Far Eastern Air Forces.

When he was ordered to Colorado Springs as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Air Defense Command (CONAD) in June 1955, letters from his contemporaries in Korea, Formosa, Thailand, Japan and the Philippines expressed appreciation for his support and regret at his departure. Chiang Kai-shek and Sigmund Rhee wished him well in his new assignment. General Maxwell Taylor, Commander of the Far East and United Nations Commands, wrote, "It is a matter of keen regret that you leave this part of world to which you have committed so much time and effort." His service with the Fifth Air Force and the Far Eastern Air Forces brought additional awards. From the United States came two Distinguished Service Medals, the Silver Star, a second Bronze Star, another Distinguished Flying Cross and six additional Air Medals. Nationalist China presented the Order of Pao Ting and the Order of Cloud and Banner with Grand Cordon. Korea honored Partridge with the Order of Kunguk with the Silver Star and the Order of Military Merit with Gold Star. Thailand made him a knight of the Grand Cross, Most Noble Order of the Crown. Japan presented him the Order of the Rising Sun; and the Philippines, the Philippine Legion of Honor.

Assignment to command CONAD, the only truly unified multi-service command within the continental United States, required all of Partridge's tact and diplomacy. Both the Army Air Defense Command (ARADCOM) and the Air Force Defense Command (ADC) were under his control. Constant inter-service friction made his position extremely difficult. Partridge's task was sensitive because he was also Commander of the Air Force Defense Command, a situation that often led to Army allegations that he was biased in favor of the Air Force. Pat worked with the Joint Chiefs of Staff to make CONAD a separate command, placing ADC under an Air Force lieutenant general in the same way that ARADCOM was commanded by an Army general officer. By late 1956, CONAD was a truly unified command. The Chief of Staff was Army LTG Marshal S. Carter; key staff deputies were Army, Air Force or Navy senior officers. Partridge's unification even included his aides; one was Air Force, the other Army.

Pat stressed the "purple suit" characteristic of the CONAD staff. In various staff sections, Army men worked on Air Force or Navy projects; Air Force officers studied Army air defense matters; and Navy and Marine Corps personnel worked with their other-service counterparts.

Partridge was often frustrated because he had "operational control" of Army and Air Force units only when an emergency situation developed; he had no peace-time authority to move units to optimize their combined deterrence. All too often either ADC or ARADCOM would essentially ignore his recommendations; inter-service rivalry constantly interfered. Finally, Partridge was able to persuade the Joint Chiefs of Staff to direct that CONAD had "operational command" of ADC and ARADCOM.

Partridge's greatest accomplishment was changing CONAD from a single-nation unified command to NORAD, the North American Air Defense Command, a joint unified command of United States and Canadian air defense forces. So important did the Canadian government consider this step that it sent its senior airman, Air Marshall C. Roy Slemon, Chief of the Canadian Air Staff, to Colorado to become Partridge's deputy commander. With Slemon came a very select and highly qualified group of Canadian officers and enlisted men.

Shortly after the arrival of the Canadian contingent, Pat had to determine whether the Canadians would have access to highly classified information. Realizing that it might take months for the Joint Chiefs to decide, Partridge directed that key Canadian officers be given access to all material.


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His decision was approved later by the Joint Chiefs.

NORAD was even more purple-suited than CONAD. The esprit of the command was high; its professional competence even higher. A pocket identification badge was adopted, "because we needed something to make the NORAD staff differ from other Army, Navy and Air Force personnel at Ent Air Force Base." Canadian and U.S. flags flew from twin flagpoles in front of the NORAD headquarters, the only multi-nation command ever to have been based in the continental United States. A band of Army, Navy Air Force and Canadian musicians was organized . These minor actions each brought an increase in the morale and esprit of the NORAD staff.

Despite continued friction between the Army and Air Force components, great strides were made in coordinating and consolidating the air defense capabilities of the United States and Canada. Partridge saw the Army component increasing in size and replacing its World War II vintage guns with missiles. Air Force ADC made similar improvements, progressing from slower aircraft to F101s, F-104s and F-105s. Army and Air Force National Guard units were incorporated into the overall air defense capabilities, a welcome and efficient addition. Extensive early warning radar sites were established from Attu Island in the Aleutians to Point Barrow, Alaska, along the Canadian north coast to Thule, Greenland. A second radar line was situated across mid-Canada. By early 1959, the first Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS) was operational in Alaska, Thule and Northern Scotland. Construction began on a new command center under Cheyenne Mountain.

Partridge often thought of the tremendous technical progress he had seen during his career. When he flew a newly designed jet interceptor at Palmdale, California, an airman strapped "spurs" to his boots, spurs which would fit into a device in the lower part of the pilot's seat to assure proper ejection in case of an emergency. Pat's comment was "Well, I guess I'm back where I started. I used to fly a Jenny in my boots and spurs!"

He insisted that all members of the NORAD staff adopt a reasonable schedule; working hours were from eight to five Monday through Friday and eight to noon on Saturday. Wednesday afternoons were reserved for athletic recreation. He often told newly assigned officers that they were "working under a so-called peacetime situation; if you work twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, what do you do when the balloon goes up?"

Command of NORAD was Partridge's last assignment. When Pat left the NORAD Headquarters he found Sergeant Flanagan waiting in a convertible sedan. Pat rode through Ent Air Force Base to find streets lined with members of his command and officers, men and civilian workers of ARADCOM and ADC as well as many families and Colorado citizens. At the gate, he was presented with his command flag by his Chief of Staff, General Carter; the Canadian flag by Air Marshall Slemon; and the United States flag by Deputy Chief of Staff, Air Force General Harvey Alness.

Pat continued to serve, however, as a member or chairman of several important committees of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He was also a consultant for several air development concerns. Pat died in Florida in 1990.

Earle Partridge was an unusual man. His quiet, New England manner, coupled with subtle witticisms and forceful leadership, endeared him to all of his men and officers and to their families as well. Phyllis Wiggins, his NORAD secretary, said that he was the only boss she had—she served with over ten NORAD commanders—who gave her the opportunity to develop her full potential. Sergeant James Flanagan remembers him as a compassionate man whom he considered a friend as well as his superior officer. Bill Evans described Pat as a superb technician, planner, athlete and pilot—"especially pilot." Evans compared Partridge to Charles Lindbergh: both were tall and lanky, laconic and devoted to their work. Both hated large, formal social events and preferred small, intimate gatherings with friends. Perhaps General Ridgway's descriptions best typifies Earle Partridge as a man, a friend and a professional: Pat always asked, "What can I do for you today?"

*I had the good fortune to be General Partridge's Army aide at NORAD. Material for the brief biography was obtained from the Air Force Oral History Interview with General Partridge in April 1974; personal papers at, and oral history interviews by, the US Army Military History Institute in 1972 and 1973; discussions with LTG Marshall S. Carter and Air Marshall C. Roy Slemon; letters from General William Evans, LTG Thomas Moorman, and Master Sergeant James Flanagan; Cullum Register files for the USMA Class of 1924; the* Howitzer *for 1924; General Ridgway's memoirs,* Soldier; *discussions with LTG Garrison H. Davidson; and comments and letters from many friends of General and Mrs. Partridge.*


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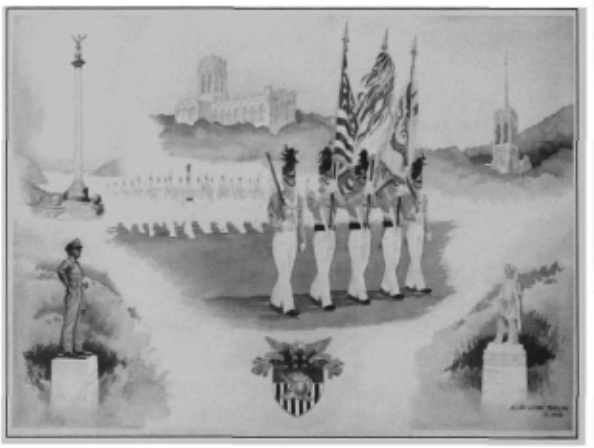

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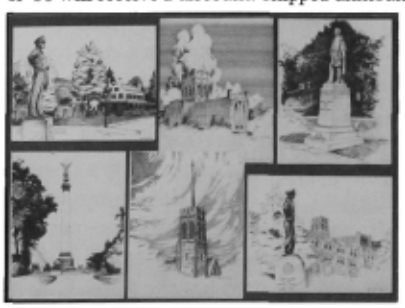

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# Looking After Timothy: A Story About Friendship

*By Colonel Robert L. Burke '52, Retired*

*This is a story of a promise made and a promise kept. It's also a story about caregivers who seem more like guardian angels.*

*Retired Air Force Colonel Charles Seebach, USMA Class of 1923, knew he was dying that day in July 1969 when Army Lieutenant Colonel Vince Bailey '52 came to visit him in his Washington, D.C. home.*

*Colonel Seebach, whose wife had died several years before, was afraid, but it was not fear of his own death that dominated his thoughts—he was afraid because there would be no one to care for his 39-year-old son, Timothy Metz Seebach '52, who had suffered permanent brain damage in a terrible automobile accident many years before.*

*"What's going to happen to Tim?" Colonel Seebach asked Vince Bailey, with tears in his eyes.*

*"Don't worry," Bailey assured Seebach. "Ruth and I will see that he's taken care of." A few days later the Colonel died. That visit was the beginning of a remarkable story.*

2D LT T.M. Seebach, Oct 1952

In November 1952, Second Lieutenant Tim Seebach suffered severe head injuries in an automobile accident while stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was transferred to Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C., where he remained in a coma for several weeks. Six months later, with permanent brain damage, he was released from the hospital and placed on the Army retired list with one hundred percent disability. He then moved into his parents' home in the District of Columbia. Tim's father became his guardian.

As a cadet, Tim Seebach was highly regarded by his classmates and the West Point faculty. He participated in many extracurricular activities and was a cadet captain. He had a great sense of humor and an active social life. But the brain damage Tim suffered in the accident ended a promising military career and left him with limited social skills.

In 1962, after completing graduate school at the University of Arizona, Lieutenant Colonel Vince Bailey was assigned to Washington and called on the Seebach family. Tim had roomed with Vince for three years at West Point and was best man at the wedding of Vince Bailey and Ruth Rascius. Vince saw that Colonel Seebach needed prompt assistance in resolving an administrative problem with Tim's Army pension, which had not been paid for the past year. Vince untangled the red tape, and, during the next few years, he and Ruth became frequent visitors to the Seebach home. In 1968, Colonel Seebach became ill, just as Vince was preparing to depart for Vietnam. Ruth then accepted responsibility as court-appointed conservator for Metz, a task she still performs today.

By the time Vince returned from Vietnam the following year, Colonel Seebach was dying and, in a deeply emotional moment, told Vince of his deep concern that when he died there would be no one to help Tim. It was then that Vince promised Colonel Seebach that he and Ruth would see that Tim would be cared for. A few days later, Colonel Seebach died. After determining that no members of the Seebach family were able to care for Tim, Vince and Ruth brought him to their home in Arlington, VA, where he lived for several months. At his request, they then arranged for him to live in his own apartment nearby, under their continuing oversight. As conservator, Ruth managed Tim's finances, which included a small Army pension.

Tim got along fairly well by himself, but Ruth eventually had to do most of the shopping, because he wouldn't buy the right things to eat. Still, he could get about on his own and was outgoing and talkative. In fact, he was much more talkative than he had been before his brain injury. However, his short-term memory was poor, and he spoke rapidly, the words tumbling out of his mouth so quickly that he was often difficult to understand.

Vince and Ruth kept in close contact with Tim, and he visited their home often. Tim was known to his West Point classmates as Metz, not Tim, and the five Bailey kids called him Metz. He enjoyed the kids, except when they were fighting. When they visited Tim at his apartment, he always had some Ho-Ho cookies, which

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When the first commercial motion picture about West Point was filmed in 1924, the 15 November issue of the *The Pointer* noted that "the adventurous incidents had their basis in reality." The movie was entitled *CLASSMATES* and actually drew its story line from two unrelated incidents—one involving a cadet injured in a fight who died in 1900 shortly after resigning and another involving five cadets dismissed for leading a demonstration in 1901.

Four of the dismissed cadets subsequently became involved in engineering work in South America. One, Raymond A. Linton, was the sole survivor of a doomed expedition to the head waters of the Amazon. Linton, wracked with fever and surviving on nuts and roots, was rescued by his West Point classmates and eventually recovered fully. Linton once saw the stage



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# MATES

play *CLASSMATES*, upon which the movie was based, and was so moved by the jungle rescue scene that he rushed out of the theater. Richard Barthelmess, the star of *CLASSMATES*, stated:

> I shall go on making motion pictures, but I know that none of them will ever be such a labor of love as *CLASSMATES*. And if *CLASSMATES* can express just a fraction of the *esprit de corps* that gave America such great men as Grant, Lee and Pershing, if it can reveal some of the sacrifice, the devotion and the loyalty that go to make West Point, then I shall feel that I have some the most worthy thing in my life.

That sacrifice, devotion and loyalty persists today in these two contemporary stories about West Point classmates.

—*Editor*

## The Liberation of Tam Minh Pham

*By Christopher Scanlan, National Correspondent, Washington Bureau, Knight-Ridder*
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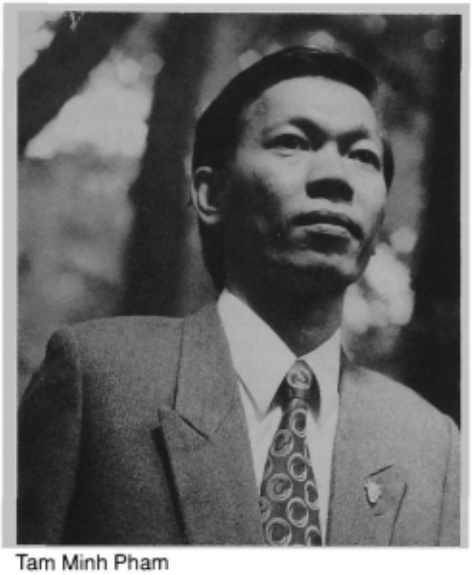

Tam Minh Pham

Another transfer was coming. But this time the inmates were going to a prison run by the Cong An, the security police. When he heard the rumor, Tam Minh Pham knew what to do. He waited for the camp to quiet down and the night air to fill with the scent of cooking fires, and then he crept out of his bamboo hut to the garden.

Each barracks was permitted a tiny plot—sweet potatoes, lettuce and herbs—to supplement the meager rations of sand-tainted rice and the snakes and rats the prisoners could catch. Glancing over his shoulder, Pham dug in the dirt until his fingers touched metal.

The rusting box once held ammunition. Now it contained 10 notebooks. For months, Pham had been scribbling his life story. He wrote in English for protection, but it also was the appropriate language for a young man's odyssey from Saigon to the United States Military Academy at West Point, from which he graduated in 1974, the first South Vietnamese ever to wear the gold Academy ring. Faithful to the West Point credo of Duty, Honor and Country, Pham returned home to rejoin the Army of the Republic of Vietnam—just in time to experience its final, humiliating defeat. Then, like hundreds of thousands of others, he disappeared into the gulag of reeducation camps scattered in the jungles when the Americans withdrew in 1975.

He fantasized sometimes that his West Point classmates would rescue him—swooping out of the clouds, cadets in dress gray, carrying him and his friends to freedom.

Crouching now in the dirt, he took the tattered notebooks out of the ammo box and leafed through the pages. It was all there, good and bad: the Tet Offensive, his turning point; his four years at West Point with McBrayer, Hogan, Ciupak and his other buddies in Company I-2; the chaotic April day he lost his class ring and his country. He thought of the memoir as his breath, his heartbeat, and the child of his soul.

How he wished his rescuers would come now; he'd even stay behind if they could just take his memoir back, so cadets could learn what he had learned about survival. He didn't dare risk trying to smuggle it into the police camp; a written tribute to democracy and friendship with Americans might as well be a death warrant. He began burning the notebooks, a few pages at a time, afraid that a larger fire might attract the guards.

The air was alive with cricket song, the distant calls of ducks, the hissing of campfires. But he had never felt so alone or forgotten. He looked up at the sky, shot with stars. How vast the universe, he thought, and yet there was no room in this world for these pages. Tears rolled down his cheeks as the wind took the ashes of his life story and carried them, dancing like fireflies, into the jungle beyond.

In an attic on a wooden street in Arlington, Virginia, Tam Minh Pham sits in front of a computer screen, typing, trying to resurrect the words that went up in flames 13 years ago, "to share my experience so people can benefit without having to go through the ordeal."

The liberation of Tam Minh Pham, the happy conclusion of a journey that began with so much hope and then detoured into tragedy, is one man's story and two nations'. It is yet another way that Vietnam stays with us, nearly two decades after the last helicopters of Operation Frequent Wind lifted off from the roof of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, taking the last lucky

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Metz Seebach, July 1992

Metz (left) at 35th Reunion, 1987

## Looking After Timothy: A Story About Friendship

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were a big treat for little Matt Bailey, then two years old. One day, they visited Tim when he had run out of Ho-Ho's, and Matt said "No Ho-Ho's? Bad Metz! Bad Metz!" Tim remembered this, asking Matt in later years when he was a teenager, "You still think I'm a bad Metz?" and laughing.

Tim was getting along okay in Arlington, although he was once knocked down by a car, whose driver, seeing that Tim was not badly hurt, just drove away from the scene of the accident.

Vince, a helicopter pilot with a master's degree in aeronautical engineering, retired from the Army in 1972 and joined Sikorsky in Stratford, CT. Tim remained in Arlington until the following spring, when events made it clear that this arrangement wouldn't work. Ruth flew down and brought Tim to the Bailey home in Fairfield. A few days later, Vince drove down to Arlington and brought Tim's furniture and belongings to Fairfield in a rental truck. After living for a short period with the Baileys, Tim was provided with his own apartment in nearby Bridgeport and then was moved to an apartment in the home of John Kopyto and the late Mrs. Kopyto. The Kopytos were a "nice couple," Ruth says, and were very understanding about Tim. From the Kopyto home on King's Highway West in the Southport section of Fairfield, Tim could walk to stores and churches in a safe environment.

Fairfield was a solid community, with people who were friendly. This was important, because Tim needed to be around understanding people. His main pleasure in life became social contact, and he would often talk to complete strangers. They usually could not understand him. Whenever he passed an American flag during his walks, he would stop and salute, bringing curious stares from passersby. Metz went to church often. He attended Mass at St. Thomas church on the Post Road on Sundays and often on weekdays. Ruth handled the laundry, shopping and housecleaning tasks, and Tim was a regular guest at the Bailey home during holidays and at many other times throughout the year.

Taking care of someone who is handicapped like Tim makes some people uncomfortable. One woman, who had taken Tim to dinner at a restaurant with her husband, said she wouldn't do it again because he embarrassed her too much with his talkativeness and the odd things he would often say. "You can't let yourself be embarrassed," Vince says. "You've got to expect it. It didn't bother me at all. Tim has a good time talking to strangers, and it's one of the few joys the guy gets out of life.

"I'd take him into a restaurant and he'd have a beer and then start talking to strangers, even though people couldn't understand much of what he said. I'd never explain unless somebody came up and asked, 'Who is this guy? He's kind of strange.' Then I'd tell them he's a West Point graduate who had brain damage in an accident. I let him talk to people whenever he wanted to."

"You just have to let him talk to people," Ruth emphasized.

The years came and went in Fairfield, as the Bailey kids grew up. Tim Seebach was there for holidays, birthdays and just for company. Occasionally, Ruth, Vince and Tim would drive to West Point to watch the Army team play football, and the three of them would sometimes sing old songs—the only ones Tim remembered. At one homecoming game, they were invited to a cocktail party at the home of 1952 classmate Walt Ulmer, then a brigadier general and commandant of cadets. A number of classmates and wives were there. Afterward, as Vince and Tim walked toward the dining hall where they were to have dinner, Tim said, "Dammit, Vince, what's the matter with me? I can remember 40 years ago, but I can't remember what happened yesterday. Where did we just come from? Whose house was that?"

"That was Walt Ulmer's house. You remember him."

"Oh yeah, that's right. Okay. Where are we going now?" Tim replied.

"We're going to the mess hall. We're going to have dinner," Vince explained. It was a nice dinner, even though Tim accidentally dropped some steaks. But that was no problem to Vince. He just laughed about it and helped pick them up.

Tim read a lot during those years—the local newspaper, *Time* magazine and *Reader's Digest* were favorites. He also worked crossword puzzles and watched television—especially old comedy shows, like Groucho Marx and Sergeant Bilko.

In 1984, Tim began to fall down occasionally. He was having trouble with his balance. Sometimes the falls resulted in cuts to his head, and Ruth Bailey got calls from the hospital emergency room to come and pick Tim up. This condition worsened in 1989 and 1990. "By that time," Vince says, "Tim had more stitches on his head than a hockey player." On New Year's Eve 1990, Ruth was unable to reach Tim by phone during the day, but didn't worry, thinking Vince must have taken him somewhere. When Vince returned home in the late afternoon, Ruth learned that he had not seen Tim. They rushed over to his apartment and looked through the window. Tim was sitting on the floor, where he had fallen while attempting to put on his



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trousers. They called the emergency rescue service. One of the rescue people broke a pane of glass and gained entry into the apartment. Tim's fall had broken his hip.

"I heard the phone ringing," Tim told Ruth. "I just couldn't move."

At St. Vincent's hospital in Bridgeport, Tim got a hip replacement and was transferred to the Veteran's Administration hospital in West Haven. Now Vince and Ruth realized they had to arrange for Tim to have more care. The Baileys had already decided that they would return eventually to Washington's Virginia suburbs, where their three daughters lived. So with VA assistance available, they moved Tim to a small, pleasant nursing home in Annandale, VA.

Tim is there now, occasionally enjoying visits from the Baileys' daughters and from West Point classmates who live in the Washington area. Despite his handicap, Tim is a very popular resident of the home, well-liked by the staff and other residents. He has an engaging, vigorous personality, and his conversation is laced with comments that show his loyalty to the patriotic ideals of his youth. On the walls of his room are his West Point diploma and his 1952 certificate of commission in the regular army. His handshake is firm and he smiles often. He tells a story about an Army chaplain decorated for heroism in World War II and asks "You can't measure courage, can you?" But of course, Tim Seebach's love of life is also a mark of courage.

During all those years—nearly a quarter of a century—Vince and Ruth never wavered in their commitment to Tim Seebach and their promise to his father—despite the family hardships caused by Vince's tours of duty in Korea and Vietnam and the challenges of raising their own five children. The Baileys didn't have to support Tim financially, because he had his pension and assistance from the Veteran's Administration. But it was the Baileys who took upon themselves the enormous responsibility for looking after Tim's welfare, so that he would never be alone. To those who ask how the Baileys could possibly have given so much for so long, Vince has a single answer: "The one who made it all possible is Ruth."

On 24 May, during their 40th reunion, the West Point Class of 1952 stunned the Baileys by presenting them with a beautiful Steubenware bowl. The class president, retired Major General Richard Larkin, said "Because Vince and Ruth Bailey accepted the great responsibility, and selflessly have given love and care to our classmate Metz Seebach for nearly a quarter of a century, seeking neither recognition nor reward, they have earned the profound thanks and deepest admiration of the entire class. There are no better examples of strong and loving friends than Vince and Ruth. Today we wish to honor them, as they have honored us."

On the circular base that holds the glass bowl are these words: "To Ruth and Vince Bailey. For compassion and dedication beyond measure."

There is a larger meaning to this story about Timothy Seebach and the Baileys, known well to the many caregivers you never hear about—people who quietly and selflessly care for those who are handicapped and elderly and seriously ill. They reflect the best and deepest of a society. It may well be that the true wealth of a civilization is measured not by its art, its monuments or its wealth, but by the way it cares for its most helpless members. Look there for heroes.

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## The Liberation of Tan Minh Pham

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few. And so, while it is a story about friendship, families and brotherhood, it's also about turning your back on someone who once mattered. And ultimately, because of a determined few unwilling to forget, it became the story of a rescue.

At Vo Truong Toan High School in Saigon, Pham wanted to be an electrical engineer; maybe even study in the United States like his father, who attended Michigan State in the 1950s and later became a high-ranking aide to the prime minister. But all that changed after the Tet Offensive.

When the crack of AK-47s filled the air on 31 January 1968, Pham, and most everyone else in the South Vietnamese capital, assumed they were fireworks heralding the lunar new year, not part of a surprise North Vietnamese attack.

In the United States, the sight on the evening news of dead guerrillas, sprawled on the manicured lawns of the American Embassy, triggered a different reaction that marked the first step of our retreat from Vietnam: If General William Westmoreland says the Viet Cong are so close to defeat, then what the heck are they doing in downtown Saigon?

But while Tet spurred our eventual disengagement from the Vietnam War, for Pham it was only the beginning. That summer, as American kids took to the streets in Chicago, he applied to the Vietnamese National Military Academy in Dalat. He did so well that in 1970, during his second year, he was picked to compete for a unique opportunity: a West Point education.

That spring, West Point got a new superintendent, General William A. Knowlton, a veteran of the Vietnam War determined to add a South Vietnamese to the ranks of incoming cadets. With the Vietnam War on, Congress had created four new slots for our Southeast Asian allies. South Koreans and a Thai took the first three. "Everybody kind of forgot about the Vietnamese," says Knowlton. The Academic Board had settled on two finalists for the remaining spot: a Malaysian with excellent English and a not-as-fluent South Vietnamese candidate. The Malaysian had the edge, but Knowlton spotted a note from an instructor in the Vietnamese candidate's file: Cadet Tam Minh Pham thinks *in English*.

By the time Pham arrived at West Point in July 1970, Henry Kissinger had already begun his secret peace talks in Paris. Of course, the Class of '74 didn't know that.

"We all assumed we were going," says Patrick A. McBrayer, who roomed with Pham at West Point. Back then, he was an idealist, sandy-haired kid from Forest City, NC, who decided on West Point in the sixth grade, inspired by *The Long Gray Line*, director John Ford's 1955 ode to the Academy. He and Pham were assigned to Company I-2. Pham coached McBrayer in math. McBrayer's lessons helped Pham graduate from the "Rock Squad" of non-swimmers.

Pham assimilated. He dated a general's daughter. Dwarfed in a land of Brobdingnagians, he mastered karate. Required to attend church, he dutifully attended Protestant services. But the war hovered like a storm cloud. Reading the *New York Times* left at his door every morning, Pham could see his country falling apart.

Gradually, it became clear that only one member of the Class of '74 would be going to Vietnam after graduation. In January 1973, when the news of a peace agreement was broadcast, Pham was watching.

On Graduation Day, Pham and McBrayer tossed their caps into the air. Outside the stadium, they embraced and pledged to stay in touch. "West Point's loss is Vietnam's gain," reads Pham's entry in the 1974 *Howitzer*.

The new ARVN lieutenant strode off the plane at Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport in August 1974, resplendent in dress whites. A saber with a gold hilt gleamed at


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his side. The sight dazzled his younger sister Thanh-Dung, who was preparing to leave Vietnam to study in America. She would carry that fairy-tale vision of her brother for years.

April 30, 1975. Second Lieutenant Pham and 60 Vietnamese Military Academy Cadets were holed up at Thu Duc, an infantry school just outside Saigon. They'd been in retreat for a month, trying to stay ahead of the North Vietnamese. Pham had just lost his West Point ring.

A month earlier, the black sapphire stone had dropped out somewhere. A bad sign, he'd thought. The North Vietnamese had already captured the province of Tay Ninh. Then the town of Ban Me Thuot, perilously close to Dalat, fell in a single day. The military academy was evacuated, officers leading the cadets southwest toward Saigon. Pham put the ring with its empty socket in the shirt pocket of his fatigues. And now it, too, was gone.

Heartsick, Pham searched the barracks, but had to give up the hunt when two North Vietnamese tanks, hulking Soviet-made T-54s, rumbled through the camp gates. The retreat from Dalat, where Pham had taught cadets the tactics, leadership and other skills he acquired at West Point, had come without a shot being fired. But now his men were equipped with antitank guns. Pham positioned a fire team in the barracks window. "San sang," he ordered. "Nham." They took aim. "Ban!"

One of the enemy tanks rocked to a halt, billowing smoke and fire. The other fled. The cadets cheered, but victory was brief. "We were only single swallows, which could not make a whole spring," Pham says.

Under smoky skies, Pham and his men joined the surreal exodus along Highway 1. Detouring onto a jungle path, Pham could hear the enemy tanks clattering beside them on the macadam, victors and vanquished both aiming for the capital. Shortly after noon, a North Vietnamese tank burst through the gates of the presidential palace in Saigon.

The war was over. At first, nothing happened. Pham shed his uniform. He and a buddy supported themselves as sidewalk bicycle repairmen. Eventually, the North Vietnamese began summoning the Nguy, the "puppet" soldiers and administrators of South Vietnam, for "re-education." For junior officers like Pham, the sentence was supposed to be 10 days.

Nguyen Van Nhan, a former South Vietnamese infantry officer, entered a bamboo hut at the reeducation camp somewhere in the province of Phuoc Long. Another prisoner was lying on a bamboo bed, shivering under a blanket. His skin was dark, and every inch of it, except for his palms and face, was covered with scabies that left bloody welts. Nhan, who had been trained at Fort Benning, GA, soon learned he had something in common with his new hut mate, Pham. Because they had trained in the United States, they were treated like dirt.

Tam Minh Pham and his wife, Kim Chi.

By then, June 1976, Pham had been a prisoner of war for nearly a year in a camp so deep in the jungle bordering Cambodia that there was no need for a fence. Pham recalls no education; just the painful lessons of revenge, hard labor and deprivation.

Before the collapse of South Vietnam, U.S. officials warned of an inevitable bloodbath if the Americans pulled out. "One of the great false alarms of all time," George McGovern told the Senate in 1976. Yet, according to a 1985 study published in the *Washington Quarterly* by Jacqueline Desbarats and Karl D. Jackson, two Vietnam experts then at the University of California, Berkeley, an international survey of 800 Vietnamese refugees indicates that, between 1975 and 1982, "at least 65,000" people were executed in Vietnam.

The researchers said they did not count those consigned to what refugees called the "slow death" in the re-education camps and prisons, "those who died by accident (such as clearing minefields), those who died from malnutrition, disease, or exhaustion, those who committed suicide, or those who simply disappeared."

If the prisoners were lucky, they got a bowl of filthy rice a day, or an undigestible sorghum cereal usually fed to horses. Pham learned to make something called "rats seven dishes," to make a meal of snakes, a snack of ants and worms.

Guards surprised him and his friends one night as they discussed the inevitable collapse of communism and threatened for hours to shoot them. Moments like that, he says, taught him more than four years at West Point. They are the reason he has titled his book-in-progress *Rendezvous with Yourself*.

"Despite all this, and this is what I want to remember—there is a positive side to what we underwent," Pham writes. "It is that, the more you suffer, the more you come to know yourself."

In February 1981, after Pham had spent five years and eight months in captivity, the police unexpectedly set him free—by an administrative mistake. He returned home to Saigon, now called Ho Chi Minh City.

Pham eked out a living teaching English to Vietnamese like himself: "socially dangerous persons" tarred by their links to the United States.

For support, he and his family depended on his sister, who was stranded in America after Saigon fell. Living in Washington, Thanh-Dung worked three jobs to send money, medicines and consumer goods her family could use, barter or bribe with. She sent a stream of letters to West Point, the State Department and Capitol Hill in a fruitless quest to win their release.

In 1984, Pham tried to get a boat out, but the police showed up just before the sampan pushed off; he had to give them all his money to escape arrest. Write your friends at West Point, his mother said. When I get a chance, he said.

During his State of the Union message in 1985, President Reagan introduced Jean Nguyen, a Vietnamese refugee due to graduate from West Point in the spring. Newspaper stories erroneously described her and another cadet as the academy's first Vietnamese graduates; there was no mention of Tam Minh Pham, Class of 1974.

That same year, a friend of Pham's mother introduced him to her niece, Kim Chi Trang, a soft-spoken 23-year-old who lived at home caring for her handicapped mother. They dated, meeting in cafés after his classes and talking for hours about many things—except his imprisonment.


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They married three years later. The newlyweds, like many Vietnamese, honeymooned in Dalat, the "City of Love." Pham wanted to show his bride the national military academy, but it was now off-limits and heavily guarded. The closest they could get was a hilltop a few miles away.

When the Vietnamese government, desperate for economic aid, began to open its borders in the late 1980s, Thomas Marks '72 was among the first visitors. Marks, a schoolteacher in Hawaii and "chief foreign correspondent" for *Soldier of Fortune* magazine, met Pham in 1988 at the Caravelle Hotel.

Back home, Marks wrote a bitter article about the trip, disguising Pham's identity but using his story "to explain what happened to these people when we just pulled the plug. We left an entire army we created, all of our intelligence people. There are some guys who are still hiding to this day." *Soldier of Fortune* headlined the piece, "Ho Chi Minh City's Living Dead. Abandoned ARVN Vets: Outcasts in a Troubled Land."

Meanwhile, Pham himself finally wrote to his classmates. "Hi, I am really at a loss of what to say after 15 years not having been able to see you guys!" the letter began. "I surmise, however, that you must be in pretty much better shape than I am." The letter was carried to the United States in 1989 by one of the American businessmen he had met through Marks. It was published in the July 1989 issue of *ASSEMBLY*.

In the letter, Pham mentioned McBrayer and other friends, but only touched on his ordeal. The letter was signed, "P.M. Tam USMA '74."

"Daddy, why don't you help him?"

Carson McBrayer, 6, asked her father that question soon after the *ASSEMBLY* with Pham's letter arrived at their house in Yardley, PA.

His daughter's question, so obvious and innocent, pierced McBrayer. He'd wondered what happened to Pham. He had made occasional calls to the Association of Graduates, checked with the State Department, even tried to send money through a relief agency. Of McBrayer, the *Howitzer* yearbook noted, "We will remember him as one who valued ideals and friendship as his most cherished possessions." But he knew his attempts had been halfhearted.

After five years as an infantry officer, McBrayer had gone to work for Johnson & Johnson. In 1987, venture capitalists had asked him to help start a new company, Osteotech.

Now he made a vow to his wife, Leslie, "I'm going to do something. I made things happen in the military. I made things happen in business. I can make things happen here." But when he tracked down Pham's sister in Gaithersburg, Thanh-Dung was skeptical. Now an American citizen married to Henry Cohn, a Department of Veterans Affairs lawyer, she had a folder bulging with platitudes and buck-passing, the legacy of her losing battles with the bureaucracy.

But McBrayer persisted. He organized a "Free Tam Committee" and persuaded the accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand to set it up and a New Jersey bank to run it, free. His company paid for a direct-mail campaign that sold T-shirts and netted $15,000 from classmates and other West Pointers.

By Christmas 1989, he had a man on the ground in Thailand, an Asian businessman with high-level contacts, who was cutting through the red tape that snarled the Orderly Departure Program. Through his sister's efforts, Pham's name had been on the list of refugees acceptable to U.S. officials since 1984—a roll that five years later still had 600,000 names. The catch: The Vietnamese had to agree.

Former superintendent Knowlton, who had written Pham several letters he never got, pleaded Pham's case to General John W. Vessey, Jr., the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who is the presidential emissary to Hanoi for POW-MIA affairs. Tipped off by Marks, a Thai West Pointer also got word to Vessey. During a negotiating session, Vessey handed the foreign minister of Vietnam an envelope. Inside was a pitch for Pham's release.

A Communication from the Free Tam Committee:

*"To: The Pride of the Corps '74"*

*"At 22:45 hours of May 31, 1991, Pham Minh Tam returned to the United States, seventeen years after our graduation. He was accompanied by his wife Kim Chi. After many years of waiting and hoping, this mission has been accomplished."*

"I don't think we'll ever know exactly what triggered the Vietnamese to let him go," says Vessey. In the end, it may have been simply the growing chorus of voices calling for Pham's release. McBrayer insists he was a "small player" and is quick to credit Knowlton, his classmates and, most of all, the tireless efforts of Pham's sister, who never gave up, even when it seemed everyone else had.

She and Pham, however, have no doubt about their greatest benefactor, who waited nervously with the Cohns at National Airport a year ago for a plane from Bangkok. Lewis Sorley, a West Pointer who has befriended Pham, says it best: "The day West Point assigned Pat McBrayer as Tam's roommate was the luckiest day of his life."

The night Pham arrived in America, he and McBrayer were sitting around the Cohns' kitchen table in Gaithersburg. Thanh-Dung excused herself and went upstairs. She's now a successful benefits consultant for the Wyatt Co. But in 1976, when she didn't know if she would ever see her brother again and she was a cashier at Blackie's House of Beef and working two other jobs that netted her only $300 a month, she had wanted to buy something by which her parents could remember their eldest son. From the upstairs linen closet, she brought down a copy of the *Howitzer*, his class yearbook. The other gift she had needed a general's permission to buy.

"Does this look familiar?" she asked her brother, placing on the table a glistening saber of German steel, a scarlet tassel hanging from its gold hilt, just like the one he had carried so proudly the day he came home from West Point.

Through the years Pham was held without trial, surviving death threats and scabies, living on vermin, his classmates were rising through the ranks, going to graduate school, falling in love, getting married, having children, getting out of the service and discovering that a West Point ring could be the key to the executive suite.

For his first six months in America, Pham couldn't even get a job washing floors or dishing out ice cream. Last fall, he finally found work as a teacher's aide at Cardozo High School. He still hasn't left Vietnam behind: His days are spent helping Vietnamese immigrant children, many of them Amerasians, the abandoned offspring of GIs. His wife works as a home attendant caring for their wheelchair bound landlady.

The couple shares a tiny room with slanted walls, twin beds, cast-off furniture. Between them they were allowed to bring only 40 pounds of belongings into this country—among them clothes, Pham's West Point diploma and dog-eared books and tapes with the favorite sermons of his Zen Buddhist masters.

Pham seems free of any bitterness about the years that went by without a word from his American friends. "That's understandable," he says. "It's like a wound. No one wants to open it up. Why should we?" The soldier who endured six years of prison emerged a serene philosopher. "I don't blame anyone...If I had stayed back here after graduation I would be so rich now,


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but I wouldn't have the mental attitude I have."

Enlightenment hasn't immunized him completely from worldly delights. They have a new Toshiba color television and a VCR. Their favorite tape displays the date "Sep.28.91" and features the Corps of Cadets marching under a crisp blue sky, commands echoing across the parade ground at West Point.

Guests of honor that day, they sat in the Superintendent's box for the Army-Harvard football game. When the announcer introduced Pham at half-time, the Corps of Cadets rose in a standing ovation. The Superintendent gave him a brass medal with the words "Welcome home" inscribed on the back.

It may not be the nicest thing to say, but this guy got lost in the shuffle," Pat McBrayer says, trying to explain why it took 17 years for Pham to be returned to the fold. "We weren't getting anyone out," argues Vessey. "The fact is, we did not have much influence." America's focus, understandably, was on its own POWs and MIAs, McBrayer says. "As a country we were concerned about other things. We had El Salvador and Panama; and Vietnam was something everybody wanted to forget. And Pham was part of Vietnam. And he was forgotten."

West Point rings gleam on the hands of most of the men sitting in Salon B of the Corcoran Ballroom at the Four Seasons Hotel. It's Valentine's Day, and Thanh-Dung Cohn and her husband Henry have joined about 25 West Pointers for a tribute organized by McBrayer. The night before, Pham's former company mates, the men of I-2, drank beers and swapped tales in McBrayer's suite. Summer Field Training Exercises, 1973; Cadet Pham's job is to fire a flare at the approach of helicopters. But his flare hits a chopper, forcing it down. "I can't believe it!" the pilot says after the cadets explain what happened. "Two tours in Vietnam, and I get shot down by a Vietnamese in Fort Hood, Texas!"

Beside each china dinner plate is a program for the evening's tribute., On the cover is Pham's picture. Below it is a verse from "The Corps:"

*"The long gray line of us stretches*
*Through the years of a century told,*
*And the last man feels to his marrow*
*The grip of your far off hold."*

Pham and Kim Chi are beaming at the center table. It's been quite an evening already. Vincent Stafford, a producer for NBC, has showed a tape of "Portraits of Freedom," an upcoming documentary that features Pham's story. The hotel has presented them with an all-expenses-paid weekend. McBrayer's company has given the budding author a personal computer and printer. There is even a 1986 Oldsmobile, represented by a photo.

The friends of Pham have another mission now. They're working with Rep. Jack Reed (D-RI and West Point '71) to get a private bill through Congress to win Pham speedy citizenship, which would help his permanent job prospects.

There is one more item of unfinished business, a final act of healing. Classmate James Hogan, now a corporate vice president in California, takes the podium. "Kim Chi, could you come up here, please?" From the pocket of his pin-stripe suit, Hogan removes a thick 14-karat-gold ring emblazoned with the class crest and its motto, "Pride of the Corps '74."

"Oh. Oh," Pham says, shaking his head when he realizes what it is. He whispers, "I'm so honored."

Hogan helps Kim Chi slip the ring on her husband's finger. The room erupts in applause. Pham looks as boyish as a cadet at the Ring Hop 20 years ago. He lifts his hand in a gesture that somehow seems caught between a salute and a blessing. Light from a chandelier catches the gold as Tam Minh Pham turns from side to side on the platform, bowing to his friends, his class ring held high, flashing.


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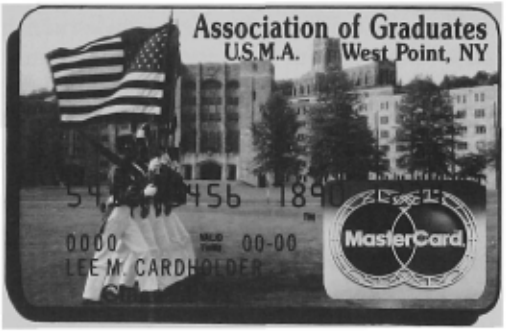


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# Women at West Point: An Update

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On 1 July 1976, one-hundred nineteen young women raised their right hands on the parade field at West Point to take the oath as USMA cadets in the Class of 1980. More recently, in June of 1991, the Academy matriculated and commissioned its 1,000th female graduate. Much has transpired in the intervening fifteen years. Throughout, the Academy's commitment to gender integration has been unqualified. Similarly, the success of its women has been unquestionable. One has only to look at the representation of women among the Academy's Rhodes, Hertz and Marshall Scholars; All-American athletes; White House Fellows; and secondary zone promotions to begin to grasp the extent of their success. Many women have further distinguished themseleves in Operations Just Cause, Desert Shield and Desert Storm. And at least one female graduate has already paid the ultimate price of stewardship to country.

Recent events and news media stories, however, are focusing public scrutiny on the extent to which women in uniform endure harassment and senseless degradation. These reports have caused some to question the commitment of the military, in general, and the Academy, in particular, to gender integration. Still others question the efficacy with which that commitment is operationalized in programs and policies for cadet development. For example, many newspapers recently published the results of a General Accounting Office (GAO) study comparing the frequency of sexual harassment at the federal service academies. These figures suggested that sexual harassment occurs more frequently at West Point than at Annapolis or Colorado Springs.

The GAO study comes at a time when the Academy has just completed a detailed assessment of its efforts to achieve gender integration. In May of 1991, the Defense Advisory Committee on Women In The Services (DACOWITS) tasked the service academies to prepare a comprehensive evaluation of the assimilation, acceptance, utilization and treatment of female cadets. The USMA Report on the Integration and Performance of Women at West Point was subsequently published and briefed to the DACOWITS in the spring of 1992. That initiative was supplemented by a Gender Integration Survey administered to the staff and faculty in March of 1992. These two reports are integral to understanding the status of gender integration at USMA. More important, perhaps, they provide an essential context against which to evaluate the findings cited by the GAO.

This article summarizes key results from both of these reports and provides an update on the status of gender integration at USMA. This purpose is best served by first examining the Academy's institutional approach to gender integration insofar as policy and programs are concerned and then examining the performance of women as candidates, as cadets in each of the Academy's three developmental programs, and as commissioned officers in the field army. Finally, attitudes and perceptions relevant to gender integration will be discussed with specific focus on the issue of sexual harassment.

### Institutional Approach

The West Point Experience is largely defined by three progressive, challenging and inter-dependent developmental programs: Academic, Military and Physical. Moral-ethical development is emphasized in each of these programs. Since admitting women in 1976, Academy leaders have made a concerted effort to determine those changes in program requirements necessary to realize gender integration. Toward this end, it has been a matter of policy to recognize gender-specific requirements or standards only in those activities where physiological differences warrant such differentiation.

As a result, gender-based differentiation rarely occurs across the four years of the West Point Experience. This is particularly true in the academic and military programs. The physical program, however, must appropriately recognize certain gender-based physiological differences that impact on performance. Such differentiation, however, is relatively insignificant in light of all that cadets are required to do during their four years at the Academy. By every measure of meaningful comparison, female cadets negotiate the same challenging regimen as male cadets. Charges of "double standards" or that the Academy has lowered standards to accommodate women are patently incorrect. In fact, standards have risen.

### The Admissions Process

Candidates for admission are evaluated along dimensions which reflect the Academy's developmental focus. Hence, each is evaluated for academic, leadership and physical potential. Those found to be best qualified are offered admission. This point is important, because misinformed critics have been known to advance the view that women admitted to USMA take the place of better qualified men. The factual record, however, supports an altogether different conclusion.

Whereas men have traditionally scored higher than women on the physical dimen-



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sion (for each of the past 11 classes), women have scored higher than men in both academic potential (9 out of the past 11 classes) and leadership potential (8 out of the past 11 classes). In fact, the differences are slight and not statistically significant. But they are a matter of record. Hence, *the objective data does not show that men (as a group) score better than women in the admissions process.*

Admitting young men and women to the Military Academy is a complex process. In addition to being evaluated for academic, leadership and physical potential, candidates must also meet specified medical criteria and earn a nomination as prescribed by law. The decision process further recognizes the need to balance each class along several dimensions. Accordingly, class composition objectives are used to prioritize and guide admissions initiatives. These objectives pertain to minorities, athletes, scholars and leaders, as well as to women. They should not be confused with quotas. They are not. Quotas sometimes legitimize violation of selection standards. Class composition objectives do not. They never constitute justification for admitting a candidate who is not fully qualified.

The simple fact is that women admitted to the Academy earn their place in each class. Indeed, if the Academy were to admit candidates solely on the basis of objective scores, then the number of women it *should* have accepted would be virtually the same as the number it *has* accepted. Take for example, the Class of 1994. Among candidates for admission, 2,050 were fully qualified and, of these, 235 were women. Actual admissions, based on Title 10 authorizations, resulted in an enrolled class strength of 1,340. Statistical distribution by objective score alone would place 164 women among this group of fully qualified candidates. And that is the precise number of women enrolled with the class of 1994. Results for the Classes of 1995 and 1996 are essentially the same. Thus, there is no basis for the view that women at West Point replace better-qualified men. They do not. Rather, women earn their way into the Academy.

### The Academic Program

West Point's Academic Program has long been regarded as challenging. Results from recent accreditation visits attest to its quality and vitality. Against the demanding standards to which cadets are held in academic endeavors, women have consistently demonstrated that they can excel. Their performance is almost identical to that of men. Women have earned their share of academic "stars" and are proportionately represented on the Dean's List.

The only area of academic interest in which women differ from men concerns preference for elective study (major, field of study, etc.). Women tend to prefer academic disciplines in the humanities and social sciences, whereas men tend to prefer disciplines in math, science and engineering. Such preferences notwithstanding, approximately 35% of the women at West Point specialize in math, science and engineering, as opposed to approximately 55% of the men. Women's preference for the humanities and social sciences is, in fact, consistent with societal norms. The core curriculum, however, retains a strong math-science-engineering emphasis, comprising slightly more than 50% of the credit-hours required of all cadets. Hence, every graduate, regardless of elective major or field of study, earns the bachelor of science degree.

Female cadets have performed exceptionally well in competition for national academic honors. One third of the Rhodes scholarships awarded to cadets since 1980 have gone to women. Results from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) provide yet another measure of performance at the national level. The GRE is administered each year to those select students from other colleges and universities aspiring to graduate study. By contrast, at West Point it is required of all seniors. The results provide powerful testimony to the quality of the USMA academic program. Both male and female cadets consistently score higher than national norms in all areas of evaluation. Men tend to score higher than women on the quantitative section, while women tend to score higher than men on the verbal section. Both groups exceed national averages for each of these dimensions.

### The Military Program

The Military Program consists of 16 activities that span the four-year experience. These include four summer training events, eight semesters of military duties within the cadet chain of command and four military science courses. In addition, every cadet may choose one or more summer military training opportunities. Examples include Airborne School, Northern Warfare Training and Air Assault School, among others. Military Science electives are also available. Women are full participants in all aspects of the Military Program. They take part in all activities and events and are held to the same standards as male cadets.

Performance in each of the sixteen military activities is evaluated and graded. Cadets subsequently receive performance reports from the chain of command which are considered by the Tactical Officer in assigning a Military Program activity grade. These grades are then accumulated. As in the Academic Program, the performance of women is indistinguishable from that of men. This parity applies in the area of conduct and discipline, as well.

Cadets are selected for rank and responsibility consistent with their developmental needs and potential. In most cases, an individual selected to be a Cadet Captain has performed exceptionally well in previous duty positions. Women have attained the rank of Cadet Captain at substantially the same rate as their male classmates. To date, a woman has served as First Captain and two have been Deputy Brigade Commanders. Women have also been successful Regimental, Battalion and Company Commanders and have served in all major positions in the cadet chain of command.

The assignment of women to positions of high responsibility has sometimes led to discussion of the criteria for selection. There have been perceptions that women were chosen for leadership positions out of proportion to their numbers. In fact, from 1981 to 1991, on average, 12% of the men and 10% of the women have been selected to the rank of Cadet Captain. This achievement is not the result of quotas. Rather, it reflects both manner of performance and potential for development in positions of increased responsibility. This view is reinforced by members of the Staff and Faculty. A significant majority agree that women receive cadet rank because of demonstrated performance and potential, as opposed to the operation of an equal-opportunity-based quota system.

### The Physical Program

All cadets participate in a very demanding four-year Physical Program. The curriculum includes physical education courses, fitness tests and competitive sports. As with performance in the Academic and Military Programs, the performance of women in the Physical Program is virtually indistinguishable from that of men.

On the other hand, there is some *gender differentiation* in this area of cadet development, based on physiological and sociological differences which distinguish men from women. For example, as Plebes, women train in hand-to-hand combatives while men take boxing and wrestling. As Third Class cadets, however, men and women take combatives together. There are also different standardized scales


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which determine fitness test scores for men and women. These adjustments reflect the principle that men and women should be challenged to excel against objectives that are both demanding and realistic. This is the same principle applied widely in assigning weight categories for boxers and wrestlers, adjustments for age and gender on the APFT, and adjustments for height and weight standards in Army Regulations. It is noteworthy that *female cadets must do more sit-ups than male cadets to max the physical fitness test*. This standard is based on differences in the distribution of body mass that make women better suited to perform this particular exercise.

Female cadets have a wide range of opportunities to compete on athletic teams at all levels (intramurals, club and Corps Squad). Twelve of sixteen intramural sports are open to both men and women. Women's club teams have been very successful. Power-lifting and Team Handball have won national championships. In Orienteering, men and women compete together. The team has won several national championships and has produced individual national champions, as well. There is also strong support for women's intercollegiate athletics, with sponsorship of eight varsity or Corps Squad teams. The success of women's varsity athletics over the years is well-documented. All teams compete at the Division I level in the NCAA, and several female athletes have attained All-American, national, regional or league honors in their sport.

### Graduation Rates and Attrition

The major substantive area in the West Point Experience where the performance of men and women can be said to differ is with respect to graduation rates. Approximately 70% of the men who have entered USMA since 1976 have graduated. The same statistic for women is approximately 60%. Much study and attention have been afforded this observation, yet little is known with certainty as to the cause or resolution. Attrition data for the classes of '94 and '95, however, suggest that this trend may well be in the process of reversing itself. Among the current Second Class, attrition for both men and women is approximately 10% lower than recent years and attrition for women is only slightly higher than that for men. Among the current Third Class, the turn-about is even more striking. In addition to being lower than previous classes at this stage, attrition for Yearling women is less than that for Yearling men. This marks the first time that women's attrition has been observed to be lower than men's attrition at USMA.

### Performance as Commissioned Officers

USMA female graduates have performed admirably as commissioned officers. Against all traditional indicators of success, they have more than met the standard. West Point's female graduates are remaining in the service at rates above the Army average and on a par with male graduates. In addition, their selection rates for promotion to captain and major are quite impressive, especially in light of the reduced promotion opportunities at all grades over the past several years. Their selection rates for advanced civil and military education are equally as impressive. In fact, promotion and selection rates for USMA's female graduates consistently exceed Army averages, as do the rates for our male graduates. In growing numbers, female graduates are returning to USMA to serve as instructors and tactical officers. And while it is still a few years before the first female graduates become senior leaders in the Army, the indicators are all positive.

### Attitudes and Perceptions

The performance data presented previously show few, if any, differences between men and women insofar as their ability to meet Academy standards. Across all three programs, the performance of women is essentially the same as that of men. Performance data, however, reveals only how well cadets are developing against institutional standards. It says little of what they think or feel about their developmental experience. Toward that end, another essential perspective from which to consider the status of gender integration comes from attitudinal data. Such data has several sources, among them: recurring internal initiatives, such as the annual First Class Survey; periodic external initiatives, such as the previously referenced GAO Survey; and special initiatives, such as the recent Gender Integration Survey completed by the Staff and Faculty. These sources confirm the significant progress that the Academy has made in the assimilation and utilization of female cadets. At the same time, they also suggest that there is a need for improvement in the treatment and acceptance of women.

Survey responses make clear that many women at West Point continue to perceive sexual harassment and/or discrimination. The most frequently cited incidents involve reports of derogatory communica-



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tions (jokes, comments, messages); mocking gestures (whistles, cat calls, slang expressions); and exposure to offensive materials (posters, signs, graffiti). Unwanted sexual advances, unwanted pressure for dates and unwanted horseplay are reported less frequently. Given the nature of these various manifestations of harassment and discrimination, however, the real concern is not so much whether they occur once a semester or once a month, but that they occur at all.

As one might expect, male cadets seldom, if ever, report instances of harassment or discrimination. On a related point, however, men and women share the same view. Significant majorities of both agree that if such behavior is reported through the chain of command, allegations are thoroughly investigated and offenders are appropriately disciplined. This assessment is reinforced by the staff and faculty as well. When asked to evaluate USMA responsiveness to reports of harassment or discrimination relative to that at their previous assignment, the vast majority rated USMA responsiveness as better. Only a small percentage rated responsiveness as being better at their previous duty station. Freedom to report incidents of sexual harassment is similarly regarded.

The other main area of concern involves the issue of acceptance. Members of the Staff and Faculty were asked to evaluate the degree to which they thought female cadets are accepted as equals by cadets and officers. While most agreed that female cadets are accepted as equals by officers, approximately a third of the male officers and one half of the female officers expressed the view that female cadets are not accepted as equals by male cadet peers and superiors. This question was not included in the GAO survey of cadets, but, given the fact that women continue to report being subject to disparaging comments, jokes and slurs, this view is probably shared by female cadets, as well.

**Commitment to Gender Integration**

Previous reference was made to the GAO finding that greater numbers of female cadets at West Point report incidents of sexual harassment than do female midshipmen and cadets at Annapolis and Colorado Springs. Plausible hypotheses abound. It could be that the questionnaires were collected or analyzed differently at each of the academies. There is no way to tell for certain, however, because the GAO has not yet released its report on USMA or made the comparative data available for analysis. The bottom line is simply that we do not know how to account for the difference. As suggested earlier, frequency of occurrence is not so much the issue as is the fact that harassment is perceived to occur at all. On one point, however, there is no doubt or ambiguity. That is the Academy's commitment to gender integration, to optimizing the developmental experience for all cadets and to the inculcation of fundamental values in each cadet. Among these values is respect for human dignity. Hence, the fact that sexual harassment and/or discrimination is believed to occur even occasionally is a matter that is regarded very seriously.

During recent years, the Academy has implemented many initiatives aimed at sensitizing cadets and officers to gender issues and to the importance of confronting and reporting all instances of perceived harassment and/or discrimination. One initiative involved seminar discussions with cadet units and the Staff and Faculty on how a leader's inadvertent behavior can "chill" a learning environment. Another involved reorganization of the institutional mechanism charged with monitoring gender, race, ethnic, religious and other diversity issues, the Human Resources Council. Yet another involved increasing cadet awareness and understanding of date or acquaintance rape. These are but a few of the many actions being taken to increase awareness of the kinds of behavior that frequently result in perceptions of rejection.

Frequently, when attention is focused on issues such as sexual harassment, there follows an increase in the frequency with which violations are reported or perceived to occur. Hence, the number of female cadets reporting perceived occurrences of harassment may ultimately reflect the level of consciousness and sensitivity afforded these matters by the institution. Survey data from members of the Staff and Faculty provide some support for this view. A majority of both male and female officers rated USMA's sensitivity to women's issues as better than at their previous assignments. Only a slight minority rated sensitivity better at their previous assignments. Similarly, USMA commitment to gender integration is highly regarded by the staff and faculty. Most view the commitment of the Academy in this regard as better than that of their previous organization.

**Putting Integration in Perspective**

Assessing the overall status of gender integration at West Point does not lend itself to trendy colloquialisms. The process is multi-faceted, the issues complex. The impressive performance record of women who have joined the Corps of Cadets has


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already been mentioned. The fact that this level of performance has been achieved while some continue to perceive instances of degradation and experience feelings of non-acceptance makes their accomplishments all the more noteworthy. It says something about the superb quality, commitment and determination of the women who earn admission to the Academy.

Yet another perspective regarding gender integration can be gleaned from responses to the aforementioned surveys. The First Class Survey asks respondents to agree or disagree with the following statement: "The integration of women has been a success." Response patterns over the years are quite consistent. A majority of women and a somewhat smaller plurality of men express agreement. On the other hand, between one-fourth and one-third of the women and a larger minority of men disagree. These figures no doubt underscore the treatment and acceptance concerns described previously. Survey results from the staff and faculty are more skewed in the positive direction. Approximately 80% agree that gender integration has been successful, whereas less than 10% disagree.

Despite the reservations of some about the success of gender integration, male and female cadets respond almost identically to questions about how they value the West Point experience. Significant majorities of both report being proud of their decision to attend and indicate that they would advise promising high school students to apply to USMA. In fact, the percentages for women are slightly higher than for men in both instances. In spite of evidence of some level of gender bias in the Corps, female cadets value the West Point experience every bit as much as male cadets.

**Conclusions**

Female cadets have faced—and met—innumerable challenges since first entering West Point in 1976. By every standard of performance, they have established a compelling record of achievement. In the admissions process, they earn their way into West Point. Those admitted are fully qualified to be cadets. During their four years at the Academy, women perform exceptionally in all areas.

They achieve standards of excellence comparable to those of men in all areas. As commissioned officers, West Point's female graduates are doing superbly. Their selection, promotion and retention rates exceed Army averages and set the standard for others to emulate.

This record is clearly impressive. Perhaps even more importantly, it underscores the tremendous contribution that women are making to the Academy. In a very real sense and in every area of endeavor—through participation in athletics, academic competition, and a wide range of extracurricular activities—they represent West Point in a manner that reflects most favorably on this venerable institution. Their greatest contribution, however, derives from the very reason for which the Academy exists: to develop leaders of character who serve the common defense. Academy graduates must be prepared to lead soldiers in a diverse, mixed-gender force. The presence of women at West Point, thus, constitutes an essential dimension of the leader development environment without which the West Point experience would not be nearly as representative or as effective. In the final analysis, women add a richness and a quality that cannot easily be expressed in words or captured in numbers.

Given the extent of this invaluable contribution, the Academy recognizes the importance of gender integration and optimizing the developmental experience of all cadets. Notwithstanding the overall view that gender integration has been successful, and in spite of all that has been accomplished, survey results make clear that some women continue to endure manifestations of rejection. These manifestations, whether blatant (unwanted sexual advances, being the target of snide jokes and comments) or subtle (insensitive use of language), clearly diminish the quality of the developmental experience for all cadets, women and men alike. The Academy, thus, remains committed to eliminating these unprofessional and degrading aspects of the West Point Experience and will work unceasingly toward that end. To do any less would constitute a disservice to the taxpayers who support us. More importantly, it would be a grave disservice to the talented and dedicated women who have joined the Long Gray Line to serve their nation in the profession of arms.

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# Election Watch, 1992: USMA Style

As the returns come in from the voting polls on the evening of 3 November, many cadets will be monitoring the results in this year's Election Watch. What you might ask is an Election Watch? This is an event sponsored every four years by the Department of Social Sciences. It is designed to complement and reinforce concepts and theory that cadets have learned in and out of the classroom. The idea is to apply course theory to a real-world event—this year's election. Cadets enrolled in the American Politics core-course and other electives will attend this event at Eisenhower Hall as an evening lecture period. All members of the West Point Community also are invited to attend.

Drawing on the academic expertise of the American Politics faculty, this year's Watch formally will begin with a series of snapshot briefings. The first two of these will provide a brief overview of the presidential and congressional elections. Faculty members who have been monitoring and analyzing electoral politics in different sections of the country then will present regional briefings. These briefings will highlight voting patterns in previous elections; the region's significance in the electoral college; key congressional races; any gubernatorial races that are being held; and (if any instructors are bold enough) predictions on electoral outcomes.

The Watch will end with an informal session at which cadets can review more details on the various regions at a series of stations. Each station will present information with audiovisual aids, reading packets and television coverage presenting the latest returns from the polls. Each station also will have an officer from the American Politics faculty serving as a resident expert on the particular region.

While the intention of the Election Watch is to provide a forum where cadets can see the application of concepts and theory rather than spark their interest in running for office or playing a large role in electoral politics, several graduates are heavily involved in the '92 Election. . . .

**Ross Perot, USNA '53.** Perhaps the biggest question facing Election Watch '92 will be the effect of this man, Ross Perot, on the outcome. After bowing out of the presidential race in July, skeleton offices of volunteers continued to petition to have his name appear on other ballots. In September, Arizona became the final state to enter his name on the ballot, and on 1 October 1992, Perot officially declared his candidacy. He apologized to his volunteers and admitted that his earlier withdrawal had been a mistake. He promised to run a campaign based solely on the issues, because "not only is government a mess, politics is also a mess." A 1953 graduate of the Naval Academy, he became a multi-millionaire after building Electronic Data Systems from a one-man, shoestring operation into a multi-billion dollar corporation. Perot has received numerous awards for public service and private enterprise. These include the DOD Medal for Distinguished Public Service (Vietnam POW's), the Winston Churchill Award, the Raoul Wallenberg Award (he was the first recipient of this award named for the Swedish diplomat credited with saving over 100,000 Hungarian Jews from the Nazis), the Patrick Henry Award (also, the first recipient), the Sarnoff Award (contributions to electronic industry) and the Eisenhower Award (for support of the Armed Forces). Perot has said, "Be resolute and unflinching in accomplishing the toughest tasks, where the odds of achieving success are against us." Many graduates of the service academies are supporting his campaign.

**Jack Reed '71** represents the 2nd District of Rhode Island. A Democrat, he is the only incumbent West Pointer in Congress. He provided the following statement in response to *ASSEMBLY* inquiries:

"West Point prepared me well for a career in public service. At a time when so many people are disappointed and dispirited by government, the principles and values I learned first from my family and then had reinforced at West Point stand me in good stead with my constituents and with my colleagues in the Congress. As the only West Point graduate in the Congress, Duty, Honor, Country remains a compelling and inspiring maxim for public service.

**The Economy**

Unemployment rates continued to surge. Moreover, working people throughout this land are fearful that their jobs are vulnerable, and, once lost, will not be replaced when the economy recovers. The only way we can bring the unemployment rate down is to stimulate economic growth.

First, we need to invest in infrastructure and diversification. I helped write a $1 billion diversification proposal passed by the House in June of this year as part of the Defense Reauthorization bill. This proposal included several of my initiatives, such as a proposal to invest in high tech research and development for environmental clean up.

In addition, I proposed that we tap the extraordinary resources of our military personnel to tackle problems here at home—using retired or early separated personnel to serve as teachers, health care workers and counselors to aid depressed urban and rural areas. My proposal was not adopted as part of this package, but elements of it were included as part of another initiative in the bill.

The Highway Bill—passed by the Congress last year—and the Emergency Job Creation Appropriations Bill still pending are the kinds of legislation we need to invest in to rebuild our infrastructure and put more Americans back to work.

Second, we must establish national spending priorities. When we are successful in restoring growth to our economy, we will be more successful in bringing the deficit down, but there are other steps we can and must take today.

While maintaining a strong military position, we have to recognize that an era of superpower military confrontation has been replaced by an era of international economic competition. We need to restructure our military forces to deal with regional conflict and reform our economy



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to develop productive jobs for all our citizens.

Finally, we must not forget about our long term planning for a strong and healthy economy. We need national health care reform because there is no other way to contain these skyrocketing costs. And we must invest in education because if we don't educate the next generation, we simply will not be able to compete economically.

**Education**

As a member of the House Education and Labor Committee and the Subcommittees on Postsecondary Education and Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Education, I have been working on educational reform during my first year and a half in Congress.

I was an active participant in writing the Higher Education Act Amendments of 1992. The primary purpose of this legislation is to increase the grants and loans available to students from hard-pressed working and middle-income familites who are now struggling to send their children to college. The final version of this legislation includes several proposals that I introduced:

The Home Equity in Education Act. Amends the federal formula so the value of a home isn't counted against families applying for financial aid.

TRIO Improvements. Strengthens TRIO programs that provide academic tutoring, mentoring, counseling about postsecondary education options and application assistance to first generation and disadvantaged students.

Pell Grant Increase. Increases the maximum Pell Grant award and child care allowance to keep pace with skyrocketing cost.

The bill also includes an expanded low-interest student loan program, reduced interest rates on student loans, and an increased income ceiling on eligibility for the Pell Grant.

**The Environment**

I am a member of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee which has jurisdiction over many environmental issues. This year, the committee is working to strengthen the Clean Water Act, protect our endangered species and ensure that oil spills are cleaned up quickly.

The Clean Water Act was first passed in 1972 with the goal of making all of our nation's waters swimmable, fishable and drinkable.

While everyone agrees with the Act's objectives, a growing concern for Congress, states, cities and towns is the need for more money to build the facilities necessary to continue to clean up the nation's waters and meet the increasingly strict requirements of the Act.

The Gulf War demonstrated to us all that a national energy policy must focus on conservation and renewable energy usage. Increased drilling alone will not eliminate our dependance on foreign oil. The House passed a comprehensive energy bill this year that includes a number of provisions designed to encourage conservation and development of alternative sources of energy.

In addition to our energy dependence, we must also address the problem of solid waste. Americans generate 180 million tons of trash a year, or 4.0 pounds per person per day. Without source reduction, this number could increase 10-20 percent by the end of the century. I have co-sponsored H.R. 828, the Recycling Initiatives Grant Program, which would authorize grants to individuals, non-profits, corporations and localities to fund research in new recycling programs.

There are some people who try to position environmental issues as a debate of jobs versus the environment; however, if we do not act now to protect our resources we are truly jeopardizing future jobs.

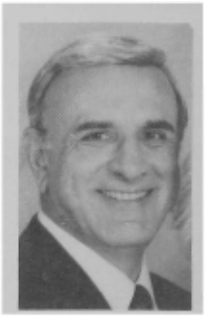
Note: Congressman Reed received a 70% margin in his primary.

**John Shimkus '80**, Republican candidate for the House of Representatives from the newly redrawn 20th District of Illinois, ousted the long-term Democrat incumbent to win the Madison County Treasurer's position two years ago. He was dubbed "Saint John" by the media when he made good last year on the seventh of seven campaign promises—returning an annual pay raise of $2,000 to the county coffers. This was made all the more difficult because he could not refuse the raise. Instead, he had to pay income taxes on the raise and then return the entire $2,000, as promised.

Shimkus supports term limits and opposes payraises for members of Congress. He also supports the Balanced Budget Amendment and a presidential line item veto over the budget process to reduce pork-barrel spending. He will sound a strong anti-incumbent note in his campaign.

Durbin, his opponent, has a less than fifty percent overall approval rating and is a vulnerable incumbent in a district almost evenly split between Republicans and Democrats. Prior to his election as Madison County Treasurer, John tought history and government at Metro-East Lutheran High School.

**John G. Pappageorge '54**, two-term Oakland County Commissioner, will run as a Republican for the US Congress in the newly formed 12th Congressional District of Michigan.



"The decision to run for Congress was not taken lightly," said Pappageorge. "I've enjoyed my work as the Republican Caucus Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and felt that I was making a useful contribution toward good county government. I'm going to miss that work. But, "he said, "it seems that all of the things I've done in my life have prepared me to be a good representative of the people in District 12 at this time in our history."

Pappageorge, born and raised in Detroit, is a retired Army colonel with a rich background in military affairs, diplomacy, business and city and county government. His strong suits include strategic planning and finance. "Washington won't be new to me, "he said. "I spent more than six years there at the Pentagon and at the State Department, plus another four at the Army War College teaching leadership and public management. Congress needs fixing. We can't continue with 'business as usual.' We have the potential and the resources in this country to do the job. What's missing is the leadership and the know-how to reshape the legislative process in the Congress. I am confident that I can make a contribution in this area."

Pappageorge took 59% of the vote in his primary. He has served as Chief of The Futures Group at the Strategic Studies Institute; on the Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff; and in the Proposal Development Center of General Dynamics Land Systems Division.



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**Donna Peterson '82**, Republican, squares off against Navy graduate Charles Wilson for the House seat from The 2nd District of Texas. Incumbent Wilson is considered the "4th most endangered Democrat" in Congress by *Roll Call*, in part due to his record of 81 House Bank overdrafts and his "good-time Charlie" image. Peterson, on the other hand, has attracted national media attention in an election year highlighting women candidates. Polls show her ahead by 6% (43% v. 37%) but likely voters polled indicate a 53% preference for a "new person" to replace Wilson and only a 31% preference for the incumbent. As a first-time challenger in 1990, Peterson received 45% of the votes cast. She is supported by the Chamber of Commerce of the USA and the Texas Farm Bureau (E.TX district). Wilson draws significant support from labor organizations. Peterson's message is simply that big money cannot win any longer. The hard-working people of East Texas will win in a solid bipartisan campaign with emphasis on conservative values and jobs.

**Jerry Cecil '66** has yet to make it past the hurdle of the Democratic primary for the 7th (now 5th) District of Kentucky, but his insights on the process are particularly instructive: "I decided to run for Congress in late 1989. The 7th Congressional District-Kentucky is the eastern portion of the state and is historically poverty-ridden, relying on welfare and the boom-and-bust cycle of the coal industry. The area had been represented by the venerable Carl D. Perkins since 1948, until his sudden death in August 1983. His son Chris was elected to fulfill the unexpired term and was easily elected the next three terms.

I had returned to Kentucky in 1984 to run the family farm. My interests were in agriculture, and I worked to help shape some new policies in agriculture at the state level.

But it was readily apparent that Chris was an ineffective representative, with problems in his personal life and no ability to get meaningful support for our beleagured district.

After some discussion and prodding from close friends, I decided to oppose Chris Perkins in 1990. There is neither space nor time to describe the entire set of conditions facing any challenger, but it is sufficient to say we would be running against an institution.

We conducted a tough race, which clearly sent Chris the message intended: improve or quit. We garnered 32% of the vote with only $20,000 and "wounded" Chris sufficiently for the Republican, Will T. Scott, to lose by only 1954 votes, the closest race in that election cycle.

I ran again in 1992, but the situation had changed dramatically. Chris Perkins was the 8th worst checkkiter (514 checks worth $564,000) and declined to run in the May 26, 1992 primary. His announcement on January 22, 1992, six days before the filing deadline, opened the "floodgates" for others to enter the race. A total of nine Democratic candidates finally filed for the election.

The confusion in the 1992 election was magnified by redistricting, which essentially merged the 5th and 7th districts and renumbered it the 5th Congressional District. The Republican incumbent in the old 5th was free of scandal and was a good representative.

The campaign was exciting for me. It gave me ample opportunity to articulate important issues, meet people, and incite interest over the possibility of a representative from our area not named Perkins!

We stayed true to the principles and strategy we outlined in 1990, namely to run an honest campaign and to avoid special interest (PAC) money. A tough challenge.

The other principal candidate, Carol Hubbard, wife of the representative from the western part of the state, entered the race with plenty of money (over $250,000) raised with her husband's help. Three lawyers, one car dealer, an insurance salesman, a book salesmen and a former state school superintendent completed the field.

Needless to say, it was difficult to get out of the "pack," primarily because of money, and I did not win the Democratic nomination.

I always kept a notebook of "lessons-learned", and I want to share these with *ASSEMBLY*'s readers, since West Pointers are trained for a lifetime of service to the Country, and I know there are future leaders that may benefit from my experiences.

- You can have one dollar or a million dollars, but it will take you more than once to unseat an incumbent.
- Incumbents love a low voter turnout.
- Primaries (elections) are won on organization. Generals (elections) are won on the issues.
- Don't wrestle with a pig; it just gets you dirty and makes the pig happy.
- When you lose, do not take it personally; it's just politics!

And in closing, to anyone considering running for elective office, ask yourself just one question. How much of yourself (and your family) do you want to give up? If you know the answer to that question, go for it! We all know the country needs leaders of substance and integrity.

**Dick Weyrich '52** adds this insight from San Luis Obispo, California: "Four hours spent monitoring Perot ballot petition signings at a location in front of a supermarket in San Luis Obispo, California can make for an interesting afternoon. San Luis Obispo (SLO) marks almost the precise mid-point of the coastal highway system linking San Francisco and Los Angeles. In addition, it is the western terminus of several arterials connecting California's central valleys with the central coast. SLO is also home to a major university—Cal Poly. As a result of this geographical profile, the foot traffic passing the signing table consisted of a cross-section of local and non-local voters. If my casual sample of these voters represents a mini-microcosm of the State-wide attitude, current political office holders beware!

California voters are frustrated, angry and fed-up. Executive leadership crises, inexcusable legislative and bureaucratic gridlock, fiscal irresponsibility, political elitism, cynical media manipulation, etc. are no longer just political platitudes and campaign buzzwords. They are real, grass-roots concerns, and people are truly 'mad as hell and they aren't going to take it anymore.' Californians love their Golden State and their country. Because they do, it is my opinion that 'Change' is going to be the name of the political game in California in 1992 and for a number of years to come."



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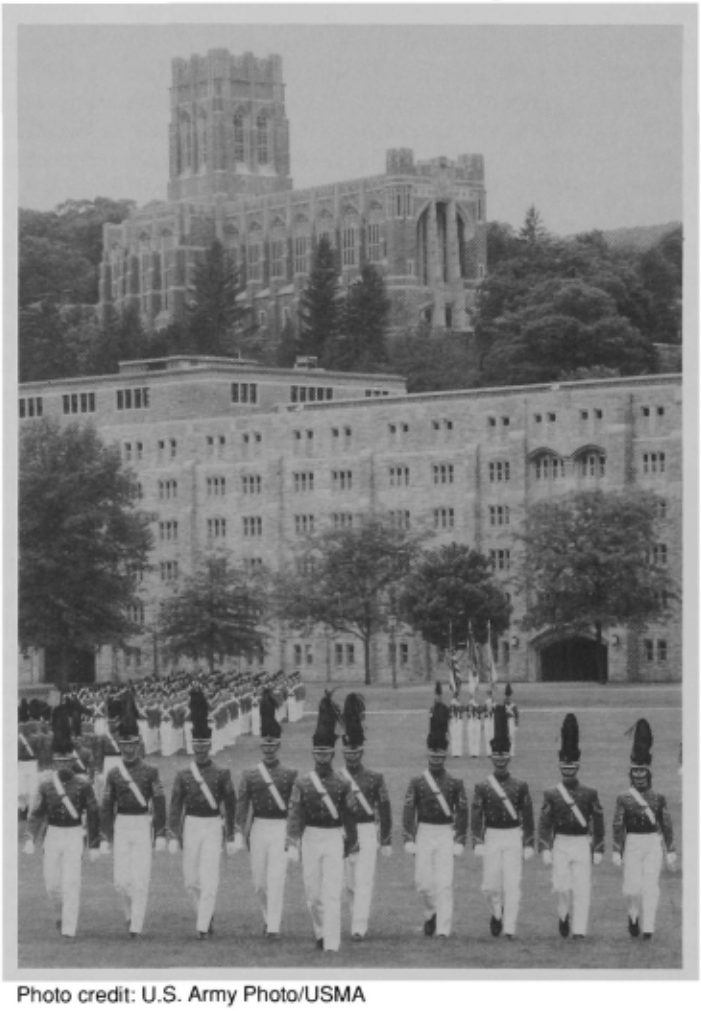
# Do We Need West Point?

*By the late Brigadier General John D. Lawlor '34, USA (Ret)*

This year marks the 190th anniversary of the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Recently there have been rumblings in Congress as to whether or not the nation should continue funding its service academies, i.e., West Point, Annapolis and the Air Force Academy, as sources of obtaining commissioned officers for its armed forces. The argument is made that civilian colleges are as well, if not better, equipped to perform this function through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program, which involves students taking Defense Department supervised military studies as a part of their academic curriculum. Successful completion of the ROTC course leads to a commission in one of the armed services. Government Accounting Office studies, while admittedly imprecise, show the individual cost of training a cadet at our service academies to be three to five times greater than training an ROTC cadet. There are no scientific measurements to prove that cadets graduates from the service academies outperform their ROTC colleagues while in the service.

The military, by its very nature, has long been recognized in judicial opinions as a specialized society separate from civilian society, with laws and traditions of its own but within our constitutional framework. While the army is part and parcel of our democratic society, it cannot be a deliberative body. Its law is that of instant obedience to lawful orders given by commanders. "Of all the cares and concerns of government," the Federalist papers state, "the direction of war most peculiarly demands those qualities which distinguish the exercise of power by a single hand." Under such circumstances it is obvious that military leaders must be worthy of our trust. It is logical then, that we find the stark purpose of West Point to be that of "providing the nation with leaders of character to serve the common defense." To help accomplish this, West Point offers a four-year academic program which leads to a baccalaureate degree. During the period of academic instruction, a cadet lives in a society whose standards are more demanding than those of the surrounding civilian society. Simply stated, the cadet is immersed twenty-four hours a day in a system designed to teach values that are intended to last a lifetime. The cadet is taught not to lie, cheat, steal, nor tolerate those who do; that government exists to protect our rights; and these rights, in turn, involve duty to other individuals and to our nation. This immersion in character building cannot be replicated in the ordinary civilian institution. Indeed, often the academic instruction in civilian institutions is in conflict on many points with the values a cadet is taught at West Point.



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Half a century or so ago the entering cadets came from a culture vastly different than that which exists in America today. The popular songs heard on the radio were sentimental ballads such as "My Blue Heaven" and "Keep Your Sunny Side Up." The movies were often little sermonettes showing how hard work paid off; honesty was paramount; you were your brother's keeper. Broadway shows were more daring than the cinema, but their themes were generally the same. Some new cadets of that era had spent their summers as volunteer soldiers at Citizens Military Training Camps, where they and other citizens were put through a stiff daily military training schedule at army camps, living in tents under strict military discipline. In return they were fed, clothed and given travel reimbursement to and from the camp. Nothing more.

The raw material given to West Point from today's culture is quite different. Entering cadets have heard a lot about rights but little about individual duty. They know that very often those who equivocate succeed. The difference between right and wrong is often blurred. It is now commonplace to say that we have lost our moral bearings—both the leaders and the led.

Yes, we have made a lot of progress in the areas of civil rights and social benefits over the past fifty years. But there has been stagnation in our sense of public service.

***If ever there were a time when we needed a place like West Point it is the present***, if for no other reason than to set high standards of conduct that should rub off on the rest of the army. The task of West Point today is tenfold more difficult than it was in the days of MacArthur. This makes the institution all the more necessary. So long as we have an army, its makeup will require commanders of integrity who have not only the trust of the American people, but of one another and of the soldiers they command. Those who serve their country, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, deserve no less.

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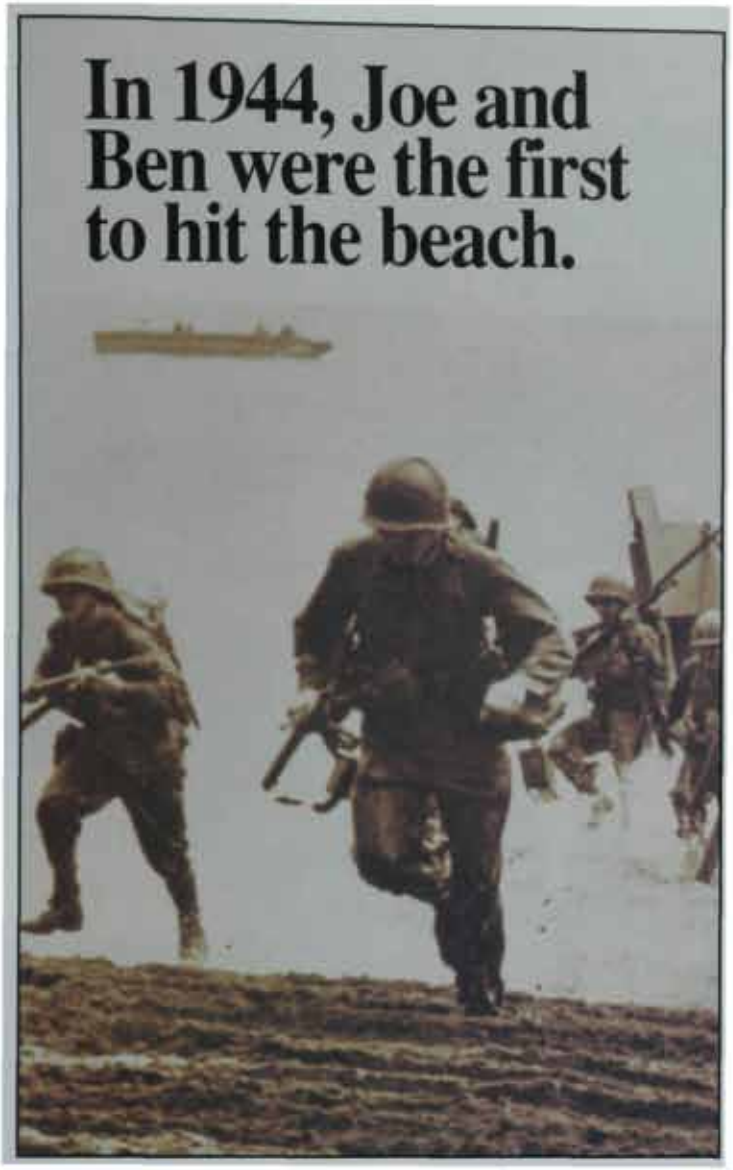
# In 1944, Joe and Ben were the first to hit the beach.



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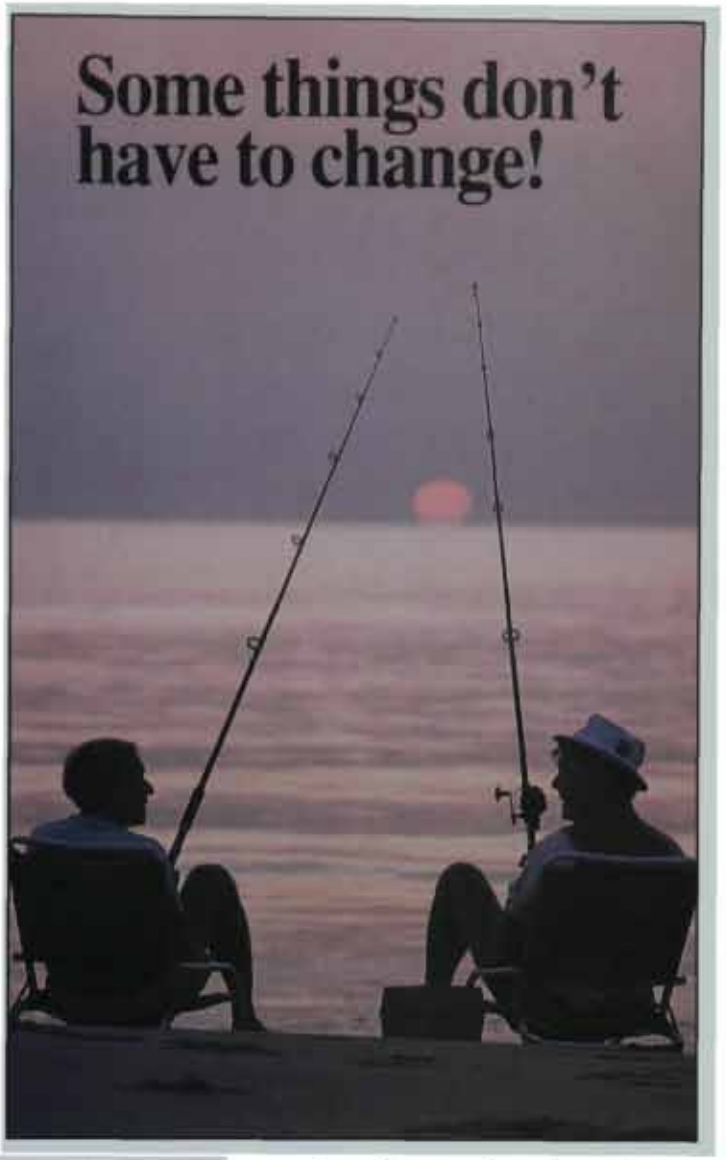

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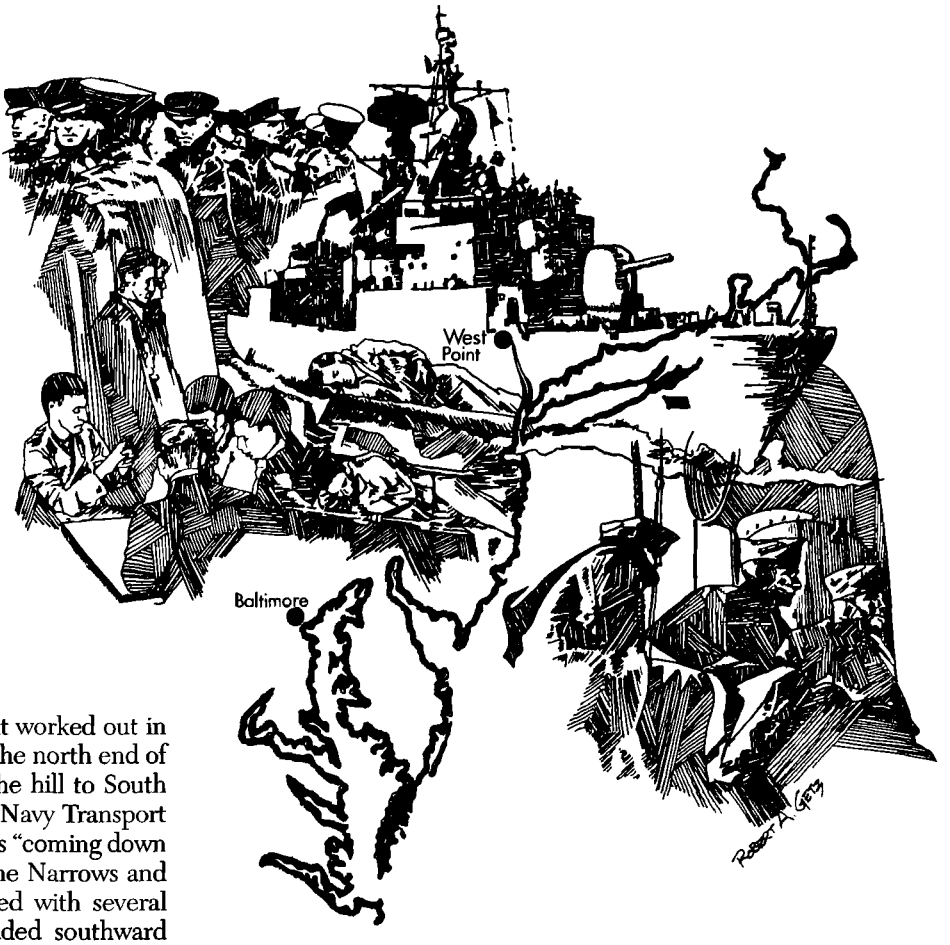
# ANCHORS AWEIGH, ARMY

## The untold story of why the Kaydets went to sea to "take" Navy.




*By Colonel A. J. McGehee, Jr. '23*
*U.S. Army, Retired*

While the "Black Knights" of West Point worked out in the shelter of the big Field House at the north end of the Post, 2,500 cadets swung down the hill to South Dock in a chilling drizzle and boarded the U.S. Navy Transport *Uruguay*. The anchor was weighed and Army was "coming down the river." Steaming past Manhattan, through the Narrows and out into Lower Bay, the transport rendezvoused with several grimly camouflaged escort-destroyers and headed southward along the Atlantic coast.

A well-known sportswriter once remarked that an Army-Navy football game was one of the things they should ask you to pay double prices to see. Spectators of the 1944 contest between the service academies paid more than double and still got their money's worth. In fact, ticket buyers were required to purchase sizeable War Bonds—what the Corps of Cadets had to do in order to see that game was literally out of their world.

That year the Middies were out to make it six straight over the Kaydets, despite the fact that they were on the short end of the odds. Colonel Earl (Red) Blaik's point-a-minute "Blaik-busters" had devastated all opposition by rolling up 481 points to 28 for their opponents in the eight preceding contests. Their so-far perfect season had even included a 59-0 win over Notre Dame, number two on the Black, Gray, and Gold's "most-wanted" list.

Up on The Plain at the Point, Beat-Navy "hate" was rising to fever heat—for no blue and gold bathrobes had been shipped north, as the losers' tribute, since '38. Navy's halfback aces Bobby Jenkins and Hal Hamberg had been poison in the '42 and '43 games, and "Linemen of the Year" Don Whitmire had gotten into the habit of miring the Army offense. But these last two defeats were bitter memories for other reasons.

On account of wartime restrictions on fuel for travel, the Corps of Cadets had not been permitted to attend the '42 game, played at Annapolis before only some 12,000 fans, and likewise, the Brigade of Midshipmen was not present at Michie Stadium where the '43 contest was fought. At those games an odd form of chivalry had replaced the all-out student body support traditional at these colorful struggles. On both occasions half of the home team's band and half of its student cheering section had been sacrificed, in a sportsmanlike gesture, by having them sit across the field from the seats they normally should have filled, to sing the songs and yell the yells ("by order," that is) of their mortal gridiron foe. To have been blanked twice in a row under these conditions had been a depressing experience for the Corps.

In mid-November of '44 the forty-fifth annual Army-Navy Classic was slated again for Annapolis, and for the same reason—the national fuel shortage—consequently the principal audience was expected to be several million radio listeners, including members of the armed forces reached by numerous military broadcast stations serving in the theaters of war.

So when war-loan conscious Washington suddenly gave last-minute permission to move the game to Baltimore's Municipal Stadium, the neglected playing field had to be hastily re-sodded and new tickets printed and distributed. Not since 1924 had these teams met in Baltimore—the day big Ed Garbisch, all-American center, booted four long field goals for a 12-0 Army victory.

With the prospect that some 65,000 would not pack the stands, gloom fell on the Corps. Once more it would have to crowd into the Post theater to hear a play-by-play broadcast of the athletic event of the year. Murmurs of complaint were rife on The Plain—only the lucky Middies were going to Baltimore.

But you can always trust the Navy to circumnavigate obstacles. Since Army can't come down by train, bus, or plane, and doesn't have time to make a forced march, why not rescue the men stranded up in the Highlands? Fine, we'll make it a naval training cruise and show those landlubbers how seagoing men fare!

The startling news that the Corps would sail for Baltimore at mid-day Thursday, 30 November, as "guests" of the Navy, created wild excitement on the West bank of the Hudson. However, strict orders were issued against revealing how the trip was being made—a calculated risk was to be taken. Other sobering restrictions included: no smoking on deck, no open portholes, no radios, and no electric razors. Any doubt as to the reality of the an-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nounced trip vanished as the cadets watched a training film on "Preparation for Embarkation for Overseas Movement." Two days of classes were cancelled—for the first time since 1802, the Academic Board surrendered.

Following smooth sailing down the Hudson Thursday afternoon, all that night, and a good part of Friday, rain squalls, snow flurries, and swelling, white-capped seas dogged the gray-clad voyagers. Cold winds and salty spray kept all but a curious few below decks, where compulsory lectures on naval tactics, study for Monday's recitations, card games, movies and "mattress-drill" passed away the hours. Many had never been to sea before, and some soon found that they had no stomach for the constant rolling and pitching of the big liner, which lasted until the ship rounded Cape Charles and moved northward through the less choppy waters of Chesapeake Bay.

Early Friday morning an Air Force lieutenant colonel, Richard G. (Dick) Lycan '39, in charge of a cadet company momentarily pushed the panic button. Back from Pacific antisubmarine patrol duty, he was quick to act when he passed a cabin door and heard the tell-tale buzzing of an electric razor in use. Banging on the door, he yelled "Turn off that —— thing, you want us to be torpedoed?" The door opened and out popped the Captain of the transport.

By dusk Friday the *Uruguay* was secured alongside the Baltimore dock. Cadet guards posted at the gangplank received strict orders to permit no cadets ashore. No one thought it necessary to also guard the heavy hawsers that tied the ship to the pier.

After breakfast Saturday, the two regiments of cadets, leaving their sea legs on board, debarked as a light snow fell and briskly marched the six miles to the Municipal Stadium. An hour or so before game time the sun came out, but its slanting winter rays were not warm enough to thaw the frozen turf that lay between the goal posts. However, the massing of several thousand marching men would soon break through the crust and create unsure traction for the players.

The cold snap was thought to be a break for Blaik—his T-formation required firm footing, and the rains that had fallen earlier in the week had given him some sleepless nights. His line coach, Herman Hickman, the 308-pound former Tennessee and Brooklyn Dodger ace, had drawled: "If my line don't hold Navy this time, Ah mought as well keep on goin' South!"

Navy, too, had wanted a fast, dry field. Coach Oscar E. (Swede) Hagberg, back on shore duty after two years as skipper of a sub which had accounted for 100,000 tons of Japanese shipping, was out to sink Army as well.

The USMA Band, still very sea-conscious, played "Anchors Aweigh" as it led the Corps into the Stadium. (This caused one newspaper sportswriter to report: "Army only made one mistake today—the Army Band played a Navy tune as it marched onto the field.")

Ten minutes before kick-off, soon after Admirals King and Leahy and Generals Marshall and Arnold arrived, wailing sirens caused all heads to crane toward the main entrance as in sped a big black sedan preceded by a motorcycle escort. Was President Roosevelt going to attend after all? Photographers ran to mid-field as the dignitary's car halted—just in time to see the car doors swing open, and Bill IX, the Navy goat, trot out onto a red carpet. Army's Pancho, absent because of logistical impediments, was represented by "Lend-Lease," a Maryland mule loaned by a local sympathizer.

The instant alert eyes spotted their uniformed heroes trotting into view, bedlam shook the stadium. This screaming, back-pounding, waving madhouse was directed from time to time by leaping cheerleaders, but never did the tumult cease. How could anyone, even in a tight huddle, hear signals being called?

After almost fifteen minutes of sliding, slamming and slugging back and forth over the half-frozen ground, Dale Hall found a hole and ran over from the 24. Dick Walterhouse kicked the pigskin precisely, and Army led 7-0. Early in the second half it gained two more points on a safety resulting from a blocked punt.

Then Clyde (Smackover) Scott put joy in the hearts of the lads from Crabtown by going across to paydirt. The score stood at 9-7 for a while, but Navy spirit sank when injured Don Whitmire had to be replaced. From then on it was all bad news for Navy supporters.

Doc Blanchard bulled his way through from the 9, taking a few tough Middies along for company. After Walterhouse performed again the scoreboard read A-16, N-7. Finally, Glenn Davis likewise lived up to his billing by ghosting 50 yards for his 20th score



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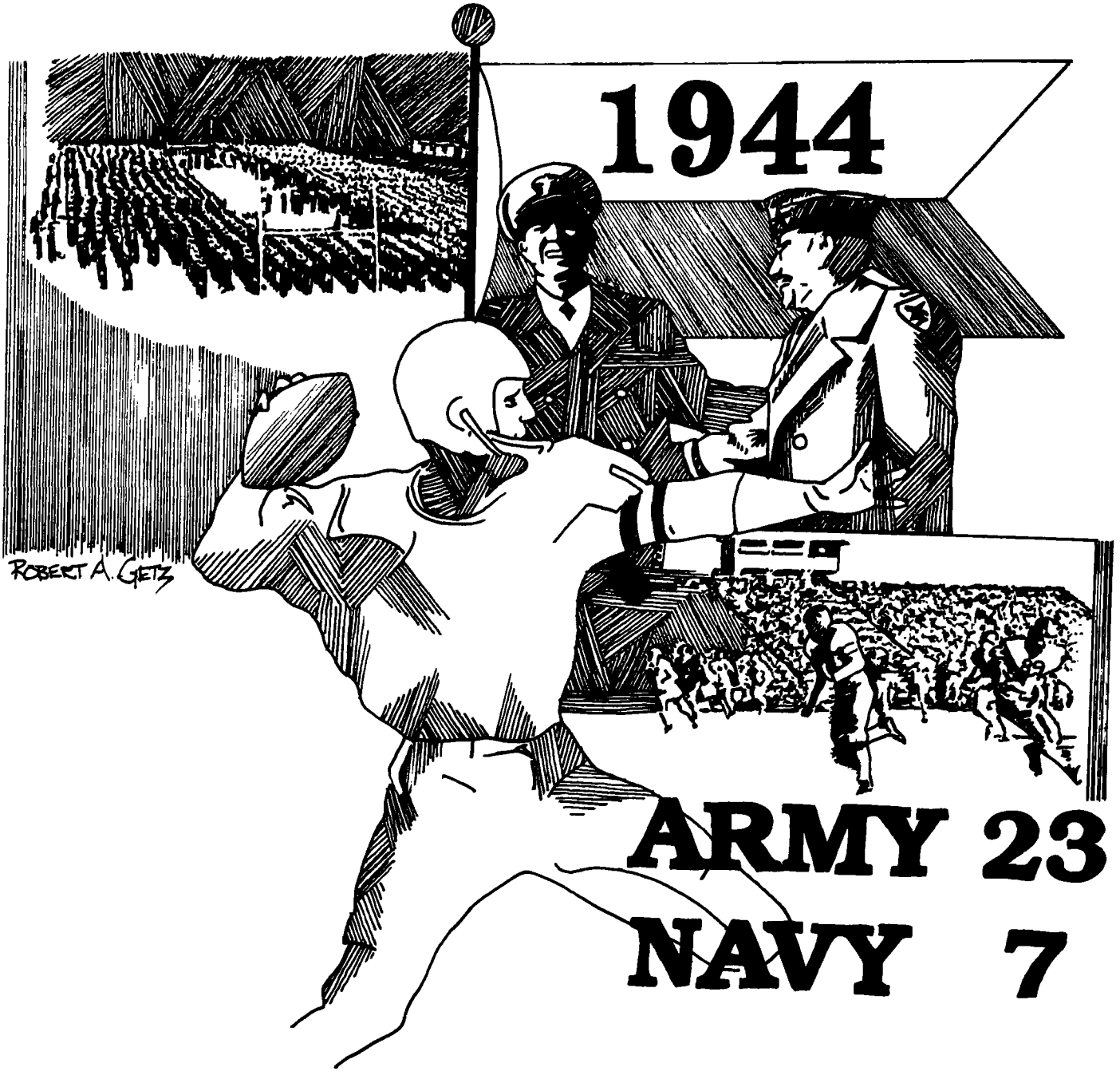


of Army's first perfect season since 1916. Dick booted his 45th point after touchdown in 57 tries that year, and, beaten 23-7, 3,800 stunned midshipmen remained in the stands as a gray horde swept up its mud-covered squad and carried it off the field of victory.

The mule had drunk his fill of goat blood, but there was no time to paint the town red—nor even to see the town. As others wound their respective ways out of the arena, the Corps reformed and happily retraced the route back to the waiting *Uruguay*. The ship's officers, not possessing the hard-to-get pasteboards, had sat with their passengers during the game. At times they had been out of tune with the mood of their neighbors in the stands—an isolated pocket of resistance.

Back inside the warm hull of their sea-going hotel, the emotionally and physically exhausted cadets relaxed at last, mission accomplished. While supper was being served, the attention of everyone on board was attracted by the booming voice of the Skipper addressing the First Mate—over the ship's intercom system—"Mr. Johnson, haven't you gotten the —— anchor up yet?" This impatient query was repeated with increasing vehemence, yet no answering voice could be heard. While the nature of Mr. Johnson's troubles was not explained, the episode was long remembered. The mere calling out of "Mr. Johnson!" from the wings of the theater during the 100th Night Show the following spring was enough to bring down the house.

The nautical education program was resumed on the homeward bound leg of the journey. At dawn Sunday, sleepy-eyed cadets were herded on deck to witness a mock attack on their ship by several Naval torpedo planes, whose surface-skimming approach made the desired impression on the men lining the rail. One shivering soul was overheard to remark, "Maybe we'd better take notes—the Department of Tactics will probably give us a 'Writ' on this show next week!" The open sea again, more heavy swells, more snow, then New York's skyline, North River and the Palisades of the Hudson. The docking, after breakfast Monday



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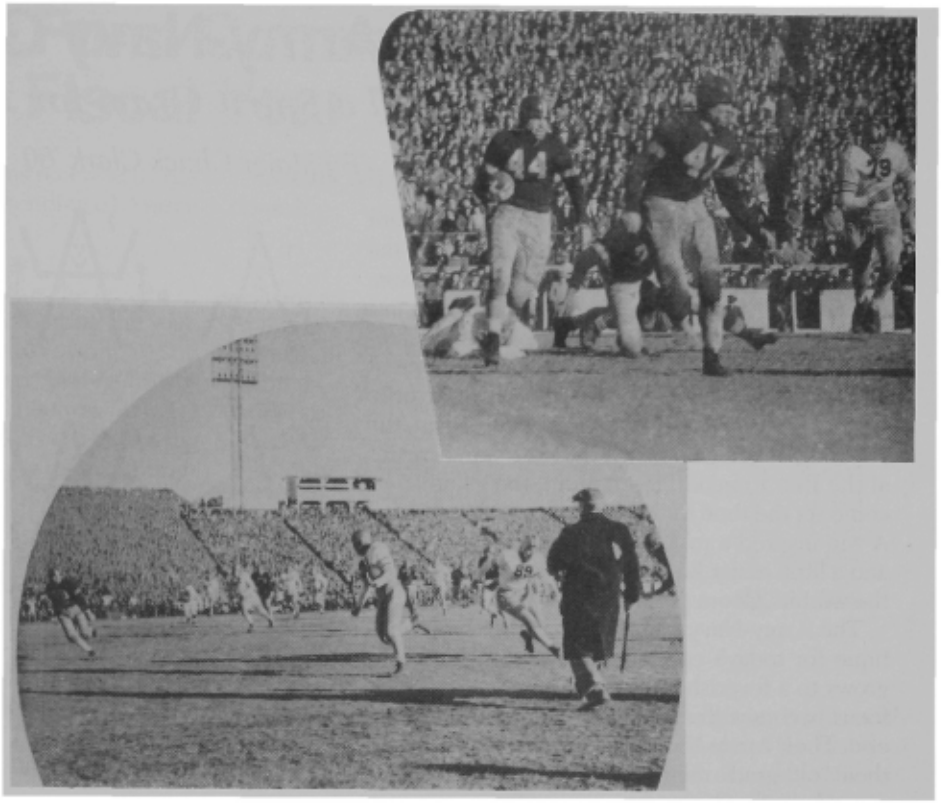
morning, the slow march up the steep grade to the level of The Plain, through the sallyports of their gray-stoned barracks and what's that bugle note? "First Call for morning classes, sir."

The longest "end-run" in the history of football was over. Navy had taken Army and "been taken," but it took the "Team of the Year" to do the job.



## Tecumseh Gets His "A"

Since military security is no longer involved, the secret may now be told; but in telling it I assume, of course, that the Department of Tactics recognizes the statute of limitations as applicable to cadets.

To get on with the story, let's turn back to the late afternoon of the first Friday in last December, as the Corps of Cadets was about to complete the first leg of its amphibious training manoeuvre which consisted of a round-trip cruise to Baltimore. With the USAT *Uruguay* cruising past Annapolis, in the mind of a recently seasick yearling runt a plan was hatched. Having carefully selected four confederates, the head conspirator confided his plot in which only the goal was clear—the method of achievement of necessity remaining in the hands of chance.

A few hours later the good ship *Uruguay* berthed at her dock in Baltimore. Taps had, but shore leave hadn't; and several feet of open water, to say nothing of the prospect of being the Com's guests in Central Area for countless Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, stood between our conspirators and the first step toward carrying out their nefarious purpose. A couple of loose boards laid from an upper deck to a loaded crane on the neighboring pier covered the water gap—and the first step was taken. "Deserting ship" I think it would have

read on the H-1 gig sheet. Carefully eluding watchmen and shore patrols, our coverall-clad scouting party made its way through endless warehouses to the dry end of the dock and started the search for a taxi. At length a willing accomplice, owner of his cab and who shall remain nameless lest naval authorities have the O.P.A. take up his gas ration card, provided both transportation and a bucket of bright red barn paint.

The scene shifts now as rapidly as the old cab could make it to the outskirts of Crabtown where, leaving for future reference taxi and driver, the patrol moved stealthily into action. The route pursued, tortuous and difficult, shall remain secret as it might be used again. At the end of the trail stood the objective of this night manoeuvre—there he was, at the mercy of our yearling runts—poor old Tecumseh, high priest among Midshipmen's household gods, infallible producer (at a penny a shot) of success both academic and athletic for trusting middies.

A couple of boldly lettered "BEAT NAVY"'s on his pedestal, a huge scarlet "A" on his chest (he'd lost his virtue, all right) and a Kaydet cap atop his tresses at reveille bore mute evidence that the Department of Tactics had not wasted the summer at Camp Popolopen but instead had done an able job of instilling in the yearlings a sound concept of the principles of night patrolling. No, they weren't apprehended either in Annapolis or in regaining the hold of their ship; therefore no official record exists. But in case you are wondering whether Junior was among the heroes, the Chaplain will be glad to make known to you the names of the participants. As a final measure of safety, however, it is announced that the T.D. need not apply for such information.

—*ASSEMBLY*, April 1945



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# Our Army-Navy Game

## *Send a Spirit Gram for 1992*

*By Major Chuck Clark '80*

Few of us would argue that, as cadets, our Army-Navy football games were not the highlight of the West Point football season. In fact, the Army-Navy game was more than just a game, it was an experience which created lifelong memories. We all can recall the excitement of the Army-Navy week activities, our favorite "spirit mission," the spectacle of the walk-on, the cheering of the game, and the post-game parties at the Ben Franklin. Even more, the game's outcome set the tone for the rest of the fall semester. A win insured a rosier outlook by the upperclass and a little easier life for the plebes. A loss caused the winter "gloom period" to begin early.

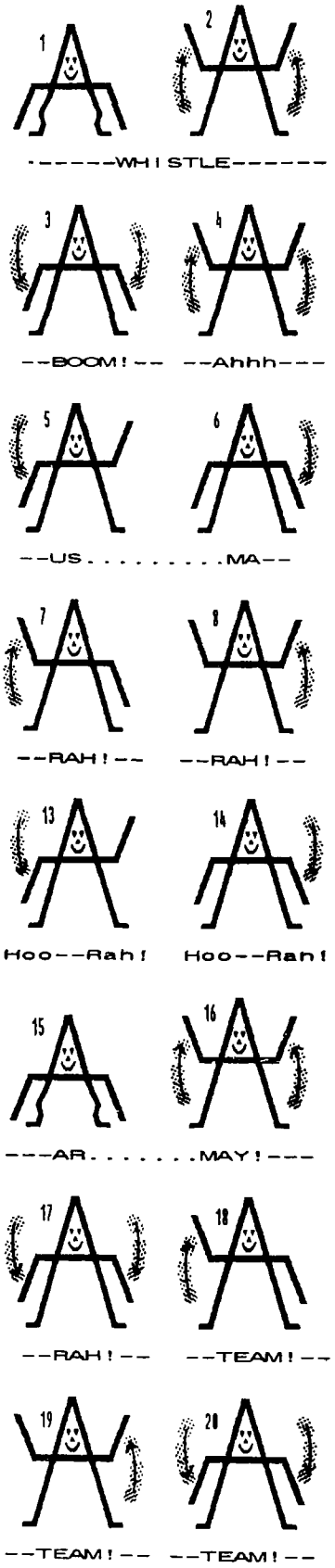
The Army-Navy game still has the same mystique for today's cadets. The spirit in the Corps grows to a feverish pitch before the game. Their focus becomes the game, and they think of little else. Their Army-Navy game experiences become their "old grad" memories—same as our experiences have for us.

Although the cadets may be geographically closer to the game than many of us, the Army-Navy game belongs to us all. Whether we watch the game in person in Philadelphia, at home with a few friends, at the O Club with many friends, or in the company dayroom, the game is *our* game. We may not be one of the eleven players or the "12th man" in the Corps, but we are the "13th man" supporting the team's efforts.

Six years ago, as a show of this support, a group of math instructors ran a relay run from West Point to Philadelphia to deliver messages of encouragement and support to each player. The look of pride on the face of each player as personal messages of support were read, both from friends and from people he had never met, instilled a sense of satisfaction in all the runners. That look, by itself, was reason enough to make the run an annual event. Since that first run, the Army-Navy Spirit Run has become a method for the West Point community to show its support for the team.

This year we are soliciting messages of encouragement (Spirit Grams) from the worldwide West Point community. This is an opportunity for each of us to tell the team or a specific player exactly what the Army-Navy game means to us. In the past, the few messages "from the field" have meant much to the players. Our support instills a pride in the players that must be seen to be appreciated.

> I encourage each of you to reflect for a moment on what the Army-Navy game means to you and to write a message to the team or to a player. Messages should be sent to Major Chuck Clark, Department of Mathematical Sciences, West Point, New York 10996. Messages also can be faxed to (914) 938-2409.




### THE ROCKET YELL

The starting position is with feet spread approximately shoulder-width apart, arms to the side and straight, fists clenched, palms facing in.

On one—Bend forward at the waist, keeping arms downward, straight, and slightly to the rear. Flex at the knees.

On two—Slowly stand upright, bringing both arms forward and upward until they reach the overhead position, arms straight, fists clenched, palms facing in.

On three—Quickly bring both arms forward and downward, returning to the start position (side position).

On four—Quickly bring both arms forward and upward to the overhead position.

On five—Quickly bring the right arm forward and downward to the side position.

On six—Quickly bring the left arm forward and downward to the side position.

On seven—Quickly bring the right arm forward and upward to the overhead position.

On eight—Quickly bring the left arm forward and upward to the overhead position.

On the counts of nine, ten, eleven and twelve, repeat the counts of five, six, seven and eight.

On thirteen—Slowly swing the right arm outward and downward to the side position.

On fourteen—Slowly swing the left arm outward and downward to the side position.

On fifteen—Bend forward at the waist keeping arms downward, straight, and slightly to the rear. Flex at the knees.

On sixteen—Slowly stand upright bringing both arms forward and upward until they reach the overhead position.

On seventeen—Quickly bring both arms forward and downward returning to the side position.

On eighteen—Quickly bring the right arm forward and upward to the overhead position.

On nineteen—Quickly bring the left arm forward and upward to the overhead position.

On twenty—Quickly bring both arms forward and downward returning to the side position.

Note: This cheer is for the Rocket Leader. Followers do left/right arm movements opposite.



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# West Point Fund Committee Report for Fiscal Year 1992

1. This Annual Report covers all contributions received by the Association of Graduates during the fiscal year ending 31 March 1992.

a. The Association continued to raise funds for the benefit of West Point, the Corps of Cadets and the AOG. During the year, Direct Contributions of $2,531,510 were received from 10,932 gifts. (Direct Contributions exclude Planned Giving instruments.) Of these Direct Contributions, $1,650,690 was for West Point Fund accounts and $880,819.75 for AOG accounts. During this fiscal year over $3,618,365, part of which came from prior years, was dispensed for projects and activities benefiting the Military Academy, compared to $3,480,615 in FY 91.

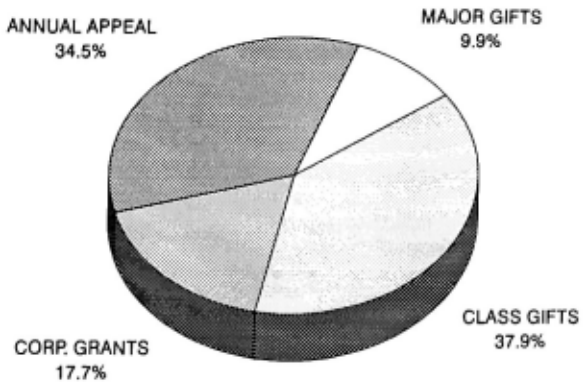
b. The James K. Herbert Alumni Center reached 65% design completion by the end of the fiscal year. The 32,000 square foot building will be constructed on the site formerly occupied by Smith Rink at an estimated cost of $10 million, which includes construction, furnishings and a maintenance and operations endowment. The contract should be awarded in October 1992, and the Center should be occupied by late 1994. Fund raising for this project began in January 1992.

2. Statistics for Direct Contributions are as follows:

a. Sources (Direct contributions received during FY 92 listed by Development function showing target as established in the Fund Raising Strategic Plan):

| | Five-Year Average | FY 92 TARGET | FY 92 ACTUAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Direct Contributions:** | | | |
| Major Gifts (>25,000) | $ 590,000 | $ 638,000 | $ 250,763 |
| Class Accounts | $ 630,000 | $ 700,000 | $ 958,757 |
| Corporate Grants | $1,253,000 | $1,020,000 | $ 449,200 |
| Annual | $ 963,000 | $1,176,000 | $ 872,790 |
| Subtotal | $3,436,000 | $3,534,000 | $2,531,510 |
| **Planned Giving:** | | | |
| Bequests | $ 897,000 | $1,155,000 | $ 980,094 |
| Life Income Plans | $ 727,000 | $ 880,000 | $4,284,496 |
| Life Insurance | $ 7,000 | $ 0 | $ 650,000 |
| Subtotal | $1,631,000 | $2,035,000 | $5,914,590 |
| **FY 92 TOTAL** | **$5,067,000** | **$5,569,000** | **$8,446,100** |

**Direct Contributions During FY 92: $2,531,510**




b. Uses of Direct Contributions (Restrictions imposed by the donor):

| | Five-Year Average | FY 92 |
|---|---|---|
| Academics | $1,138,612 | $ 382,084 |
| Activities | $ 117,112 | $ 150,314 |
| Admissions & Scholarship | $, 253,372 | $ 97,344 |
| Alumni Center | $ 26,074 | $ 172,856 |
| Athletics | $ 119,875 | $ 103,535 |
| Class Accounts | $ 612,068 | $ 935,676 |
| Facilities/Environment | $ 358,240 | $ 97,694 |
| Leadership/Moral/Ethical | $ 34,131 | $ 9,815 |
| Miscellaneous | $ 73,468 | $ 14,942 |
| Unrestricted | $ 720,174 | $ 567,251 |
| **TOTAL** | **$3,453,126** | **$2,531,510** |

3. Factors Affecting Contributions:

a. General: Overall FY 92 was a good year given the generally poor economic conditions. FY 92 includes results of the first-year phonathon to cadet parents for the benefit of cadet activities. Variance between the FY 92 target and actual contributions are discussed below.

b. Major Gifts and Corporate Grants: Together these were more than $1 million below target for the year. Three large non-cash grants of equipment and software in FY 91 account for the difference.

c. Class Accounts: This portion of the program reflects recent initiatives and class response. The Development office now has a full-time Class Giving Officer and Administrative Assistant. Classes are responding to the needs of both the AOG and the Academy.

d. Annual: Phonathon contributions are included here. FY 92 contributions received were on a par with FY 91. For FY 93 and beyond, however, parent contributions attributed to the phonathon are expected to increase significantly.

e. Planned Giving: Includes $4.1 million in a Charitable Trust for the benefit of the AOG from the estate of Colonel Powel '32.

f. Life Insurance: Both gifts irrevocably designated the AOG as the beneficiary of corporate life insurance policies.

4. Overall Effectiveness (Total Cost divided by Total Amount Raised)

| | Fund Raising Costs | Contributions | Fund Raising Costs as a % of Contributions |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY 88 | $344,087 | $3,141,664 | $10.9% |
| FY 89 | $341,492 | $5,339,918 | 6.4% |
| FY 90 | $413,952 | $6,639,147 | 6.2% |
| FY 91 | $505,154 | $4,611,333 | 10.9% |
| FY 92 | $700,322 | $8,446,100 | 8.2% |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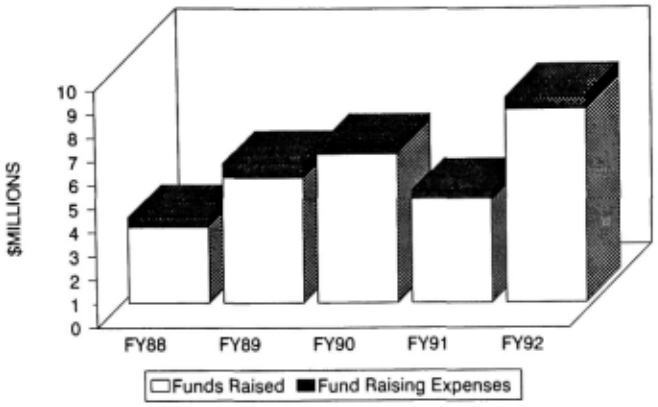
**Contributions vs Expenses**




5. Organization and Planning.

a. Mr. Warren J. Hayford IV became chairman on 1 July 1989 and continues to serve in that capacity. West Point Fund Committee Membership for FY 92 included:

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b. General Sell served on the committee from 1 July 1984 to June 1987 and from 1 July 1989 until his death on 17 January 1992. The committee will miss him and his contributions of wisdom and foresight.

c. West Point Fund Committee Meetings: Three Committee meetings were held at West Point during FY 92: 24 May 1991, 10-11 October 1991 and 27-28 February 1992. On 24 May, 11 October and 28 February, the Planned Giving Subcommittee convened separately.

d. During FY 92 the Development staff was authorized five executives and eight administrative positions. Staff additions in FY 92 were for class giving and research.

e. During FY 92 the staff developed a comprehensive Alumni Center fund raising plan. Actually initiated in FY 92 was that phase designed to encourage classes to contribute in return for recognition within the Center.


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# Profiles: Alumni Support and The Association of Graduates

The stated purpose of the Association of Graduates is to further the ideals and promote the welfare of West Point. The Association accomplishes its purpose through its Development (fund raising) activities, through its Publications (*ASSEMBLY and Register of Graduates*), and through its Alumni Support programs. On the 1st of August, the AOG staff was realigned to consolidate staff responsibility for AOG Alumni Support programs and activities in the newly-created office of the Vice-President for Alumni Support.

Alumni Support has two perspectives. In one sense, it encompasses AOG support of alumni efforts (less fund raising) to promote the welfare of the Academy. Typical alumni activities that promote West Point include support of the USMA Admissions Program, dissemination of information about West Point at the local level, encouraging local alumni support of cadet activities and athletic events and a host other related actions. These support activities are closely coordinated with the West Point Societies and to a lesser extent, the Classes.

Colonel John Snodgrass '56, Christine Yuengert '81, Bridget Sarubbe and Norma Doyle.

In another sense, Alumni Support encompasses AOG support of individual alumni and their organizations—the West Point Societies and the Classes. Supporting and assisting fellow graduates is a shared responsibility of each graduate, and collectively, of the Association. Supporting individual alumni increases alumni capabilities to promote the welfare of West Point. AOG actions to support alumni include AOG information activities, AOG support of fraternal events, AOG-provided services to alumni visiting West Point and the AOG Career Advisory Program. Again, these alumni support activities are accomplished both directly and through the cooperative efforts of the West Point Societies and the Classes.

The internal organization and functions of the office of the Vice-President for Alumni Support are shown in figure 1. Colonel (Ret) John C. Snodgrass '56, formerly Associate Vice-President for the West Point Societies Program, was designated Vice-President for Alumni Support, effective 1 August 1992. Colonel Snodgrass administers AOG Alumni Support functions through three programs:

- Alumni Services Program: This program groups those AOG support activities serving individual alumni. These include membership activities, information dissemination, Career Advisory Program and others.
- West Point Societies Program: This program remains unchanged. The program includes four activities: USMA Admissions support, information dissemination, community relations and society support.
- Awards Program: This program has two activities: staff support of the Thayer Award nominating and presentation process and staff augmentation of the Distinguished Graduate Award nominating and presentation process.

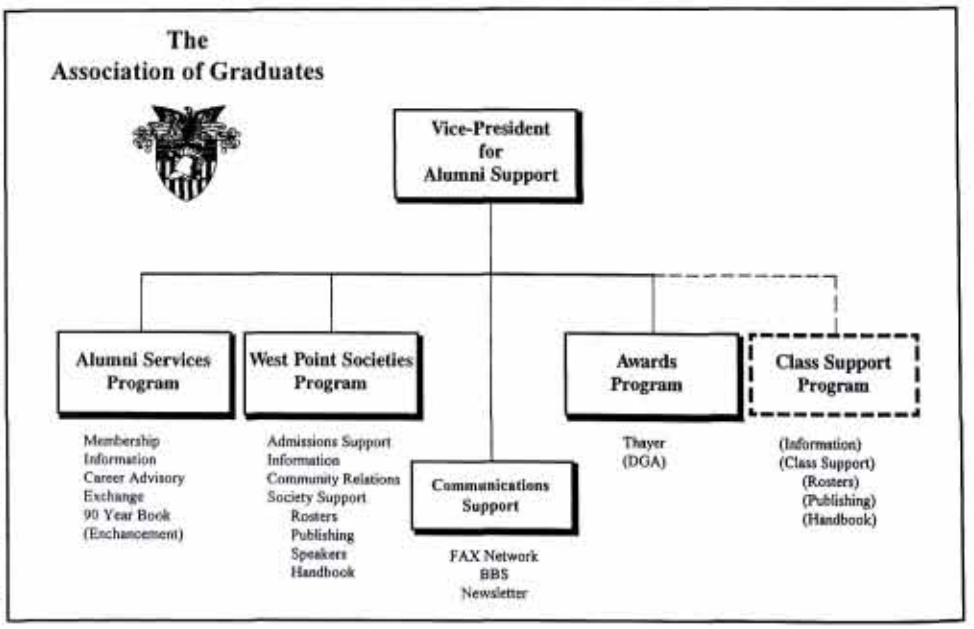
A fourth program, Class Support, is under consideration. If and when activated, this program will coordinate or provide information support and selected administrative support for the Classes.

These programs are supported by an enhanced communication support function which provides a FAX broadcast network, the West Point Societies (electronic) Bulletin Board System and an expanded Newsletter service.

Colonel Snodgrass is assisted by one full-time administrative assistant, Ms. Bridget Sarubbe, and two part-time administrative assistants, Mrs. Christine Yuengert and Mrs. Norma Doyle. Ms. Sarubbe directly supports all actions concerning the West Point Societies Program. Mrs. Yuengert supports Alumni Services program activities. Mrs. Doyle assists in all matters pertaining to the Thayer Award and the Distinguished Graduate Award.

Several Alumni Support program activities are developmental. The Career Advisory Program is expanding to meet the rapidly increasing needs of graduates in career transition. Services for visiting alumni are being expanded and integrated with the future capabilities envisaged for the new Alumni Center.

As West Point and our alumni move forward into the next century, new challenges will face the Academy and our alumni. The new emphasis on Alumni Support is designed to meet these challenges.



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# Operation Just Cause:

## Cadets Study Expeditionary Operations in the Post-Vietnam Era

*By Major Charles T. Payne and Major David R. Gray, Department of History, USMA*

In the early morning hours of 20 December 1989, Americans awoke to the startling news that the United States had invaded Panama shortly after midnight and that combat operations were still underway against elements of the Panamanian Defense Forces. Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Colin Powell later briefed the media and revealed that U.S. forces had launched a massive strike against twenty-seven targets simultaneously throughout the isthmus. In what truly was a classic example of joint operations and detailed operational planning, selected Army units from a wide array of conventional and special operations forces, along with Air Force, Marine and Navy elements, paralyzed the defense apparatus of Manuel Noriega and achieved all stated objectives with a minimum loss of life and limited property damage.

This year, as one of its Individual Advanced Development Programs whereby cadets are encouraged to participate in some type of academic, athletic or professional study during the summer, the History Department offered a program on Operation Just Cause. This project, planned and conducted by the authors of this article, was designed to permit cadets to analyze Just Cause in detail and walk the actual terrain. The objective was twofold: to have the cadets examine a case history of a highly successful expeditionary operation in the post-Vietnam era and to expose them to current Army doctrine, tactics and—most importantly—veterans of the campaign.

Participants in the 1992 Panama Staff Ride: (L to R) Back row: Major David Gray, Shawn Jenkins H4, Mark Morek H4, Phillip DeVries A3, Major Charles Payne. Front row: Curt Sanscoucie D3, Jeffrey Anderson D2, Charles Bergman H4 and Kendall Musgrove H3

Colonel Michael Snell (USMA '69), Commander of the 193d Infantry Brigade during Just Cause, talks to the cadets.

Seven cadets volunteered for this two-phase staff ride. In phase one the cadets studied the role of force in the post-Vietnam era, the nature and doctrine of contingency operations and the strategic relationship of Panama to the United States. For purposes of historical comparison, Major Payne presented an overview of Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada in 1983. During the second portion of this phase, the cadets dissected Just Cause in its entirety, beginning with the steps leading up to intervention through stability operations in the spring of 1990. The cadets spent the bulk of their time analyzing operational aspects at the task force level and were required each day to present comprehensive military briefings while role-playing staff officers of units that actually participated in the invasion. To add an element of surprise and realism, outside observers attended and critiqued the presentations. By the conclusion of this five-day phase, the cadets were intimately familiar with the operational plans, deployment sequence, targets and performance of each task force in Joint Task Force Panama. Thus, this phase accomplished the dual goals of making the cadets subject-matter

Cadets brief a task force plan to invited guests. Back Row: Major James Welsh, USMC Representative, Major Frank Barth, Tac Officer, Co E3, SGM Ron Semon, USCC SGM, Major Payne and Major Gray.

Mr. Chris Straub (Second from right), Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, briefs the cadets in the Russell Senate Building.



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experts and honing their military briefing skills.

Phase two involved field study in CONUS and Panama. The group traveled in two vans from West Point along the east coast and then flew by commercial carrier to Panama. The field portion represented the body of the program and exposed the cadets to various people and organizations, from the highest levels of government to the soldiers who had participated in the campaign at the tactical level. The first stop was in Washington, D.C. for two days: key Senate aides from several committees briefed various substantial issues involving Just Cause. The group also heard Senator Sam Nunn deliver a speech to the Senate on some possible future roles for the Army.

The group next spent two days at Fort Bragg, NC; the 1st Brigade of the 82d Airborne Division officially sponsored the staff ride and provided an escort officer. After a divisional briefing regarding the 82d's force structure, capabilities, training and mission, the 1-504th Parachute Infantry Regiment hosted the cadets for the remainder of their stay at Bragg. The battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel Gregory Gardner (USMA '74), who coincidentally had fought with the 7th Infantry Division during the campaign, presented a dynamic briefing on the role of the 1-504th in the invasion. Afterwards, a number of battalion veterans of Just Cause—officers, noncommissioned officers and enlisted men—related their experiences. This turned out to be quite an education for the cadets, for these soldiers were unrestrained in both their praise and condemnation of selected aspects of the operation. Personnel from the Division Support Command later walked the cadets through the various stages of the outload sequence at each site, thus enhancing the cadets' understanding of what troops actually have to do during a real-world contingency deployment. The cadets were impressed with the Division's Heavy Drop Rigging Site, where they observed the stages of loading a vehicle for delivery by parachute. The highlight of the visit occurred on the second day, when the group observed a proficiency airborne operation from inside a C141B Starlifter—a few cadets experienced air sickness after several passes over Sicily Drop Zone.

The next stop, also for two days, was at Fort Benning, Georgia, "Home of the Infantry," where representatives of the 75th Ranger Regiment briefed the cadets on Ranger organization, training, capabilities and mission. A regimental staff officer also provided the cadets with an overview of Ranger participation in Just Cause as elements of Task Force Red. He devoted particular attention to the precision air drops at Tocumen-Torrijos airport and Rio Hato airfield. As at Fort Bragg, a captain and two sergeants from the Regiment, who had jumped with the assault echelon, gave their accounts of events on 20 December and afterwards.

Next, the cadets departed for Panama, where they received briefings, walked the battlefields and spoke to Just Cause participants. Mrs. Delores De Mena, command historian for U.S. Army South, and Brigade Command Sergeant Major Claus Madsen of the 193d Infantry Brigade sponsored the group in Panama. On the day after arrival the cadets received a command information orientation on the Panama Canal, SOUTHCOM and the current political situation. Major General Richard Timmons, Commanding General, U.S. Army South, and Colonel Michael Snell (USMA '69), who commanded the 193d Infantry Brigade during Just Cause, also spoke. For the next two- and-a-half days, the cadets visited almost every major battlefield in Panama. The only exceptions were Rio Hato, where distance and resource constraints made a journey there prohibitive, and Tinajitas—an 82d target—where the political climate in the immediate vicinity made a stop unwise. At most locations, the group dismounted and walked the terrain. This turned out to be quite revealing; the cadets were amazed at the internal damage done to buildings by a variety of weapons, including .50 caliber machine guns, antitank rockets, grenade launchers and hand grenades. The destruction wrought by close air support also left an indelible impression.

Of particular interest was the day spent covering Task Force Atlantic's objectives. Mr. Amadis Jiminez, a former officer in the Panamanian Defense Forces who was on the receiving end of Just Cause but now works for the U.S. Army, accompanied the group. Mr. Jiminez was the former PDF company commander who surrendered his command at Coco Solo on the first day of the campaign. While escorting the cadets around Coco Solo, he described—often in emotional, yet poignant detail—his unit's actions. This account presented the cadets with a rare opportunity to see a battle through the eyes of the commander of an opposing force. Everyone was visibly moved by his dramatic story, and it was evident that some of the cadets did not know how to react to his extraordinary narrative.

Throughout the field-study phase in Panama, Just Cause veterans from colonel through specialist talked to the group about their experiences. Whether the speaker was from one of the infantry battalions or a support unit, all their tales were illuminating and added to the understanding of what made Just Cause so successful. This is not to suggest that all of the accounts were celebratory orations. On the contrary, many of the veterans recounted occasions where things went wrong: some troops did so with candid bitterness. In many cases the cadets were startled by what they heard, but they relished the spontaneity of these first-hand accounts—as reflected by their questions.

The field-study phase concluded with a brief seminar featuring Brigadier General Joseph Kinzer, Deputy Commander, USARSO, who served as assistant division commander for operations in the 82d Airborne Division during Just Cause. The trip culminated with a VIP briefing on the workings of the Miraflores Locks, near Panama City, and an overview of the security arrangements for the canal.

The cadets who participated in this program learned more about Just Cause and their profession than they expected. While acquiring a comprehensive understanding of Just Cause in the historical sense, the cadets also developed insights into their future responsibilities as leaders and what being an Army officer in the post-Cold War world entails.

Because of the downsizing of the Army, most crises in the future may resemble Just Cause more than Desert Storm. This experience should better prepare these young cadets for the Army that they join in the field.

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# West Point and the Olympics

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One hundred and three autumns ago, Dennis Mahan Michie was organizing a group of cadets to play a "football" game against their rivals from Annapolis, MD in the United States Military Academy's first intercollegiate athletic contest.

It was at about that same time that a former cadet at St. Cyr, the national military academy of France, was sowing the seeds of an international competition that would pit the world's best athletes in a myriad of athletic events. In 1896, the dream of Baron Pierre de Coubertin was realized as the modern Olympic Games began in Athens, Greece.

Despite the independent visions of these two men, few people could have foreseen how interwoven their respective dreams would become over the years.

West Point's burgeoning athletics program—and the athletes who have represented it—has played an important role in the development of the Olympics. On Saturday, 12 September 1992, West Point's 79 former Olympians were among those remembered as the Academy saluted everyone who ever donned the U.S. colors in Olympic competition.

In all, more than 60 former U.S. Olympians, including 10 West Point graduates, were on hand for the day's half-time "Olympic Salute."

In attendance were Donna de Varona, twice a gold medalist in 1964, who set an Olympic record in the 400-meter individual medley; Donna Weinbrecht, from nearby West Milford, NJ, who captured the gold in the first-ever mogul competition held in Albertville this past winter; Jo Jo Starbuck, a two-time Olympian who did not medal but starred on the international figure skating scene for many years; and Steve Janaszak, a member of the United States' "Miracle" gold medal ice hockey team at Lake Placid in 1980.

West Point was represented by, among others, COL (Ret) Donald F. Hull '39, who was the first West Point graduate ever inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame in October; MG (Ret) Charles F. Leonard '35, a silver medalist in the modern pentathlon in 1936 in Berlin; Mike Silliman '68, captain of the gold medal basketball team in 1968; and Larry Palmer '59, a goalie on the 1960 ice hockey team that won the nation's first-ever gold medal.

Five Modern Pentathlon Former Athletes standing in front of the plaque dedicated to all West Point Olympians, located in Arvin Gymnasium's main entrance: (L-R) COL George B. Moore '41, COL Guy Troy '46, MG Charles F. Leonard '35, Mr. M. Tom Lough '64 and COL Richard L. Gruenther '46.

Also attending was long-time Army hockey coach Jack Riley, who spent 36 years behind the Army bench. Riley, who coached the U.S. team to gold at Squaw Valley in 1960, also played on the U.S. team in 1948, in St. Moritz.

West Point's association with the Olympics began long before any of the day's honorees made their impact.

In 1912, six Academy graduates, including a young George S. Patton '09, made the trek to Stockholm, Sweden. The West Point contingent seized its opportunity and brought home three bronze medals.

Guy V. Henry, Jr. '98, Ephraim F. Graham '03 and John C. Montgomery '03 comprised the Equestrian three-day team that finished third. In all, West Pointers have accounted for 30 medals, including nine gold, seven silver and 14 bronze.

That 1912 group of Academy representatives began a tradition that saw at least one West Pointer on the U.S. team—summer or winter—in every Olympiad through 1988, with the exception of 1956.

Equestrian, fencing and modern pentathlon, three events dominated by military men throughout the world at the turn of the century, were the marquee sports of West Pointers in the early years.

Modern pentathlon consists of pistol shooting, running, fencing, swimming and riding. Equestrian events included dressage, show jumping and a three-day team event.

"Almost all of the performers in those sports were military men back then," says COL (Ret) Richard Gruenther '46, a member of the 1948 modern pentathlon squad. "We were in good shape and used to the discipline of training after coming out of West Point. In my case, I had spent nine months in Airborne School. We trained right here at West Point and were well prepared."

In addition to being in fine physical shape, the cadets fared exceptionally well in the fencing portion of the modern pentathlon—primarily due to the work of coach Jack Dimond, who presided over the Academy's fencing team from 1925-46 and was a member of the 1920 Olympic team, and Frederick R. "Fritz" Weber '30.

"We had the number one team in the world in epee fencing among modern pentathlon competitors, and we'd never fenced except in our West Point physical education class," Gruenther explains. "COL Fritz Weber was our instructor and coach (during training) at West Point and is perhaps the best fencer to come out of West Point."

That 1948 team, headed by silver medalist George "Biss" Moore '41, finished third in the team standings. However,



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team medals were not issued until 1952.

Richard W. Mayo '28 was the first West Point medalist in modern pentathlon, capturing a bronze in 1932. Four years later, MG (Ret) Leonard fired his way to a silver by posting a perfect 200 score in the pistol competition. It wasn't until 1980 that the next perfect round was fired.

"I had grown up riding and shooting, but my pistol score obviously exceeded all of my expectations," Leonard says.

"Competing in Berlin was a thrilling experience. The conduct of the Games was superb. The Germans entertained us quite well, and it was definitely a case of a Germany on the move."

The West Pointers were on the move, athletically and professionally, as well. According to Guy K. Troy '46, current president of the U.S. Modern Pentathlon Association, 50 percent of the West Point Olympians prior to World War I attained the rank of general. And while those gentlemen were advancing in the Army, later West Point athletes were marching ahead on the "fields of friendly strife."

Earl F. Thomson '22 was another member of that 1936 Berlin Olympic squad. He was in the midst of an equestrian career that would span 16 years and cover three Olympiads (1932, 1936 and 1948). He won two gold medals and three silvers, the most of any Academy graduate.

In 1948, when Thomson won his final two medals while competing at the age of 48, West Pointers snared three golds—thanks to the three-day equestrian team of Thomson, Frank S. Henry '33 and Charles H. Anderson '38.

After 1948, however, the Academy's representatives went through a slight medal drought, capturing only one medal until 1960, when Riley and Palmer helped lead the U.S. hockey team to its first gold medal ever. That year, the U.S. team secured its first win over the Soviet Union in international competition.

Joseph B. Amlong '61 won the gold medal in rowing in Tokyo in 1964 and Silliman followed with a gold after serving as captain of the 1968 men's basketball team. Those were the last medals won by West Point graduates.

However, Lyle B. Nelson '71 continued West Point's Olympic representation, competing in the biathlon from 1972 through 1988, according to COL (Ret) Guy K. Troy '46.

Troy, in attendance at the "Olympic Salute," is president of the U.S. Modern Pentathlon Association and vice president of the international modern pentathlon association (Union Internationale Moderne Pentathlon and Biathlon).

He and Hull are two of the former athletes who have continued their affiliation with the U.S. Olympic Committee. Troy sits on the Board of Directors of the USOC while Hull was a member of nearly every Olympic delegation from 1948 through 1984.

A former president of the International Boxing Federation, Hull was inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame on 10 October in Miami, FL. He competed in the 1932 Olympic boxing trials, served as a boxing referee in 1948, handled the team manager duties for the 1952 modern pentathlon team and acted as manager and coach of the 1960 biathlon team.

With Hull's induction into the Hall of Fame, all West Pointers should look back with pride at their peers and predecessors who represented the United States with valor during past Olympiads.

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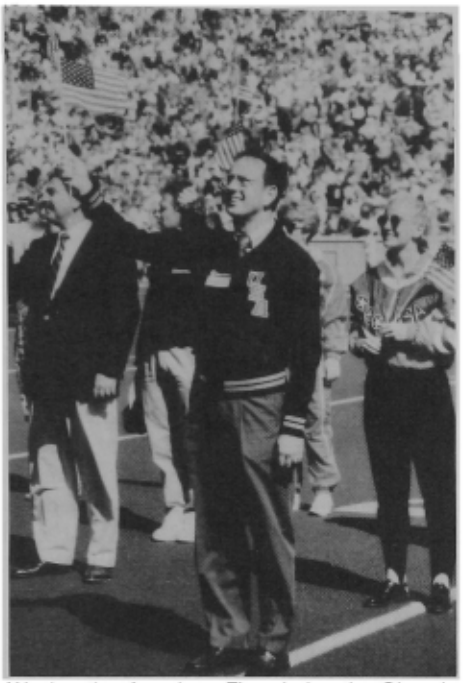

Waving the American Flag during the Olympic tribute was M. Tom Lough '64. Behind him at right is Donna Weinbrecht, gold medalist in the 1992 Winter Olympics. Photo credit: John Esterbrook

Colonel (Ret.) Donald F. Hull '39 (in hat) and Colonel (Ret.) Edward F. Crowley '46 (sitting), honored during tribute to Olympians. Photo credit: John Esterbrook



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# Buildings Bridges at West Point

## Cadets Participate in AISC Steel Bridge-Building Competition

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For each of the last three years, selected cadets majoring in civil engineering have tested their engineering skills against the top engineering students in the country in the annual Steel Bridge-Building Competition sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Institute of Steel Construction.

Teams of two or three cadets design a twenty-foot steel bridge that can support a 2,500-pound load. The bridge designed represents a scale model of a bridge required to span a 200-foot gap. The competition rules give specific requirements concerning size and weight of individual members. In addition to designing the bridge, the teams must actually construct the bridge during the competition.The bridges are judged on overall capacity, total weight, capacity-to-weight ratio, speed of construction, overall simulated cost (a combination of weight and speed of construction) and aesthetics.

In this year's regional competition, West Point won third place out of nine bridges, including second place in both speed of construction and aesthetics. The bridge was designed by Cadets Dave Borowicz, Jackson Steele and Hank Thomsen, all Class of 1992.

The cadets selected to participate received academic credit for their work as an Advanced Independent Study in Civil Engineering and were second-semester seniors who already had the basic courses in Structural Analysis and Structural Steel Design. They took a second course in Steel Design concurrently with this Independent Study. To insure the academic legitimacy of this three-credit hour course, specific requirements were developed.

First, the cadets conducted independent research on different bridge types and selected several alternative structural schemes. They were encouraged to select structural schemes that would require them to use analysis and design techniques that they had not investigated previously (e.g. cable-supported structures, space trusses or frames, arches,etc.). The team then performed a decision analysis using self-developed criteria to determine the bridge type that they would use. An oral presentation of their decision was required.

After their structural scheme was selected and approved, the team performed a complete analysis and design of their bridge, including all members and con-

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# An Old AISC Steel Bridge Finds a New Home

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West Point's Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering has participated enthusiastically in the AISC Steel Bridge-Building Competition since its inception. And though the competition has proved to be a valuable learning experience for cadets and faculty members, it has tremendous potential to be even more effective as a vehicle for engineering education. That potential lies in the bridges themselves. They are produced for the competition, but, until recently, they have been relegated to storage afterward. Yet many of these bridges are quite well-suited for continued service. Each one is a strong, lightweight span capable of supporting a 2500-pound load. Though the AISC rules portray them as one-tenth size models, these bridges have many potential uses as practical, full-scale structures.

This spring, three cadets from the Class of 1992 redesigned one of the old AISC bridges as a permanent span for pedestrians and light vehicles at the West Point Golf Course. Cadets Rose Devereux, Phil Matthewson and Julius Tomines did their work as part of a comprehensive independent study project in civil engineering and received academic course credit for their efforts. In the process, they learned a great deal about structural engineering and construction management and provided a tangible benefit to the West Point community.

The bridge used is a steel truss with a twenty-foot span and a unique triangular cross-section. It originally was designed by two civil engineering majors from the Class of 1992, Cadets James Diggins and Paul Huszar. In 1990 this bridge won the AISC regional competition, where it demonstrated a very high degree of strength and stiffness. These same performance characteristics made it an ideal choice for the golf course bridge project.

Devereux, Matthewson and Tomines organized themselves into an *ad hoc* consulting firm—DMT Engineering Associates. Devereux, in her capacity as Vice-President of West Point's student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), assumed the role of project manager. Tomines had responsibility for analysis and design of the bridge superstructure. Matthewson took charge of the geotechnical work and foundation design. Though the cadets each specialized in a particular area, they soon learned that they had to integrate their efforts fully if the project was to succeed.

In January 1992, Devereux met with the golf course manager to define the functional requirements for the new bridge and to pinpoint its location—spanning a small stream just short of the eighth fairway. The redesigned structure had to be capable of supporting a four-foot-wide golf



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Cadets Jeff Agee and Jackson Steele, constructing their bridge at this year's competition.

Cadets Jackson Steele, Hank Thomsen and Jeff Agee with completed bridge at this year's competition.

nections. Since they selected a space truss, this required structural analysis techniques and software packages to which they have not previously been exposed. The connection designs were especially challenging due to the unique geometry involved.

Next, the team created drawings to communicate their design to the local steel fabricator who had volunteered to fabricate the bridge. This was the first experience many of these cadets had in attempting to deal with the detailing difficulties and constuctibility issues encountered in real-world structural engineering.

After the individual steel members of the bridge were fabricated, the cadets then developed a construction schedule to be used during the competition. By practicing different construction methods, the manpower requirements were determined and optimized.

Finally, after the competition, the cadets were required to prepare a formal written report of their work and make a formal presentation of the entire design and construction process to senior members of the faculty.

Overall, this Advanced Independent Study in Civil Engineering is very popular and is considered by cadets to be the one of the most challenging and rewarding academic experiences at the Military Academy. The bridge that was entered in the competition this year is currently on display in the lobby of Mahan Hall.

Cadet Rose Devereux supervises the placing of concrete.

Cadet Julius Tomines finishes one of the concrete abutments.

Cadets Rose Devereux and Phil Mattewson perform a soil test, as part of Matthewson's Foundation design.

cart weighing 1500 pounds.

The cart's width posed a major challenge for Tomines. Since the bridge was originally designed solely for the AISC Competition, its overall width was the minimum permitted by the contest rules—three feet. Thus Tomines' first task was to design an overhanging wooden deck, wide enough and strong enough to safely accommodate cart traffic.

With the deck design completed, he developed a sophisticated computer model of the bridge's steel framework and conducted a thorough structural analysis. The results of that analysis were used to assess the safety of each steel component in the bridge. In several instances, minor modifications were required to ensure the



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DMT Engineering Associates and the partially completed bridge.

Cadets Julius Tomines and Phil Matthewson install the wooden deck.

structure's long-term safety.

While Tomines worked on the deck and steel structure, Cadet Phil Matthewson designed a foundation for the bridge. He performed a computer analysis of the stream to determine its maximum depth of flow. The calculated depth became the basis for determining the elevation of the bridge and, in turn, the dimensions of the concrete abutments. Matthewson then designed the abutments and all of the wooden forms required to construct them.

As the design took shape, Devereux began planning the actual construction of the bridge. She identified individual project tasks and estimated how much time each would require. She also developed estimates for materials, manpower and equipment , then coordinated to get those assets to the job site at the proper time. Throughout the project, she received invaluable assistance, tools, equipment, materials, technical expertise and administrative support from West Point's Directorate of Engineering and Housing.

From March through May, DMT Engineering Associates built their bridge with the help of cadets from the ASCE student chapter. They obtained construction materials from DEH, then prefabricated the wooden deck, supervised excavation of the foundations, constructed wooden forms and fabricated steel reinforcing bars for the abutments. They poured concrete in mid-April and erected the steel framework two weeks later. Finally, they built the deck and constructed ramps at both ends of the span. In late May, just days before they graduated, Devereux, Matthewson and Tomines tightened the last bolts and placed the bridge into service.

Through their participation in this project, the cadets added a whole new dimension to their engineering education: the real-world practical application of structural analysis, steel and concrete design, hydraulics and hydrology, soil mechanics and computer-aided design. They also discovered the need to learn new subjects, like wood design and project management. This they did on their own, independently, with only general guidance from faculty advisors. On the jobsite, they learned by doing, and often by making mistakes. But, by encountering difficulties and overcoming them, the cadets visibly gained confidence in their own engineering skills. Perhaps most important of all, they built a structure with their own hands and left it behind as a permanent addition to the West Point landscape. Few engineering undergraduates can make the same claim.

The bridge is in use today, standing as a tribute to the cadets who designed it in 1990, to the cadets who found a way to make it better in 1992 and to the civil engineering program that prepared them for the task.

The completed bridge.



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# MORE TO THE POINT

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*The recent release of John Ford's* The Long Gray Line *in videocassette form brings back many memories, for, in 1954-55, George McIntyre '41 and I had the good fortune to be technical advisors for the movie. There is little reason to review the picture, for many old grads are familiar with the story of Marty Maher. Instead, this column describes some of the happenings at West Point while Ford was shooting the film.*

A call from the Department of the Army Chief of Information in early 1953 brought word that Columbia Pictures and John Ford wanted to produce a film based on the Nardi Reeder Campion biography of Marty Maher, friend of generations of cadets. The call could not have come at a less opportune time because the Academy had suffered through the making of the Universal film "Francis Goes to West Point" the previous year, although only minimum cooperation had been provided. DA recommended full assistance to Ford.

Shortly after the call, Ford and Robert Arthur, his producer, arrived at West Point with the first draft of the script. They spent only two days, surveying the post for possible filming locations, making a formal call on the Superintendent, Major General Frederick A. Irving, and discussing the script with the Information Office personnel. We in that office were much impressed with Ford; he began his discussion with the simple statement that he wanted us to review the script, "cut it to pieces," make it as authentic and as realistic as possible. He also requested that we provide him full information on the availability of cadets for some of the scenes and any restrictions that would be placed on his production at West Point. That ended his initial visit.

During the next two or three months, the script was reviewed by the History Department, the Commandant, the Library staff, the Superintendent, the Dean and Colonel Herman Beukema, Professor of Social Sciences and one of the senior faculty members. Recommended changes were sent to Ford; a revised manuscript was prepared by him and again reviewed at West Point. In late 1953, he returned to West Point with Bob Arthur and spent several days discussing his proposed shooting schedule. And he made several requests that would make the film deviate from fact or require special efforts by Academy personnel.

Maureen O'Hara charms some officers of the 2d Regt, USCC during a break in shooting.

NCO's break up a fight between Tyrone Power, as Marty Maher, and Peter Graves, as CPL Heinz, in *The Long Gray Line*.

Ford requested permission to use the "gingerbread" quarters of Lloyd Appleton

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of the Physical Education Department (the present home of the Cadet Hostess, Mrs. Caroline Gaspard), as Marty Maher's home. He had seen the quarters Marty had actually occupied and indicated the great desirability of using the Appleton house because of its charm and proximity to cadet activities. General Irving agreed that this could be done. Ford then indicated that he proposed to begin filming at West Point in March 1953 and provided a list of scenes he would shoot at that time. The schedule presented a problem; there were several parade scenes. Marching on the Plain in March before the grass had recovered from its winter hiatus would undoubtedly damage the surface of the Plain. Bob Arthur offered to resow damaged areas with a fast-growing grass in order to have the Plain in pristine condition by May. The sod would be replaced during the summer months to permanently correct any damage. Ford was informed that cadets would be available only during normal off-duty hours; in other words, only after 1500 hours daily, afternoons on Saturdays. He accepted this restriction and indicated that he would provide a list of scenes requiring cadet participation. He asked if small groups of cadets could be made available at other times and explained that he hoped to use cadets instead of actors in much of the picture. He also asked if post personnel—officers, enlisted men, wives and children—could take part in various scenes, explaining again that he preferred to use actual military personnel instead of actors when the script required an officer, an enlisted man, a post child or an officer's wife. General Irving agreed to this request also. He then startled everyone by asking if the Cadet Store could make uniforms for the actors who would play cadet parts and if the Cadet barbers could give his actors haircuts. It was clearly evident that he wanted authenticity in every way. He obtained from the Museum and the Library the names of firms that had made cadet hats and other equipment in the early 1900s, indicating that he intended to have reproduction hats and equipment made for approximately 500 cadets. Ford apologized for including some scenes in the picture that would not be true to life. For example, he wanted to have the announcement of the attack on Pearl Harbor come during Chapel services on the morning of 7 December instead of that afternoon. This, he indicated, might be termed "poetic license" or, more accurately, "motion picture" license.

These discussions took several days. General Irving thought it desirable to have as many post personnel as possible meet Ford, and, to do this, he hosted a reception early on Friday evening. When Ford learned about the reception, he sent to New York for his "party clothes"—a new pair of saddle shoes and a new pair of gray trousers! Ford's normal attire was a blue blazer with Navy buttons, gray slacks, saddle shoes and an almost disreputable Italian felt hat that could be rolled up and thrust into a pocket. All of the officers and wives on the post were invited to the reception in the old theater area in the gym. General and Mrs. Irving, Ford and Arthur were in a receiving line, greeting arrivals. Ford later moved from one table to another, talking with individuals. When he came to Red Reeder's table, Red was rubbing his leg and Ford asked if he had problems. Red answered that it wasn't the leg that bothered him, it was the prosthesis

The Class of 1917 departs West Point in *The Long Gray Line*.

Director John Ford, in his traditional attire, briefs his "extras" for the Class of 1917 departure scene.

Planning a "simple" scene at the Old Ordnance Compound.



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(he had lost a leg on the Normandy beachhead). Ford asked how, and Reeder explained that he had been wounded and left beneath a hedgerow as his regiment moved forward. A naval officer had carried him to the beach for evacuation. It turned out that it had been Commander John Ford who had moved Reeder to the beach; Ford had gone ashore with his photographic team to cover the landings.

About ten days later, Ford brought his actor-cadets to West Point to be measured for uniforms. Between this time and late-January 1954, there were frequent phone calls, constant reviews of script changes and discussions concerning the arrival of the Ford crew, their accommodations and the scheduling of various shooting requirements. Technicians came to West Point to measure the interior rooms of the Appleton quarters, photograph exteriors and interiors of various buildings, and resurvey the post areas Ford had decided to use. Initial filming would be done in Hollywood, and the interior scenes of Marty's home would be done there. The Commandant designated Lieutenant Colonel George McIntyre to be the technical advisor in matters relating to cadets; I was to be the technical advisor in other matters. McIntyre went to California to supervise the initial filming—after the cadet-actors came to West Point for their haircuts!

In the meantime, there was much to do at West Point. There were several parade scenes early in the movie, parades using the old "squads east" and "squads west" drill that had been phased out by 1940. One battalion of cadets had to be taught squad drill and parade formations of that early period—not only taught but brought to the state of perfection expected of the Corps. This was done by forming a platoon of officers who had earlier learned the drill. Cadets watched them perform squads right, squads left into line, right by squads column right, and pass in review for a group of cadet officers—but only after the officer platoon had practiced and practiced and practiced some more. The cadet group then was organized into a platoon and drilled until they were proficient. After a demonstration for cadet companies, the cadets and their officer-instructors trained the battalion. By late February, the special battalion could march in the old manner easily and with near perfection.

An unusual result came from this training. After the film had been completed, the First Captain asked the Commandant and the Superintendent if the entire Corps could return to the old drill. A request to DA was approved by the Chief of Staff, and "squads right" again appeared at cadet parades. LTG Gar Davidson recently indicated that one of his earliest requests to the Chief of Staff after he became Superintendent in 1956 was to obtain approval for using the old drill again, which continued in use until after Davidson's departure.

Ford and his crew arrived at West Point in early March 1954, and filming began shortly thereafter. Ford had briefed his group thoroughly and laid down rules to be followed. They always would appear in proper dress. They would not accost cadets or officers, other than those actually taking part in filming. The young men would not make any effort to date young ladies at the Thayer. One young actor did; he was on a plane back to Hollywood the next day.

Ford provided a list of scenes requiring West Point personnel. When word spread that officers, enlisted men and ladies would be needed, the Information Office phone rang constantly with volunteers offering to participate. So heavy did this traffic become that a newly arrived officer, Allen Weston '44, was detailed to assist in scheduling participation by post personnel. The Supe, the Com and some of the more senior professors were about the only ones who did not volunteer!

Ford had two "old timers" in his group: Donald Crisp, who played Marty's father, had been director of the 1926 film, *Dress Parade*. Maureen O'Hara, Marty's wife Mary in the film, had a part in the 1942 movie, *Ten Gentleman from West Point*. Many of the actors were members of the "Ford Repertory Theater," the nickname applied to a group of actors Ford used in many of his films. Included were Ward Bond, Harry Carey, Jr., and several others. Tyrone Power was Marty; Bond, Colonel Koehler; Milburn Stone, John J. Pershing. John Wayne's son, Pat, appeared as a cadet in this, his first movie. Many of the cast and crew were Catholic and attended mass in the Catholic Chapel. One exception was Donald Crisp, a staunch Presbyterian. When asked what he was doing with the Catholic group, he replied, "Well, 'tis somewhat in the way of missionary work."

With Ford came two vans of equipment: the 500 caps of the early 1900s and uniforms for that period, the 1915 period and the 1940s. LTC Francis Resta, USMA Bandmaster, already had obtained period band instruments in New York, and the band had practiced tunes and arrangements of earlier days for many weeks. Property manager Charlie Granuchi almost passed out when one of the officers asked if he had 500 Springfield rifles for use in earlier scenes. He did not and took what was meant as a joke to be truth.

Filming, for the most part, was done without trouble. One delay occurred when manure for a scene near the Cavalry stables did not arrive on schedule. Ford insisted that fresh manure be used in a scene in which Marty and Corporal Rudy Heinz (Peter Graves) get into a fight which is broken up by a sergeant (actually Master Sergeant Walter Strappel of the USMA Artillery Detachment) at the direction of Captain Pershing (Milburn Stone). Needless to say, the post grounds keepers were delighted to have the first infusion of real manure in many years!

One headache during the shooting of parade scenes was keeping traffic out of the area of the Plain. In the 1915 parade shot, for example, EVERY car had to be out of sight; a 1954 sedan in the background would have ruined all of Ford's efforts at authenticity. Despite much moaning and groaning and objections from individuals having parking spaces in front of the Library or across from Cullum Hall, this was done. Another problem came up during the scene in the Cadet Chapel. Kleig lights had been rented in New York at considerable expense. They were used one afternoon for the scene in the Mess Hall. The next afternoon, after 1700, the Chapel scene was scheduled. The lights were moved to the Chapel, put in place and tested. Promptly at 1700, one regiment of the Corps filled the Chapel; Ford was ready to turn the cameras. But Fritz Mayer, the organist, insisted on "tuning" the choir. After about ten minutes, Ford asked if he could begin to take the scene, but Mayer was not ready. After another ten minutes, Ford became more than just a bit agitated. He had to release the cadets by 1745 to permit them to get to supper on schedule. Mayer was asked if he was ready; the answer was no. He was then told that if the choir was not ready, it would be replaced by the Glee Club; and, *voila!*, the choir was ready to sing the required one verse of "America." The scene was taken; one shot only; the cadets marched down the hill; and the lights were turned off to be returned to New York.

A number of West Point officers had speaking parts. Phil Toon '44 was the adjutant in the 1915 graduation scene. Red Reeder '26 was the adjutant who administered the oath of allegiance to the plebes entering the Academy in July 1927. Air Force Colonel Tommy Gent '35, West Point Chief of Staff, was the Superintendent in Marty's final review. Cadets also had speaking roles. Harry Sullivan and Ames Albro, both Class of 1954, tested actor-cadet Bob Francis' plebe knowledge


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in a scene taken at Trophy Point. The plebe who reeled off plebe poop in the mess hall scene at the beginning of the film was a member of the Class of 1957; unfortunately, his name was not recorded. In another scene, supposedly after the Armistice was signed, Maureen O'Hara spontaneously grabbed a cadet and gave him a hug and a big kiss—his name was not recorded either.

The Corps was involved in many scenes other than parades, the Chapel shot and the Mess Hall episode. Cadets rallied round the bonfire celebrating the Armistice and carried Marty's outhouse away. In the scene depicting the departure of the Class of 1917, cadets were used to cheer and toss baggage into the baggage car. They were so enthusiastic about heaving suitcases and duffel bags that a few cadets were heaved into the car with the baggage.

That scene had another comic episode. Assistant Director Jack Corrick indicated that Ford probably would want a flag flying on the pole by the railway station—a problem because no flag had been flown there in years and there was no lanyard on the pole. It was decided to have some fun with Ford, and arrangements were made with the post Fire Department to have a hook-and-ladder truck standing by at the top of the hill, engine running, and ready to remedy the shortage. Sure enough, Ford wanted to know if a flag could be flown. When told there was no lanyard and that it would take time to get one, he indicated that it was "just like the Army, always needs an hour to do anything." A call to the fire crew brought the truck zooming down the hill and into the parking area with its ladder already being raised. A fireman raced up the ladder, inserted a lanyard, fastened a flag to it and lowered the ladder. Total time required: less than four minutes. Ford had no more to say about the Army always taking too much time!

Looking at photographs taken during the filming, one can identify many of the West Point actors who were given roles. Among the men were George Patton, Ted Gervais, Bill Morton, Deke Stone, Fran Covell, Charles Barrett, Edward Gillette, Mason Young, Ollie Patton, Tim Timothy, Edward Richardson and Charles Brosius.

Ford believed in using the unexpected. When a small dog ran out to chase a vintage auto in one scene, Ford kept the cameras rolling instead of retaking the shot. His explanation was simple: "if a dog chases that car today, it would have done the same then." The scene was used, complete with canine actor. That same car, a 1918 vehicle, broke an axle en route to West Point from its home port in northern New York. The owner was despondent, knowing how hard it would be to replace the broken part. To the rescue came the Ordnance Department; in a very short time—less than four hours—a new axle was fabricated in the Ordnance shop and the scene was shot on schedule.

There are inaccuracies in the film. Marty and Mary Maher never had a son. It would not be possible for Mary, or anyone else, to watch a cadet parade form from a hospital room. The guns fired to celebrate the Armistice were not French 75s but current 105 howitzers (efforts were made to find the 75s without any success). The Colors were not lowered to half staff after the announcement of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Actor Bob Francis is shown after receiving a battlefield promotion to captain; that could not have taken place. Promotion to lieutenant, yes; to captain, no. But these unrealistic touches fade when compared to the efforts made to achieve realism whenever possible. In addition to having 500 caps made by the Stetson Company, Ford brought actual uniforms made at the time to be depicted. The same was true of ladies' attire. In addition to dresses for actresses, the wardrobe included a large selection of period clothing for post ladies taking part in the filming.

There were surprises generated by Ford and his crew. There was a memorable dinner one evening in General Irving's home. After dinner, while coffee was being served in the Lee Room, Ford led Maureen O'Hara to the piano. She played and sang for the guests, none of whom were aware that she had a beautiful, trained voice and could play the piano. Another surprise, completely unannounced, was the drop-in visit by John Wayne to see how his son Pat was doing in his first acting role. But the biggest surprise of all came at the reception hosted by Ford at the Thayer Hotel. The specified dress was black tie or dress uniform. Guests arrived to find a receiving line waiting with Admiral John Ford in full uniform introduced by his aide, Marine Corps Captain Tyrone Power. Both wore their authorized uniforms and decorations.

There were some surprises in return that were sponsored by West Point personnel. After the last parade shot had been taken, the band began to march off to "Anchor's Aweigh." Ford stood at attention; his property man handed him an admiral's full dress hat and he stood, doffing the hat until the band left the Plain (the property man had been clued in as to what was to take place; Ford was not). It was suggested to Ford that he say goodbye to the Corps at dinner the night before he left West Point. He agreed and was escorted to the poop deck by the Supe and the Com. When he was introduced, he was greeted with cries from the cadets to "Take it off! Take it off!" The Commandant, Mike Michaelis, explained that it was then the custom for an individual speaking informally to the Corps in Washington Hall to take off his jacket, a symbol that the man was speaking, not the individual who had rank or status. Ford complied. He was very brief in his remarks, thanking the Corps for their help—"especially for making certain my cadet actors looked and acted like cadets"—and expressed the hope that they would like the picture. The First Captain then addressed Ford, telling him that the Corps and the officers resented one thing about his activities: he was too pro-Navy. (Ford had jokingly compared everything at West Point to the Navy way of doing things. For example, he periodically would comment that the lanyard on the flagpole on Trophy Point was "not as taut as it would be in the fleet.") The First Captain then told Ford that he thought his wearing a blue blazer with Navy buttons was a bit too much and handed him a new blazer made of gray uniform cloth with the red, white and blue shoulder patch on its pocket. Ford wore that jacket during the remainder of his stay at West Point and in Hollywood until the filming had been completed.

The announced premier of "The Long Gray Line" was held in New York City, and a second premier was held in Washington, D.C. But there was an unannounced and unpublicized premier showing in the post theater at Fort Sill about two weeks earlier. Bob Arthur and Ford arranged for the earlier showing at Fort Sill, knowing that I was at the advanced course and would not be able to attend either premier in the East.

I remember John Ford and his company well. It can not be said that the filming at West Point did not cause problems, but Ford's gratitude for the support given him by everyone at the Academy made those problems inconsequential. I remember his insistence on authenticity and his informal treatment of his crew and his pseudo-actors from West Point. I remember the many times he ruled against a suggestion by a member of his crew, saying that "that isn't the West Point way of doing it" or "that won't show West Point in the proper way." I am certain that George McIntyre will agree with me when I say that we both remember John Ford most of all as a friend.


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# Academic Limits

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

## What Makes A West Point Education Great?

The recent attention given to the Military Academy in Washington generated many phone calls from graduates who wanted to philosophize about their West Point education and classroom experience. The bottom line was always, I know I got a great education, but what was it that made it great? How do I describe it to my friends? The education offered at West Point is superb; in fact, few institutions can match it. In my view, six characteristics which have been with the Academy for most of its history define the quality of the program. The professional ethic shared by the faculty provides a multiplier that greatly enhances the character and quality of this West Point education. Let me explain.

West Point has been blessed with **highly talented students**. Considering the population of college-bound high school seniors (and using Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores as a measure), all of todays admitted cadets are in the top half, and the vast majority in the top quintile, of this population. Our mean SAT (1212) is at the 90th percentile of college-bound seniors. Even those in the lower part of the class academically are talented individuals. On top of high academic performance, successful candidates have had to display evidence of participation and leadership in both athletics and extracurricular activities. Because of these additional requirements, we end up with few cadets whose SAT scores are at the 99th percentile. While Harvard, MIT and similar colleges bring in many in this category, we are looking for the well-rounded individual. Once in the classroom, all cadets (some with a little push) work towards success in the program. And they learn not only the subject material but how to study. Ninety-nine percent of our graduates who stay in the service for at least 20 years end up with a master's or higher degree, and the record of those who leave the service is similar. Class standing is not the determining factor in who goes back to graduate school, and the performance level of those who go back is uniformly high. Obvious indicators of the high quality of our cadets are their records in competitive scholarship programs and their scores on national standardized tests. USMA stands fifth in the nation, behind only Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Stanford, in head-to-head combined numbers of Rhodes, Marshall and Hertz scholarships. In the graduate record examination, typically taken by graduate school-bound college seniors, the USMA Class of 1992 scored well above the national mean. Cadets tell us they were attracted to West Point primarily by the quality of the academic program and the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of our graduates in serving the Army and the nation.

Ever since the days of Sylvanus Thayer, the Academy has enjoyed a **carefully constructed and well-validated academic curriculum**. For many years a one-path program, the curriculum, since 1961, has offered a solid core coupled with an opportunity for limited study in depth. Today, 78 percent of the standard academic load is in the core (31 of 40 courses). This core, 15 courses in math science and engineering and 16 in the humanities and the social sciences, educates graduates who can deal with the complexities of today's high-technology world and understand the people who deal with this technology. The study-in-depth component, electives, gives cadets an opportunity to dig into subjects of interest and to experience the rigors and the joys of research. Most courses are taught in the context of the military path the cadets will take, and it is this relevance that adds interest for the cadets. We continually review the curriculum but change it only when such change makes sense. Courses are added, modified or dropped as the world around us changes. The content of the plebe computer course of 1992 looks little like the course of 1982, but the principles are the same. With a quarter of the faculty arriving each year from the nation's best graduate programs, keeping the curriculum academically current is a relatively simple task. The efficacy of the curriculum has been validated consistently by external accrediting bodies. In 1991, the Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) gave the USMA six-year accreditation for its four ABET programs, the longest given by ABET.

At the heart of the academic program is the **dedicated, teaching-oriented, and superbly qualified faculty** and its **focus on developing the whole person.** West Point's military faculty members are leaders who, on the average, have been guiding, as small unit commanders, young people for nearly seven years before they first take the platform at West Point. They understand how to motivate people to do difficult and sometimes life-threatening tasks. At West Point they concentrate on teaching and counseling, not research and publication, although all maintain currency in their disciplines. They represent all sources of commissions—USMA, ROTC, OCS and direct. They come to the USMA fresh from two years of graduate schooling. Goal- and unit-oriented, they support mission accomplishment. When asked to move from one course to another within their discipline to accommodate enrollment shifts, they do so with enthusiasm and competence. The civilian members of the faculty represent expertise in foreign languages and in disciplinary sub-fields not normally pursued by the military, as well as the prominence of the visiting professors who join their military colleagues for one year of service at West Point. External evaluations from academic bodies, the Board of Visitors and exchange cadets all speak to the quality of the faculty.

Faculty members closely observe their students and evaluate seventeen of them each term on their military bearing, confidence, organizational abilities and peer relationships. P's, interested in the cadets as whole persons, not just as students, help coach club sports, guide extracurricular activities or cheer cadets


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on as they compete in intramurals. On the weekend, they often entertain cadets in their quarters. They care if the cadet is having problems at home or has just received a Dear John or Dear Jane letter. During the winter intersession and the summer military training period they may be teaching tactics in the classroom or critiquing a yearling combat exercise at Camp Buckner. The faculty sees the cadets as multi-dimensional, and the cadets have the same perception of the faculty. Recognizing the requirements for the cadets to be physically fit and to participate in competitive sports, the faculty supports this activity by offering AI and writ make-ups in accord with cadet time constraints. Unlike most colleges, USMA also accepts responsibility for providing cadets a strong **moral-ethical foundation** for learning and living. There are standards and principles. Tough questions aren't ducked. The faculty, as part of the academic effort, assumes responsibility for helping to develop within the cadets a professional ethic and for inspiring cadets to a career in the Army and a lifetime of service to the nation. The faculty follows the way of life that it endorses, and there can be no stronger endorsement.

To complement the quality teaching, the Academy provides a **supportive learning environment**. Classes still meet in small sections. Core course sections number 18 or fewer cadets, usually 15 or 16. Elective course sections range from 8 to 25 cadets, with 10-15 being the norm. In the core, frequent recitation is the rule. The faculty quizzes and questions cadets or requires them to participate in discussions to insure that they are keeping up. Written partial reviews (WPRs) are given several times during the term. Many courses require designs or term papers. In all cases, feedback is rapid. If a cadet is not performing, he or she is told about it. If the performance is so poor as to threaten failure, the TAC is brought into the picture. All cadets have access to considerable out-of-class assistance. Additional instruction (AI) is available at almost any time. In Math, for example, plebes and yearlings can choose between group AI, individual AI with their own instructor or stopping at the Math Clinic, which provides walk-in question answering and problem solving. AI times are not limited to a few "office hours" posted in a syllabus by the instructor (familiar to most of you in graduate school). Instead, they are selected to fit the typical cadet's schedule. In addition to AI from the faculty, cadets are supported by strong tutoring programs in their companies. Company academic officers and sergeants monitor the performance of those in difficulty and ensure that they are linked with cadets who can assist.

The faculty, students and the courses are supported by **high-quality facilities and equipment**. Through the support of the Department of the Army, generous donations by alumni and research arrangements established between faculty members and their colleagues at major Army labs and research activities, the academic plant and included equipment match those of any undergraduate program in the nation. The period 1984-94 will see every academic building at West Point renovated and improved. New or improved labs have been or are being provided the MSE departments, and these labs are being outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment, much of which comes to West Point through grants and research support. While the computer network that links all cadet computers and all faculty computers was installed using appropriated funds, several of the 3B2 mini-computers which serve the network were given to West Point by corporate donors through the AOG. The two VAX computers supporting our simulation and terrain analysis programs are at West Point because of research projects being accomplished for the Army by the faculty.

Yes, it was and is a superb educational experience. While each of the six characteristics that I have mentioned helps to define the West Point educational experience, it is the blend of all of these characteristics and the moral-ethical environment in which they are offered that makes the difference.

**What Makes A West Point Education Different**

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A Carefully Constructed and Well-validated Curriculum
A Dedicated, Teaching-oriented, Superbly Qualified Faculty
A Focus on Developing the Whole Person
A Supportive Learning Environment
High-Quality Facilities and Equipment
A Moral-Ethical Foundation


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# The COM Reports

*By* BG Robert F. Foley, *Commandant of Cadets*

As I mentioned to you last time, my initial impression is that the Corps of Cadets is in great shape. The leadership exercised by the Classes of '93 and '94 both during Beast Barracks and at Camp Buckner could not have been better. The Yearlings and New Cadets were trained to standard. Every member of the cadet cadre this summer inspired an upbeat and positive attitude and instilled discipline in the ranks. When I visited Forts Knox and Benning, unit commanders involved in training of new recruits passed along their highest praise for cadets participating in the Drill Sergeants program. The cadets also told me that they are very impressed with the long hours and dedication to duty displayed by the Drill Sergeants.

In my talks to the Corps, I have emphasized the importance of carrying this atmosphere of enthusiasm and professionalism into the academic year. After observing the outstanding performance of the Corps during Reorganization Week, I have every reason to believe that they possess the motivation to remain highly spirited throughout the year.

For me, Reorganization Week began on a Sunday, 9 August 1992, when I articulated my command guidance to the new First Captain, Cadet Shawn L. Daniel. The following Monday and Tuesday, the cadet commanders, brigade through company level, proposed the conditions and standards that I immediately approved for this year's Mission Essential Task List (METL). The tasks are:

- Excellence in Drill
- Pride in Achievement
- Leadership through Presence
- Winning Spirit
- Discipline

While each of the METL tasks provides a clear focus for the Corps of Cadets during AY 92-93, I put added emphasis on inculcating in each cadet a "winning spirit." As we all appreciate, a winning spirit is fundamental to the profession of arms.

Of course, West Point has a built-in system for generating spirit in the Corps through the extensive athletic program involving 27 intercollegiate athletic teams, 15 intramural sports and 25 competitive clubs. And it is all about winning. One of the conditions in the METL I have emphasized is that those not participating must be in direct support. I make the analogy that the spirit of our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines so aptly demonstrated during Desert Shield/Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf War was greatly enhanced by the strong will and full support of the American people. I have told each class of cadets that we all have spirit—it just needs to be unleashed in the proper manner at the right time and in the right place in order to accomplish a specific objective.

I know this spirit exists in abundance today in the Corps, because I observed it this past summer. The First and Second Class cadre at Beast and Buckner inspired a desire to win in all the competitive military and athletic events scheduled. I can state without hesitation that the Class of '96, whose motto is "For Freedom We Risk," has overwhelming spirit. In an unprecedented fashion, nearly half the class staged a spontaneous and electrifying rally on the Saturday night after their acceptance parade. Not satisfied with that, the entire Class of '96, with upperclass leadership, rallied again on Sunday evening in a driving rainstorm. I cannot describe to you how much I enjoyed watching these young men and women running, yelling and singing Army songs as they imposed themselves on the "Supe," the "Dean" and the "Com." Needless to say, Julie and I took great pleasure in leading them in a vigorous Com's Rocket.

Working closely with the cadet chain of command, I have instructed the USCC staff to put together a fall campaign plan centered around the Army Football program. Coach Bob Sutton and I have talked extensively on how we can orchestrate and synchronize the Corps for each of the twelve battles in the campaign (the twelfth being the Bowl Game). I have encouraged the staff to prepare an Operations Order for each battle using a different scheme of maneuver and fire support plan so we will retain the element of surprise against the enemy forces invading Michie Stadium this fall.

Of course, Army football is not the only program that involves the Corps of Cadets, but it is the major athletic activity at West Point in the Fall. My expectations is for this winning attitude and spirit to spill over to all athletic programs and events and to be sustained through the winter and spring seasons.

Obviously, a winning spirit cannot be mandated; it must come from within. The green suiters and gray suiters must possess and identify with "winning" and a "want to win" attitude. The cadet brigade staff has developed a number of coordinated initiatives to spark and inspire a winning spirit in the Corps, and we will support them in every way we can. I have told the Class of '93 that their leadership as a class is crucial. They must be there to make a difference.

Any thoughts, ideas or support to this METL task—"A Winning Spirit"—from the Long Gray Line would be deeply appreciated. Coaches and faculty alike are united in doing all they can to promote a winning attitude. Your messages of support can go a long way to help the cause.

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# The DIA Reports

*By* AL VANDERBUSH, *Director of Intercollegiate Athletics*

In this and the next two issues of *ASSEMBLY*, the head coaches of fall, winter and spring sports are featured.

## Coaches of Fall Sports

### RON BAZIL - Men's and Women's Cross Country/ Indoor and Outdoor Track

When it comes to running, there are few coaches who are as highly regarded as Army's Ron Bazil. Considered one of the nation's top developers of track talent, this Cadet mentor has established a tradition of excellence at West Point.

Since his arrival 13 years ago, Bazil's teams have won 72.3 percent of their dual meets in boasting a career mark of 242-93-3. This Army coach has led his cross country squads to a combined mark of 115-55-1, while guiding the track team to a 127-37-2 record. Under Bazil's tutelage, Army has consistently been one of the top teams in the East, as evidenced by strong showings at the prestigious Heptagonal and IC4A championship events.

He directed the women to four Hep titles while seeing the men gain runner-up status three times. Additionally, he produced 11 All-America athletes during his tour at West Point.

Presently on the executive board of the men's Olympic Development Committee, Bazil guided the American team that competed against the Soviet Union in the first indoor meet between the two nations in 1971. Four years later, he was an assistant coach of the squad that met the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Pan Africa and West Germany. In 1982, he coached the American team that competed against England, Austria and Sweden.

More recently, he has guided squads that have participated in the Olympic Sports Festival, the IV Pan America Games and the First World Junior Championships, among others.

Prior to his arrival at West Point, Bazil built a top track program during an 11-year stint at Adelphi. He developed several national-caliber champions and twice was chosen by the Track and Field Association as District 2 "Coach of the Year."

### JOE CHIAVARO - Men's Soccer

As he heads into his 11th season Joe Chiavaro finds himself just shy of two school coaching marks. With 94 wins to his credit, he needs one more to take over the No. 2 spot on the all-time coaching victory list and just six for his 100th career win.

Chiavaro, who begins his 15th season, was voted "Coach of the Year" after he led his squad to the Patriot League tournament title. He also earned the Sportsmanship Award presented by the New York Metropolitan Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association.

Prior to joining the Patriot League in 1990, Army participated in the MAAC, where Chiavaro-coached teams never finished lower than third and twice captured the title. Chiavaro was tabbed for MAAC coaching honors during back-to-back seasons in 1987 and 1988. In 1988, he also earned Regional "Coach of the Year" honors.

Army broke into the top twenty last fall when ranked 14th nationally. The Cadets also were ranked first in the New York region after being unbeaten in their first eight games. It was the first time since the 70's that the Cadets were ranked nationally and among the regional leaders.

In spinning an impressive 94-71-14 record over the past ten years, Chiavaro also had 19 players garner all-league honors while seven earned regional All-America recognition.

Graduating from Cortland State in 1973, Chiavaro broke into the collegiate coaching ranks following an enlistment in the Army. He served his military tour at West Point as an assistant to Joe Palone, Army's legendary and winningest soccer coach. Joe is married to Lynn Arturi Chiavaro, head coach of the Army Women's Basketball Team.

### BOB GAMBARDELLA - Women's Volleyball

With Bob Gambardella at the helm, the Army women's volleyball program has earned a position among the top programs on the East coast. And if the coach has his way, Army will soon be listed among the nation's elite.

The Lady Knights have recorded 20 wins and posted a winning record each of the last 11 years. Nine of those seasons have been under Gambardella's direction. He owns a 245-109 (.692) record at the Academy and is 399-181 in 13 seasons as a head coach.

In 1986, he led the Lady Knights to an Academy-record 40 wins while the 1990 squad—Army's first in Division I competition—won 30 matches, including an 18-match win streak that tied the Academy record.

Last season, Army captured the Patriot League postseason championship tournament by defeating Colgate, reversing the results of the league's inaugural tournament one season earlier when the Red Raiders defeated the Lady Knights. Army was the 1990 regular season Patriot League champ, and Gambardella was the league's "Coach of the Year" in.

He earned similar "Coach of the Year" honors in 1986 after leading Army to the MAAC title, and he was tabbed Tachiakara's top coach in the Northeast Region in 1987.

A 1977 graduate of George Williams College, Gambardella was head coach at Lewis University in 1978 and led the team to a berth in the IAIA state championship. Next, in three seasons at his alma mater, his teams posted a 55-10 mark and earned state and regional honors.

Currently, Gambardella is a consulting coach for the U.S. Women's Volleyball


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Team. During the summer of 1991, he toured with the United States' team that challenged China and Bulgaria. Three times (1987, 1989, 1990), he has been an Olympic Festival director and twice (1983, 1986) served as a festival coach.

**MARK PRUISS - Water Polo**

Mark Pruiss, the sixth coach to head Army's water polo program, begins his fourth season at the helm this fall.

Pruiss made a splash his first year (1989), as his team snapped an 18-meet losing skein along with posting their first win over Navy in edging the Middies, 10-9, in sudden death overtime at the Mid-Atlantic Championships. The Cadets also posted their first win over Bucknell since 1986 and captured their first tournament since 1983 in rallying for the title at the Dayton Invitational. At one point that season, his squad, which posted a 22-9 intercollegiate mark and 23-10 overall, was ranked 16th nationally.

In all three of his previous seasons, the Cadets finished above .500, recording identical 16-15 seasons the past two years in compiling a 55-40 mark.

Pruiss coached swimming and water polo at Findlay College between 1986-89 and also served as an assistant coach for the women's water polo team at the Olympic Festival in 1987 and assistant for the men's national squad at the Pan-American Games that same year.

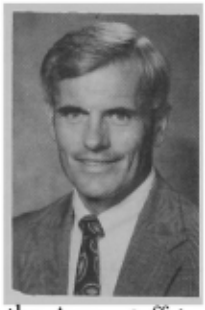
This 1979 College of Wooster graduate with a B.A. in physical education was a four-time all-America swimmer who also lettered in soccer. He received the "Mange Award," presented annually by Wooster to its top senior athlete. Pruiss received an M.S.S. degree in sports management from the U.S. Sports Academy in 1987.

This past year, he was named an assistant on the National "B" Team staff, a regional training unit established by the U.S. Water Polo Corporation to aid in the development of the nation's finest athletes.

**BOB SUTTON - Football**

Bob Sutton has coached at the collegiate level for 20 years. In 1990 he was named to succeed Jim Young.

A head coach at the United States Military Academy "is really something special," he said at the time of his appointment, "dealing with young men that are being trained to be the future leaders of our country, dealing with people who are going to impact our country down the road. That's exciting."



Sutton, 41 and a 1974 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, had coaching stops at five other schools before joining the Army staff in 1983. His career began 11 years earlier when he served as a graduate assistant at the University of Michigan and had his first contact with Young, developing a friendship that flourished over the years.

He served two years as defensive coordinator for the Wolverine freshmen. In 1974, he coached outside linebackers.

He took a transfer within his home state in 1975 to coordinate the defense and coach linebackers at Western Michigan. He remained there for two years, relocating to become the University of Illinois defensive coordinator and linebacker coach from 1977-79.

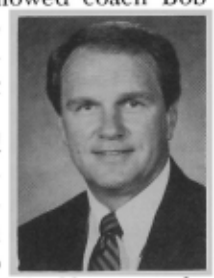
Sutton returned to Western Michigan in 1980, for a two-year tour as offensive coordinator. The Broncos went 7-4 in 1980 and 6-5 the following year.

North Carolina State beckoned in 1982, for one season coaching running backs.

The call from Young came in January of 1983, and Sutton became the Cadets' defensive coordinator.

Now, as Army's head coach, he is still a firm believer that, "to be successful, you have to create a great belief in the team." It is what he is determined to accomplish with this year's group of young men.

**BOB THOMPSON - Lightweight Football**



One word has followed coach Bob Thompson throughout his career in collegiate athletics. That word is "success."

Thompson assumed the head coaching duties of Army's lightweight football team in 1986, stepping into a hallowed program that had known nothing but success in its previous 29 seasons. Six years later, the Cadets remain a power in the Eastern Lightweight Football League.

Army has won or shared the ELFL crown in each of the six years since Thompson's arrival at West Point. Since that time, his teams have gone 32-5-2 (.846).

A 1961 graduate of Indiana University, Thompson served as Director of Athletics at Rose-Hulman Institute in Terre Haute, Indiana before joining the Academy staff. Thompson first joined the Rose-Hulman football staff in 1971 as defensive secondary coach, became defensive coordinator in 1977 and head coach in 1981, for a total of 15 years on the football staff. The Fightin' Engineers posted a 75-67-3 mark and won five College Athletic Conference (CAC) titles. In 1977, he also worked as head track coach, leading his team to eight consecutive CAC Championships from 1979-86. His 10-year record in triangular meets is an amazing 69-8 (.896).

In addition to serving as Army's lightweight football coach, Thompson is an Associate Director of Athletics, overseeing the Admissions Support Office for Army's 27 intercollegiate athletic teams.

**GENE VENTRIGLIA - Women's Soccer**

Women's soccer gained stature and national recognition when Gene Ventriglia took over the program while it was still in its infancy several years ago.

Under his guidance, the lady booters made the transition from club to intercollegiate competition. After spending the first four years as a Division II school, Ventriglia made the move to Division I as a member of the newly-formed Patriot League in the fall of 1990.

After heading the program the first seven years in a part-time capacity, Ventriglia became a full-time coach this summer, following his retirement after 26 years as a high school teacher in the Hudson Valley.

Last year, Ventriglia was picked by his peers for Patriot League "Coach of the Year" honors after leading his squad to the regular-season title. An excellent recruiter, this energetic mentor boasts a winning percentage of 67 percent over the past six years. His teams compiled a mark of 75 wins against just 35 losses, with eight ties. The past two years as a Division I contender, Army recorded a 29-10-1 mark.

Ventriglia has produced a pair of all-America players in Carla Miller and Kelly Demers. Miller was picked in 1988, while Demers was the first academic all-America in being named to the third team the following year by the Coaches Association.

Next issue: Winter sports.

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# Admissions Update

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

## The Ratings Game

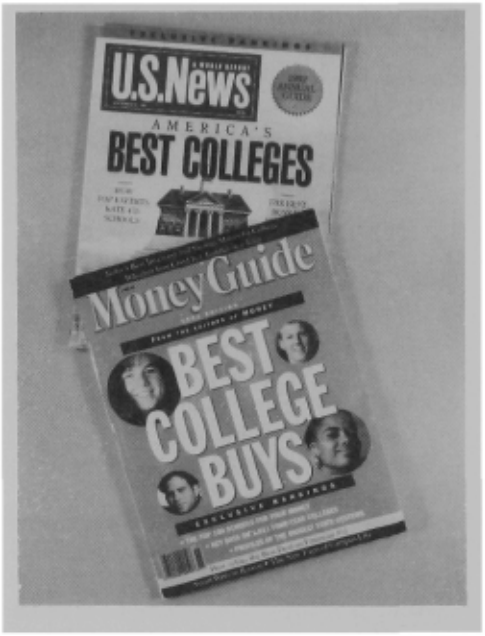
Maddening to college administrators, selling copy for editors, and arguably providing a service for college-bound students and their parents, the mass media college guides are "probably here to stay."

These listings reflect the contemporary penchant to rank anything from college football teams to the best and worst dressed celebrities. Although college guides are not new, their new-found popularity and notoriety are.

This notoriety was created because mass media publications willingly went out on a limb to increase circulation by boldly ranking educational institutions. Phrases such as "Choosiest," "Top 25 National Universities" and "America's Top 10 College Buys" succeed in drawing attention and boosting readership.

Traditional guides such as *Barron's* and *Peterson's* make broad-band distinctions between schools—such as *Most Competitive* for highly selective institutions and *Non-Competitive* at the opposite end of the spectrum. More importantly, the traditional guides do not receive wide distribution beyond the parents of high school seniors and juniors. News magazines are widely distributed via subscriptions and are displayed for sale at newsstands next to every commuter rail line and airport in the country—where alumni are bound to take notice.

Early this fall, the now-annual mass media college guides hit the newsstands, eliciting cries of elation from the "winners" and howls of protest from the "losers" in the ratings game. But neither emotion is much in evidence among friends and graduates of USMA and the other service academies because, as in previous years, the nation's service academies are not ranked. Neither with the most selective schools in the nation nor with the "best values" in higher education. This despite the acknowledgement by the editors playing the ratings game that service academies are both.




### The "Roger Maris" Treatment

Instead, the service academies are "asterisked." You might call it the Roger Maris treatment. Just as Maris had an asterisk after his name for breaking Babe Ruth's home run record in a different number of games, so the service academies are omitted from the lists of elite schools because we are unique.

This is reflected by including West Point and the other service academies in the rankings with "specialty schools," such as the Juilliard School in New York (music) and Harvey Mudd College in California (engineering). The accompanying text is always complimentary—"The qualifications for admission to West Point, Annapolis and the Air Force, Merchant Marine and Coast Guard academies are similar to those for elite national liberal arts schools." Although the distinction is clear, our place in the ratings game is not.

Recent articles on the ratings game are critical of the data collected and its weighted evaluation in developing national rankings. B. Ann Wright, Dean of Enrollment at Smith College in Northhampton, MA, detailed her criticism of the ratings game in the 1992 spring edition of *The College Board Review*. David S. Webster, associate professor of educational administration and higher education at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, penned a similar article on college rankings in the March/April edition of *Change, the Magazine of Higher Learning*.

### *U.S. News* Throws Out First Ball in the Ratings Game

*U.S. News & World Report* tossed out the first ball in the college ratings game in 1983 with its inaugural ratings issue. It followed with another issue in 1985, and, since 1987, has published the guide annually. *USA Today* followed suit in 1986, and *Money* magazine began in 1990. Other publications, notably *Kiplinger's Financial Planner* and *Business Week*, have published similar guides. However, the three most popular, or notorious, depending upon your perspective, are the *U.S. News*, *Money* and the discontinued *USA Today* efforts.

### Treatment of the Service Academies

Over the years, *U.S. News* has consistently noted the quality and unique nature of the service academies despite not ranking them. In July, Robert J. Morse, senior editor in charge of the *U.S. News College Guide*, was asked why service academies continue to be listed with specialty schools. He said that an editorial choice was made "not to rank the service academies among themselves because they are so comparable and serve the public in such a unique fashion. We intend to provide the public with an equal amount of information on the service academies as with other institutions."

For the first time this year, *Money* is treating the service academies in the same fashion as *U.S. News*. Previously, the service academies had been listed alphabeti-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cally with approximately 1000 other schools. Eric Gelman, senior editor of the *Money Guide to the Best Colleges*, said that "we think the service academies are a great buy, but they are unique and difficult to compare with other institutions. Although...a cadet is paid to attend a service academy, there is also a commitment upon graduation to serve in the Army." Consequently, the service academies will be treated as specialty schools, according to Gelman.

### *USA Today's* Selectivity Ratings - A Case of Lost Legitimacy

*USA Today* followed *U.S. News* into the ratings game in 1986 and published annual rankings through 1989. Service academies were fully included in the rankings. On 17 November 1987 *USA Today* announced that USMA had won the mythical national selectivity championship with this front page headline: "Who's No. 1? Choosiest is also cheapest, West Point."

The *USA Today* rankings are noteworthy for another reason—the annual rankings were discontinued after the 1989 issue. In a telephone interview last summer, Pat Ordovensky, the *USA Today* reporter who compiled the lists and who is a participant in College Board educational fora, said that the newspaper discontinued the rankings because "we found we were comparing apples and oranges."

*USA Today* discovered that this apparently simple statistical task was, in an environment of intense competition for the top college-bound high school students, a complex undertaking. The selectivity ratings were based on a combination of two data sets: acceptance rates and standardized test scores.

Admissions acceptance rates, or yields, are greatly affected by how an institution defines an applicant. Legitimate comparisons are possible only when all institutions report the same data. For example, some schools reported an applicant as anyone who started the admissions process. Others reported the smaller number of people who actually finished the process and were mailed letters of acceptance or rejection. This can, and did, greatly affect the acceptance rate and the selectivity rating. The problem for *USA Today* was determining which numbers had been reported so apples were being compared with apples, and not oranges. The task of keeping the two separate proved to be impossible.

According to Mr. Ordovensky, the legitimacy of standardized test scores—SATs—was even more difficult to ensure. He explained that some schools included decliner scores (an applicant offered admission who declines the offer and matriculates elsewhere, say Harvard) in the test data reported to *USA Today* thereby boosting its selectivity rating. A significant number of schools, including many Ivys, refused to report their SAT data or other variables. More commonly, institutions chose not to include the scores of certain groups.

The following table illustrates how institutional SAT scores can be enhanced when one or more special groups of students are excluded. Consequently, a school's selectivity rating also improves when the SAT scores rise, which is why Ordovensky's task became ever more challenging.

**SAT Means**

| Class of 1993 | Verbal | Math | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Entire Class | 538 | 611 | 1149 |
| Exclude underrepresented minorities | 545 | 621 | 1166 |
| Exclude athletes | 548 | 622 | 1170 |
| Exclude foreigners and NIPS* | 581 | 637 | 1218 |

*Not In Profile Students
Source: The College Board Review: No. 158, Winter 1990-91, page 16

Had this unidentified school selectively reported SATs (it did not), it could have exceeded the perceived prestigious 1200 SAT average, a requirement for inclusion in the *USA Today* listing.

Statistical manipulation such as this can yield tangible and significant gains. In 1987, according to USA Today, "To make the list [of most selective schools] a school must accept less than 50 percent of its applicants and must have a freshman SAT average of at least 1200." Therefore, in the real-world case cited above, 1218 would have made this institution eligible to play for the national championship. USMA won USA Today's 1987 contest with an acceptance rate of 10.2 percent, nudging out the Naval Academy. USMA SATs were 1205 that year, among the lowest of the 45 or so colleges that had acceptance rates of less than 50 percent.

**ASSEMBLY:** How did USMA win the mythical college ratings game in 1987?

**COL Rushton:** When rankings are compiled we should always understand the criteria used by the publication. Before it ceased publishing college rankings, *USA Today* used a combination of selectivity and SAT scores. In 1987, USMA had a high number of applicants and a low acceptance rate, around ten percent. In the following three years applications declined somewhat and we slipped down the list—to 2nd, 3rd and 4th among all schools ranked. Did USMA slip as an institution in that time? No, of course not. New cadets of those classes were as highly qualified as those of any other USMA class.

**ASSEMBLY:** Traditionally, what most influences college selection?

**COL Rushton:** Home, college contact and high school support seem to be the greatest influence groups for one's choice of a college.

**ASSEMBLY:** How important have mass media college guides become to choosing a college or university?

**COL Rushton:** One hard fact is that the publications are grading (evaluating) themselves on circulation, not utility to the student. I do not know of any independent survey which states that students and their parents find the mass media guides to be a significant part of their decision-making process. Accordingly, I think we must not lose sight of the basics of "selective" college admissions. One key factor in college choice is proximity to home—many young people select a school within 500 miles of home, primarily for support reasons. We see this in our yield rates for USMA (acceptance to offer ratio) when the Mid-Atlantic candidate yield is near 80 percent and the Far West candidate yield is nearer 60 percent. Beyond this, if a school makes the top of some list, it might support the original choice based on geography. Second, USMA is a national institution. West Point competes with the finest schools across America for the best and brightest, and we feel strongly that the USMA cadetship belongs to every eligible citizen. Thus, we work hard to inform all of our great program. Finally, choosing a college should be fairly serious work—not just picking a name from a list. We believe this is especially so in the USMA case, and we seek to impart what we call "the dimensions of West Point" to interested candidates. Certainly, mass media guides are in the information business, too. My concern is that unless they are very careful (and comprehensive) they can mislead.

**ASSEMBLY:** One case made in support of the mass media guides is that college administrators provide "so few sources of useful information about how their institutions compare in quality with others." Is this a fair criticism?

**COL Rushton:** That certainly doesn't apply to West Point. The purpose of USMA Admissions publications is to assist people in learning about West Point, not to rank USMA in relation to, for example, Navy and Air Force or Duke and Princeton. Our goal is to have an informed consumer. To that end we provide some information which may steer a fine young man or woman to a different school. This is particularly so in our videos, which leave little to the imagination as to what lies in


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store for a new cadet during Cadet Basic Training.

**ASSEMBLY:** What are the important issues surrounding the ratings game?

**COL Rushton:** Education is fundamentally too broad, too deserving of a better look, simply to be placed on some list —like ice cream flavors. There are also the criticisms about accuracy of data. One needs to understand the competitive nature of admissions in this era of demographic decline and shrinking education budgets. Deans of admissions are expected to fill the class for financial reasons in addition to the traditional academic imperatives for a quality class. In an article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* it was noted that "it has been clearly demonstrated that a top 10 finish in one of the rankings can shoot applications skyward... the temptation to fudge data can be enormous." The article went on to say that increased applications did not necessarily mean increased quality among applicants or that the institutional programs were accurately reported—two more concerns. *USA Today* concluded its ratings had become unfair and no longer legitimate because of a lack of uniformity in data reporting. All the professional organizations in the college admissions field—most notably The College Board and the National Association of College Admissions Counselors—discourage comparison and list making.

Criticisms of *U.S. News & World Report*, *Money Magazine* and *USA Today* for their selective lists are numerous. Olin Robison, former president of Middlebury College, called such lists "depressing" and a "fraudulent exercise" in an article in *The New York Times*. Ellen Futter, president of Barnard College, dismissed these lists as "shallow and inaccurate" and "ridiculous, a simplistic and misguided approach."

Robert Zamsky, director of the Institute for Research on Higher Education at the University of Pennsylvania, and William Massy, director of the Stanford Institute for Higher Education Research, both called *U.S. News* rankings "silly," "wrong-headed," and "fundamentally dangerous." They argued that *U.S. News* used numbers that were "largely devoid of meaning" and encouraged "the kind of competition that puts higher education at risk."

But another educator, probably a realist, said several years ago that "the McRankings" were part of the education scene now.

**ASSEMBLY:** Do you believe the distinctions made between schools in traditional non-mass media guides such as *Barron's* and *Peterson's* are legitimate?

**COL Rushton:** Good question. The data in *Barron's* and *Peterson's* serves students well. They provide solid profiles of each institution so a student can see if he or she is a good match. Whether that school is number one or one thousand on some list is irrelevant if it is a good match for the student. Particularly with the service academies, there are important subjective elements that list makers cannot quantify.

**ASSEMBLY:** Such as?

**COL Rushton:** In our case, the unique dimensions of the West Point experience. These list makers never get into the character required of cadets, the robust physical approach to life required of cadets or the leadership aspects of cadet life. All of these are absolutely vital to the Corps, and USMA Admissions takes very seriously its mission to evaluate these dimensions in applicants. Frankly, when taken in combination with the academic rigors of our program, there are few parallels, so it is very hard to compare us fairly to other schools.

**ASSEMBLY:** What's a friend or graduate of the Military Academy to think when reading one of these mass media guides?

**COL Rushton:** We should not ever be left out if they are talking about selective schools. We should be on every list of highly competitive institutions using any of our criteria for admission, whether it be scholastic or otherwise. According to *Barron's*, we are in the top three percent—the Most Competitive category—of United States schools. Given our acceptance rate and the multi-dimensional talents of our applicants, I believe this is a fair assessment. I would shy away from ranking from one to 1000 or whatever inside such a broad band. Another method to judge where USMA fits into the ratings game is to look at where our decliners choose to attend college.

**ASSEMBLY:** Decliners being applicants to whom USMA has offered admission but who choose to matriculate at a different college?

**COL Rushton:** Right. The top ten institutions our decliners attend speak volumes for the quality of the West Point candidate pool. Air Force and Navy—no surprise there—top the list. They are followed in order by Harvard, Princeton, Notre Dame, Duke, Penn State, Stanford, Dartmouth and MIT. That's good company.

**ASSEMBLY:** How important is institutional self-confidence or self-awareness?

**COL Rushton:** Well, ratings in the mass media guides are catchy, they are in vogue and they probably are here to stay. But more important than any external evaluation are the internal self-examination and adjustments USMA makes. We know we are on the right course and, judging from the quality of both our incoming classes and the success of our graduates, so do a lot of other people.


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# Northwest Epic: The Building of the Alaska Highway

*Adapted from the book by Heath Twichell, Jr. '56*

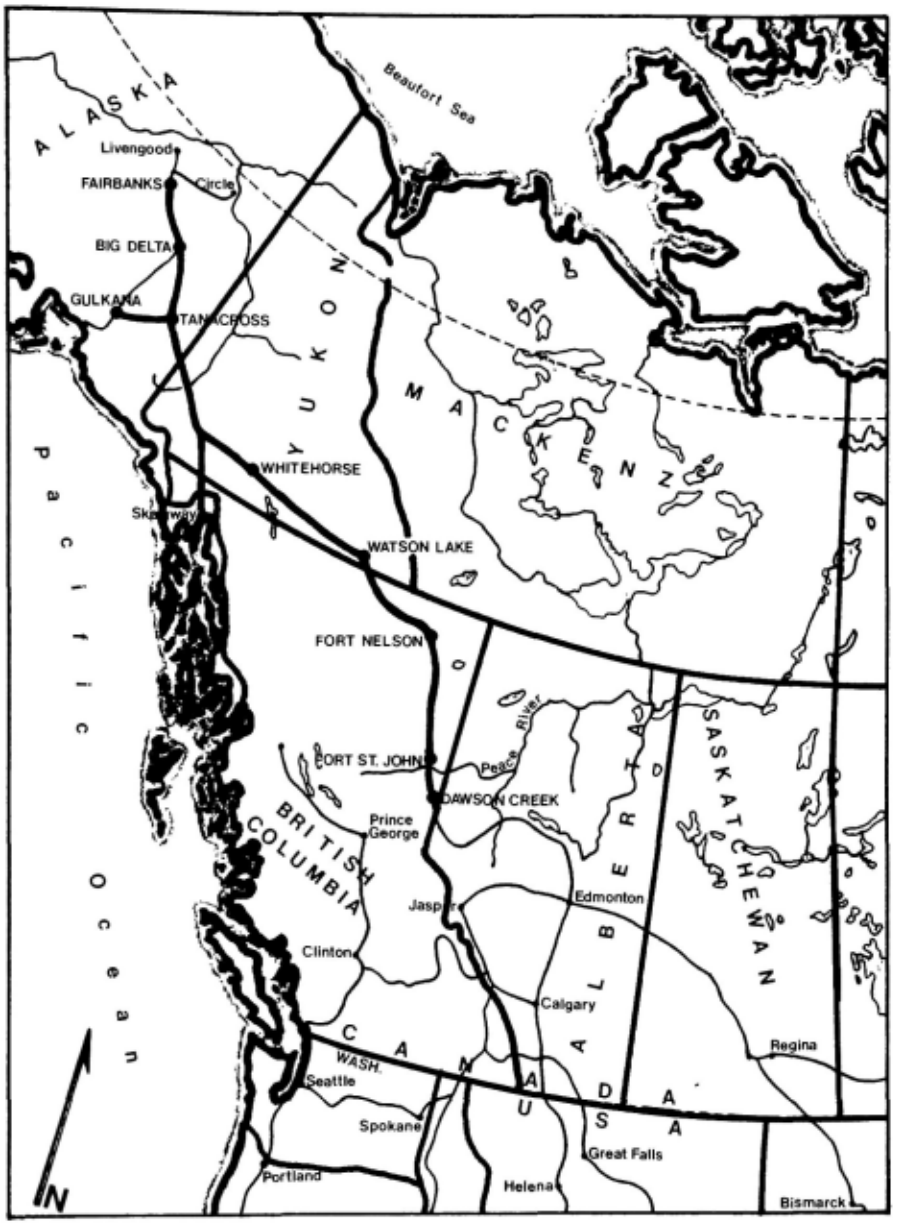
Quickly built by the U.S. Army over an unmapped stretch of the Canadian Rockies in the tense aftermath of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, the 1500-mile Alaska Highway was intended to provide an emergency supply line to the airfields of the Northwest Staging Route and to U.S. military based in Alaska. The wartime highway soon spawned an amazing array of related construction projects across more than one million square miles of western Canada and Alaska, an area four times the size of Texas.

In addition to connecting the chain of airfields it was designed to support, by 1944 the Alaska Highway had its own oilfield and a newly built refinery and pipeline system (known as CANOL)—all linked by telephone lines, a network of temporary landing strips and much, much more. At a time when skilled workmen made $1.50 an hour and oil sold for less than $1.00 a barrel, the total cost of this enormous enterprise came to $500 million in U.S. and Canadian dollars. No other World War II construction project was more expensive—or more controversial.

Because the Japanese never managed to cut the sea lines of communication to Alaska, neither the Alaska Highway nor CANOL saw heavy military use. But in terms of human effort, resourcefulness, and gritty endurance, they were awesome achievements. Working in a vast, empty land where the temperature could drop 80 degrees overnight and the black flies and mosquitos were almost as formidable as the Japanese, a hastily organized force of 46,000 soldiers and civilian workmen took less than two years to finish what one officer, a West Point-trained Army colonel, called the "biggest and hardest job since the Panama Canal."

That officer was my father, Heath Twichell, Sr. His story is one of many in *Northwest Epic,* which is, above all, a book about the soldiers and construction workers who built the road. For many of them, it was the experience of a lifetime.

What follows is a condensation of the chapter that introduces the 35th Engineers, one of the seven regiments that pushed through the original pioneer trail and the first to begin work in northwest Canada. As the chapter opens, it is February 1942. Lieutenant Colonel Robert D. Ingalls, CO of the 35th, has just returned from a hurried reconnaissance with his new boss, Colonel William M. Hoge, to Fort Nelson, an isolated settlement in northern British Columbia. Moving the 35th Engineers into position there over a primitive, 250-mile winter trail before the spring thaw turned it into an impassable muskeg bog was the key to Hoge's plan for opening an emergency supply line across the Rockies



Colonel Heath Twichell with *Saturday Evening Post* author William H. Upson, who fictionalized the exploits of the 35th Engineers in a humorous *Post* article. Credit: Author's collection.



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to Alaska by the end of 1942.

The chapter then flashes back to August, 1941. . .

## OF MIGHTY MIDGETS AND GALLOPING CANARIES

For Lieutenent Colonel Ingalls and his 35th Engineers, the last seven months had been a tumultuous time of preparation. The newly activiated regiment had established its headquarters in August 1941 at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, just outside Little Rock. With a cadre of Regular Army officers and noncoms plus the leavening of a few experienced reservists recently called into full-time service, Ingalls quickly began the process of converting 1,000 draftees fresh from basic training into proficient combat engineers. The new officers who accompanied these men were mostly recent college graduates with engineering degrees of one sort or another, serving out their ROTC commitments.

Training had barely begun at Camp Robinson when the regiment received orders to participate in the Louisiana Maneuvers, the largest peacetime excercise ever staged up to that time by the U.S. Army. From bases throughout the central United States, more than 400,000 soldiers, organized as two contending armies, were to converge on the manuever area.

**On 9 September 1941**, just five days after the last shipment of 319 recruits stepped off the train at Camp Robinson, the lead elements of the 35th began their march southward toward the Texas-Louisiana border, 300 hot and dusty miles away. Not one to waste any opportunity, Ingalls used the march for all sorts of extra training. Airplanes passing overhead called for taking cover from an "air attack;" pup tents pitched among the scrubby pines at the end of a day's march had to be camouflaged; medics checked to see that latrines and mess hall sumps were properly dug and screened; noncoms checked their men's feet for blisters before darkness fell; blackout and noise discipline was enforced after that. Because most of the regiment's trucks were loaded with equipment and supplies, only a fraction of the troops could ride at any one time.

Despite their heavy packs and sore feet, most of the 35th's civilian-soldiers must have felt that the entire trip had a certain amusing unreality about it. While the regiment was playing at war, they were marching through peaceful southern towns where folks cheered and clapped and offered them lemonade and cookies. Lake Village, Arkansas not only turned out its high school band to lead the troops through town, but later that evening put on a street dance for the entire regiment when it bivouacked nearby.

The War Department planned the Louisiana Maneuvers as both a test and a demonstration of the growing strength and capabilities of the U.S. Army, which had increased from under 200,000 men to over 1.6 million in the two years since Germany's invasion of Poland had touched off World War II. Nevertheless, disillusioned by the failure of World War I to settle Europe's problems, many Americans remained strongly isolationist. Some even suspected President Roosevelt and his chief military advisors, as they sought to bolster the country's long-neglected defenses, were secretly plotting to involve the United States in Europe's latest war. General George C. Marshall, two years on the job as Army Chief of Staff, often faced a hostile or indifferent Congress as he tried to justify the Army's needs and pleaded for the resources and legal authority to proceed with the buildup. The U.S. Army's eightfold increase in manpower in two years was incontrovertible evidence of Marshall's effectiveness as an advocate of military preparedness, but Congress rarely gave the War Department everything for which it asked.

**The uneven results** of this rapid buildup were obvious to any observer of the Louisiana Maneuvers. Although the operation was conceived on a grand scale, with the first American use of airborne troops and an entire armored corps and more than 1,000 military aircraft in action, many details showed just how unprepared for real war the U.S. Army was. Communication and coordination between ground and air forces, for example, was almost totally lacking.

The official records of the 35th Engineers credit it with "blowing up" 108 bridges in support of its side's general withdrawal during the course of the exercise. Placing simulated explosive charges made of wood blocks and string under bridge abutments may have been good training for the regiment's few demolotion specialists, but nobody else in the unit got much out of it. During withdrawal operations, engineer troops usually build roadblocks and lay mine fields; but, given the need to keep public highways open, little realistic training would have resulted from simulating such activities. Overall, this early chapter of the regiment's history tells of a green and untested outfit. For the average soldier in the 35th Engineers, the exercise amounted to a chance to practice the very basics of his calling: marching, keeping his equipment clean—and waiting.

Nevertheless, the Louisiana Maneuvers were a valuable experience for all concerned. Even the mistakes made by commanders and their staffs pointed the way to new and better tactical principles and improved planning techniques. When some of the more egregious blunders aroused public criticism, General Marshall responded calmly:

> "The present manuevers are the closest peacetime approximation to actual fighting conditions that has ever been undertaken in this country. But what is of the greatest importance, the mistakes and failures will not imperil the nation or cost the lives of men."

**What Marshall did not say**, but what every senior officer in the Army was discovering, was that the Chief of Staff had very little tolerance for officers who adjusted slowly to expanded responsibility and none whatsoever for those who failed to learn from their mistakes. The former found themselves sidetracked into dead-end jobs, while the latter were peremptorily retired.

Conversely, officers who demonstrated initiative and ability were rapidly promoted. To keep track of those who showed promise and those who did not, the Chief of Staff kept a little black book. By the fall of 1941, that book already contained numerous favorable entries beside the names of two rising stars in the firmament of the U.S. Army: George S. Patton and Dwight D. Eisenhower. After their outstanding performances in Louisiana—Patton as the aggressive commander of the 2nd Armored Division and Eisenhower as the Third Army's resourceful Chief of Staff—both men were definitely marked for greatness.

The performance of Lieutenant Colonel Ingalls may have been eclipsed by such brilliance, but it did not go unnoticed. A Cornell ROTC graduate who had served in the trenches during the last months of World War I, Ingalls had been promoted slowly thereafter despite his solid peacetime record. Command of a regiment was a rare opportunity. He was determined to make the 35th Engineers the talk of the Army.

Returning to its olive-drab tent city at Camp Robinson in mid-October, the regiment plunged into the hectic sixteen-hours-a-day, six-days-a-week garrison routine established by Ingalls. Given the military buildup then underway, such hours and living conditions were not unusual, but the same could not be said about Ingalls's ideas about training soldiers.

Ingalls had decreed that each arriving trainload of soldiers be lined up and arranged according to height. Those six feet tall and over were assigned to "A" Company; those a few inches shorter to "B" Company; and so on down to "F" Company, whose mem-


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bers barely met the Army's minimum standard of 5 feet 1/2 inch. Such sizing of units was customary at West Point because it reinforced the impression of precision and uniformity during parades, but is was not standard procedure in the Army. Many of Ingalls's contemporaries thought him a bit old-fashioned—if not downright odd—for insisting on it.

Colonel Robert D. Ingalls. Credit: The Ingalls family.

Nevertheless, the practice seemed to have a positive effect on morale in the 35th. Every good commander tries to foster a spirit of friendly competition among units in his outfit, but Ingalls's system lent an additional intensity to this rivalry. "F" Company's "Mighty Midgets," as they soon dubbed themselves, were unwilling to concede that they couldn't do everything as well as, if not better than, the "flankers" of "A" Company, despite spotting them almost a foot in height per man. Naturally, it was a matter of pride for the members of "A" Company never to let themselves be outdone by the "runts"—a category that included not only "F" Company, but everyone else in the regiment. As the 35th's training progressed, this friendly intercompany jousting was always a factor, whether the issue was which company had the most expert riflemen, the most solidly constructed timber trestle bridge or the fewest deficiencies at Saturday inspection.

Among the duties crowding the regiment's schedule were such assignments as repairing flood-control levees along the Arkansas River and upgrading Camp Robinson's network of gravel roads and temporary bridges. These jobs were above and beyond the training officially prescribed by the War Department, but Ingalls eagerly sought them out. It occasionally meant working on Sunday, but it also gave his men more practice.

Ingalls's determination to have his unit stand out went even further. Although the regiment was not authorized to have its own band, a search for musicians among the ranks turned up a handful of "volunteers" who had their own instruments. This group was soon banging and tootling away in rehearsals, practicing several marching tunes that Ingalls himself taught them on his ocarina. Not yet content, he wrote several new verses to one of the tunes, renamed it "Hail to the Engineers," and let it be known that every last soldier was expected to learn the regiment's new marching song in time for an impending inspection visit by the Division's Commanding General.

**At last came the day, 18 November**, climaxed by a spit and polish parade. Ingalls joined the general on the reviewing stand overlooking the regiment's newly leveled and graded parade ground. As his 1,300 troops marched past in solid rectangular mass (sized by height, of course, from front to rear), the effect was indeed impressive. Ingalls's boss told him so.

Ingalls replied, "Just wait a minute, general; they're coming around again."

And so they did, this time marching at double time and lustily singing "Hail to the Engineers."

Doubly impressed, the general soon was telling his staff that he would like to see other units try something similar at future parades. Whether the commanders of these units took him at his word is not recorded, but how well the suggestion sat with them can be judged from the regiment's new nickname. For a long time thereafter, the 35th Engineer Regiment was known throughout the Army as the "Galloping Canaries."

Less than three weeks after the parade, just as the line companies of the regiment were completing another of Ingalls's weekend projects—repairing a road on the rifle range—word came of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Weeks of frenzied activity ensued. All furloughs were canceled; Corps Headquarters waived the 35th's required Mobilization Training Test; and orders came to prepare for movement to the West Coast. Rumor had it that the regiment was headed to the Southwest Pacific, perhaps to reinforce General Douglas MacArthur's forces in the Phillipines, already in danger of being cut off by the Japanese. On 20 December, with all its equipment on board, the regiment left Camp Robinson in three long trains, arriving at Fort Ord, California on Christmas Day. Home, for the holidays, was a bleak and rainswept tent camp.

**Overlooking Monterey Bay**, 150 miles south of San Francisco, Fort Ord was already overcrowded with newly arrived units awaiting further deployment as soon as a clearer indication of Japan's next move emerged. Given the rash of submarine attacks on coastal shipping, including two on Christmas Eve, the Army's movement of reinforcements to the Pacific Coast may not have calmed the local population's fears that the U.S. mainland itself was in danger.

Despite frequent disruptive alerts, the 35th's daily routine at Fort Ord soon resembled what it had been at Camp Robinson. For the officers and senior noncoms, however, the first two months of 1942 were filled with more turbulence and uncertainty than ever. Each week, a few more of them got orders to report to Camp X or Unit Y, there to become cadre for one of the many new Engineer outfits being organized around the country. In addition, several hundred of the better-educated men from the lower ranks were pulled out to go to Officer Candidate School.

The first hint of the regiment's new assignment came on 11 February, when Ingalls received a War Department telegram placing him on "detached service" for a secret mission. Similarly worded orders came for Captain Alvin C. Welling, commanding officer of the 35th's 1st Battalion and one of the regiment's few remaining officers above the rank of Lieutenant besides Ingalls and his Executive Officer, Major Heath Twichell.

**Ingalls and Welling left Fort Ord** the next day, the former to join Colonel Hoge in Canada, the latter to go to the Engineer Training Center in Fort Belvoir, Virginia to assist staff planners as they prepared requisitions for the enormous quantity of supplies and equipment that the Alaska Highway project would need.

Temporarily in command of the regiment, Twichell was a West Point graduate who had spent the interwar years on a succession of Corps of Engineers civil works projects and training assignments. An intense, wiry, graying man of 46, he had joined the 35th in Arkansas the previous August. When Ingalls returned to Fort Ord, Twichell learned that both he and Ingalls had been promoted one rank in the intervening two weeks. He reported the good news to his wife, Frances, in a letter written on Wednesday, 4 March, and told her of the regiment's new assignment:

> Bob returned from Canada last Friday. He was up there. . . with COL Hoge. . .making a preliminary reconnaissance for the new road to Alaska that you have probably been reading about in the papers.
>
> The regiment is going up there soon to construct some four hundred miles of new road through a trackless wilderness. . . It is going to be a huge job, with many hardships and adventures, no doubt, but probably the chance of a lifetime.


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**Then Twichell described** the brand-new bulldozers and other road-building machinery that had just arrived, as well as the eleven vanloads of arctic clothing—enough to issue each man a sheepskin lined trenchcoat, a reversible parka, a fur helmet, a sweater, a scarf, gloves, wool pants, wool socks and underwear, two pairs of heavy shoes, goggles and a sleeping bag. "We certainly will be warm enough," he said.

The advance party, Company "B", with five officers and 160 men, was the first to leave, taking five days to make the 2,000 mile trip. As their comfortable railroad coaches rolled up the coast into Canada and east over the Rockies, the men had little to do for the moment but enjoy the spectacular scenery, relax, "shoot the bull," play cards or sleep. Early each morning the train paused at some whistlestop long enough for everyone to line up outside for mass calisthenics in the chilly mountain air. This novel sight always drew crowds of townspeople, who brought gifts of cigarettes or candy and stayed to cheer and wave as the train moved on. Delayed for several hours in Calgary, the troops were even treated to a hearty potluck buffet hastily organized by local volunteers.

**Next stop: Edmonton**, 200 miles due north. Then on to the northwest, across 400 miles of snow-covered prairie, to the "end of steel" at Dawson Creek. The company arrived just before dawn on 10 March. Waiting to greet them on the dimly lit station platform, wearing brand-new major's leaves on his decidedly nonregulation parka, was the familiar angular figure of Alvin Welling.

No longer assigned to the 35th, but working as Colonel Hoge's executive officer/advance man in Canada, the thirty-one-year-old Welling had spent a busy month since leaving Fort Ord. Based on his experience from previous duty in Alaska, he had done his best to convince the supply experts in Washington that their estimate of the logistical needs of Hoge's new command was pitifully unrealistic.

"My contribution," he recalled years later, "was merely to double or triple or, in the case of such items as welding rods and bar steel, to double-triple the quantities." Arriving alone in Dawson Creek less than a week before the onslaught of men and supplies was scheduled to begin, Welling faced a challenge that might have daunted a less self-assured officer. "From the outset it was for me an eight-day week, thirty-two hours per day,: he said. "I do not have the slightest recollection of having any quarters in those early days—no tent, no room, nothing do I remember but my sleeping bag, my field kit, my caribou socks, reindeer parka and sealskin mukluks. . . ."

Welling began by meeting with town officials, businessmen and landowners in both Dawson Creek and Fort St. John to explain what the U.S. Army was immediately going to need: additional sidings for unloading and storage at the railhead, every available square foot of covered storage space, several large tracts of land for bivouac areas and buildings suitable for headquarters in each town. The Canadians were eager to help, but the job of reconnoitering the sites they suggested was Welling's alone. Given the short days at that latitude in early March, he spent many hours stumbling around with a flashlight through snowdrift-covered fields and vacant lots.

Much to Welling's relief, some badly needed assistance arrived the day before the first wave of the 35th was due. At 1:30 a.m. on 9 March, a Quartermaster detachment consisting of five officers and 125 men sleepily disembarked at the station. Their responsibility was to set up and operate the Army railhead and supply depot that quickly would transform the quiet village of 600 inhabitants into a military boomtown. Arriving that evening was Lieutenant Colonel Edward A. Mueller, a logistical expert who had been assigned as the railhead commander.

**As Mueller set up his headquarters** in the local "Five Cents to a Dollar" store, the Quartermaster soldiers tried to make camp near the railroad station. The frozen ground made tent pegs useless, so they secured their tents with ropes tied to trees and logs, scooped out the snow and installed a stove in each one. Expecting to spend a warm and dry first night in Dawson Creek, but lacking any cold-weather experience, the men awoke at dawn lying in slushy mud, each heated tent having quickly become a canvas-enclosed steam bath. They soon moved their camp to higher, drier ground on the western edge of town.

Welcome to Dawson Creek, British Columbia. Credit: Yukon Archives (CA)

Meanwhile, Company "B" of the 35th Engineers arrived, bringing with them an unseasonably warm spell. An early thaw meant serious trouble. If the ice gave way on the 1500-foot-wide Peace River before the regiment could get across, all hope of reaching Fort Nelson and pushing a road across the Rockies before the end of 1942wouldd isappear. Although Welling could do nothing about the warming weather, he could at least do something about the softening ice.

Major Alvin C. Welling (as a colonel). Credit: Chief of Engineers, Office of History (CEOH)

Scouring the local sawmills, he obtained enough sawdust to provide a one-lane blanket from bank to bank, and sufficient heavy planks to lay a makeshift deck on top of that. The purpose of this combination was to insulate the ice and spread the weight of the Engineers' heavy equipment as it rumbled across the river. Putting down the sawdust and laying the planks became the advance party's first job after reaching Dawson Creek. That done, along with minor repairs to several small bridges south of the river, the men got a well-deserved evening off. Most spent it crowded three-deep around one or another of the town's few bars.

**Next morning at reveille**, despite a few hangovers, all members of Company "B" were present and accounted for. By late afternoon, after some tense moments during the crossing, the



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Plank and sawdust road across ice on Peace River, March, 1942. Credit: Chief of Engineers, Office of History (CEOH)

company's heavily loaded trucks and bulldozers had arrived safely on the north bank of the Peace. Reaching Fort St. John by nightfall on 11 March, the men hastily pitched their pup tents in a wheat field and made final preparations for the 250-mile trek up the winter trail to Fort Nelson.

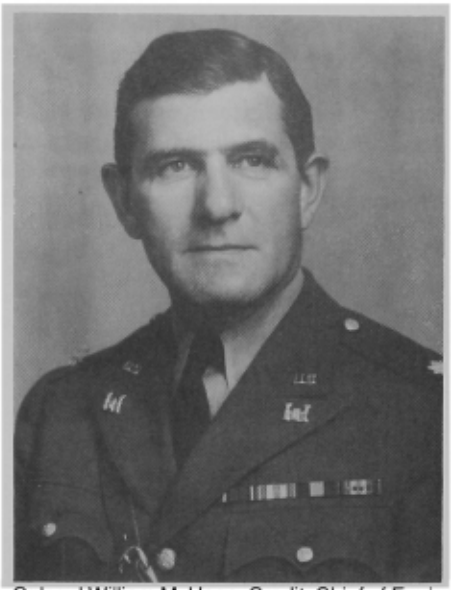
As the advance party, Company "B" was under orders to make quick repairs to the rougher stretches of the trail, and then, at Fort Nelson, not only to clear and lay out an area for the 35th's base camp, but also to construct storage facilities for the enormous quantities of fuel and other supplies that would be coming up with the main body of the regiment. As the company headed north on 12 March, the temperature rose above freezing for yet another day. By then, the rest of the regiment was already on its way.

**Traveling on four separate trains**, each consisting of about thirty-five Pullman, coach and flat cars, the 35th's main body left Fort Ord on 10 March. Converging on Dawson Creek from camps elsewhere in the United States were two more trains similarly loaded. Each carried special-purpose Engineer troops being attached to the 35th to increase its versatility. Due to arrive two days ahead of the regiment was a survey unit, Company "A" of the 648th Topographic Battalion, with five officers and 160 men. Right behind it came the 74th Light Pontoon Company, six officers and 101 men trained and equipped for river-crossing operations. Bringing up the rear was one more train, made up entirely of freight cars and carrying enough gasoline, oil, rations, tentage, replacement parts and other things to last the force at Fort Nelson for the next five months.

Since word of the highway had appeared meanwhile in the newspapers, the crowds along the route were even more numerous and friendly than those encountered by Company "B". Despite being cooped up in crowded coaches for a week, Ingalls's men were in high spirits when they reached Dawson Creek. By late afternoon on 16 March, as the regiment's last trainload of men, equipment and supplies pulled in, the earlier arrivals had already reached Fort St. John or were on their way.

The ice on the Peace River still held firm, but as the thaw continued, the risk increased of losing one of the Engineers' large new road-building machines. The heaviest, weighing more than 20 tons, went across at night when the air was coldest. Even then, the ice visibly sagged and rippled under the passing weight of each vehicle.

By this time, with the 35th Engineers about to begin the last and most crucial leg of the journey, Colonel Hoge had flown in to Fort St. John from Washington. Setting up temporary headquarters in a log cabin, he met with Ingalls and his staff to assess the regiment's prospects for reaching Fort Nelson before the balmy air turned the winter trail into an impassable quagmire. Welling's recent reconnaissance confirmed that much of the surface of the trail had already thawed. Beneath that layer of slush and mud, however, the ground was still frozen solid to a depth of several feet. What to do if the melting continued? The possibility of the regiment getting stranded in a morass of muskeg halfway to Fort Nelson had unimaginable consequences.



Colonel William M. Hoge. Credit: Chief of Engineers, Office of History (CEOH)

**Hoge already had a reputation** for audacity and courage, but he was not reckless. Hedging his bets, he ordered Ingalls to split the 35th into two balanced forces. One was to start immediately for Fort Nelson; the other would hold back at Fort St. John. When the first half was certain of reaching its destination, a decision would be made about whether or not to send on the rest of the regiment. Hoge was certain that if the trail held up for at least two more weeks, Ingalls would be able to get his entire unit to Fort Nelson. If the trail dissolved sooner, Hoge's plan ensured that at least half the unit would still be positioned where it could do useful work.

This scheme went into effect even before the last trainloads of men, equipment and supplies made it across the Peace River and into camp at Fort St. John. To move the extra cargo, Ingalls planned to use the regiment's trucks like buckets in a giant conveyor belt. After making an initial run from Fort St. John to Fort Nelson, each truck would return to Dawson Creek to be reloaded and sent back north. With three or four round trips per vehicle (assuming that the trail, drivers and trucks held up), everything would finally get to Fort Nelson.

The first half of the regiment began moving up the trail on 16 March. By that time the temperature had been above freezing for over a week, going well above 50 degrees F on several days. According to the plan worked out by Ingalls and Twichell, the 250 miles of trail between Fort St. John and Fort Nelson were divided into three sectors, each with an officer in charge and a roving tow truck operating out of a temporary base camp. Each camp had stockpiles of fuel and oil; a chow line ready to serve meals around the clock; and heated tents with cots, where rested drivers could change places with exhausted ones coming in off the trail. The key to keeping the column moving constantly forward was having enough extra drivers. That meant using nearly every man in the regiment who could handle a truck, regardless of his normal duties. For several days this arrangement worked well, although the deep gumbo of the trail and the inexperience of most of the drivers began to take its toll. Accidents and breakdowns became increasingly common.

**Day and night the march continued**, as the stockpiles at Fort Nelson steadily grew and empty trucks headed back down the mushy trail for another load. Then, suddenly, winter returned. Overnight the temperature dropped almost 80 degrees. With the trail again forzen solid, Ingalls immediately ordered a speedup. All remaining units were to leave Fort St. John as quickly as possible; even a few hours' delay could make a crucial difference at the other end. April, with its warm chinook winds, was just nine days away.

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The numbing cold may have been a lucky break for the overall success of the regiment's mission, but for Ingalls's men, trained for the Pacific, not the Arctic, it meant hardship beyond anything they yet had endured. Driving in the open cab of a bulldozer or road grader was the most terrible job of all, but even the canvas tops and side curtains of the trucks barely protected their drivers from the wind. Nor were their passengers to be envied, bouncing along in the back atop piles of cargo, or jammed together on hard wooden benches. Every soldier wore the winter clothing that had been issued back in the States. As protection from the bitter temperature, most of this new gear was adequate—but just barely. One complaint was that it was so bulky that the wearer had the mobility and appearance of a well-stuffed duffle bag. More serious were problems with the insulated boot, called a shoe-pac. Ingalls began to receive reports of frostbitten toes and feet.

Jeep on the Winter Trail to Fort Nelson. Credit: Author's Collection

**The cold was so intense** that engines had to be kept running continuously. At minus 30 degrees F, the only way to restart a stalled vehicle was to build a fire under its oil pan, a procedure emphatically not recommended by the Army operator manuals. Fire posed other risks as well. Cold, exhausted men became drowsy and disoriented when exposed to sudden warmth. Although drivers stopping for a bite to eat after many hours behind the wheel did no real damage to themselves when they literally fell asleep in their plates, several soldiers found themselves with scorched clothing and minor burns after having toppled dizzily into a campfire while warming their hands.

The round-the-clock pace increased the toll. With reflexes and judgment dulled from lack of sleep, men began to take more chances and make more mistakes. Wrecked and broken-down vehicles accumulated along the trail faster than they could be towed to the nearest base camp and repaired. Before long, each temporary base camp began to resemble a military junkyard.

Toward the end of March came another sudden weather change. This time winter seemed to be gone for good. As the mud season arrived in earnest, the last convoy of trucks and machinery started up the trail. Preparing to head north himself, Ingalls had one more problem dumped in his lap. A Canadian contractor hired to haul 100 truckloads of aviation gasoline to Fort Nelson had been using vehicles without four-wheel drive and the draft horses he had brought along to help pull his overloaded trucks through the softest spots were no match for the axle-deep mire. Finally, the contractor gave up and pulled his equipment off the job. Many hundreds of 55-gallon fuel drums now lay abandoned along the route, well short of their destination. Concerned, the Canadian government asked if the U.S. Army would mind carrying them the rest of the way. Ingalls agreed, having planned all along to send a salvage crew with a wrecker and a flatbed to sweep down the trail from Fort Nelson at the last possible moment and bring back every broken-down vehicle that had been left behind.

The sweating, cursing, bone-tired soldiers who had to push and tug and winch this collection of wrecks to the regiment's new base camp no doubt had a few choice epithets for their accommodating commander. Now they had to finish the contractor's work as well. But as Ingalls and his adjutant slogged their way north, the colonel's pride in what the regiment had just accomplished was increased by his satisfaction in finding no abandoned equipment along the way. His men had left nothing in their wake but 250 miles of rutted mud.

**For Ingalls's "Galloping Canaries,"** the overland march to Fort Nelson had been just the opening skirmish in the overall battle to build their section of the Alaska Highway. But Ingalls could see that his men now needed a break. Until the ground dried sufficiently to permit construction to begin, he let up on the pressure, but only a little. After all, the battered collection of vehicles and heavy equipment parked in the motor pool still needed lots of maintenance work.

Lined up in neat rows on the damp, raw earth stood ninety-three half-ton dump trucks, forty-four heavy and medium bulldozers, twenty-five jeeps, sixteen heavy and medium cargo trucks, twelve three-quarter-yard pick-up trucks, ten command cars, nine road graders, six twelve-yard carrying scrapers, six rooter plows, two half-yard power shovels, several pile-drivers, a truck mounted crane, a six-ton flatbed, a concrete mixer—and one sedan. Off to one side were stacked enough pontoon boats and decking timbers to cross a good-sized river. Canvas tents protected the more portable items: electric generators, air compressors, welding machines and gasoline-powered chainsaws. Ingalls soon set up a training school to teach his heavy-equipment operators how to do more than start, steer and stop their powerful new machines—all there had been time for in Fort St. John.

With the work came adequate sleep and three square meals a day, plus time for letters home and even an occasional nap in the mid-afternoon sun. The next courier flight out of Fort Nelson carried news to many waiting families that the regiment had made it through.

**"Now we are safely encamped** on top of a hill. . .overlooking the river, in a clearing carved out of the woods," wrote Lieutenant Colonel Twichell, describing the regiment's adventure in his first letter to Frances in a month. "My part in all this was to organize and direct the movement, and to keep things moving generally. I traveled over 3,000 miles in two weeks, with only a few hours' sleep each night." He continued:

> There is a mountain of supplies and gasoline, every ton of which represents a struggle to get it here. We are housed in pyramidal tents, heated by a new type of army stove, which is wonderful. We sleep on cots in sleeping bags and eat the best of chow. . . We have 80 tons of fresh meat (steaks and chops). . .in an ice house that we built. The quartermaster has set up a field bakery, and we will have fresh bread, rolls and pastry. Some of the other items of the ration include powdered milk and eggs, dehydrated potatoes, all kinds of canned fruits, meats and vegetables, etc. We have a post exchange that sells most of the necessities, including candy and cigarettes.

**Twichell ended this cheerful litany** on a cautious note: "We are going to live the life of Riley until our supplies run out some time this summer," he said, "by which time it is contemplated that the road connecting us. . .to Fort St. John will be completed."

By reaching Fort Nelson, the 35th Engineers had eliminated only the first uncertainty in the Army's complex plan for building the highway. Whether the inexperienced 341st Engineers, cloned from a small cadre of the 35th back at Fort Ord and soon to arrive in Dawson Creek, could ever construct a dry, all-weather route through the gelatinous expanse of muskeg between Fort St. John and Fort Nelson was very much an open question. Plenty of


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Fort Nelson, B.C., circa 1942. Credit: National Archives (NA)

experts familiar with the territory said it couldn't be done. Even greater unknowns now faced Colonel Ingalls. Was there really a buildable route through the poorly mapped and incompletely explored area of the Rockies that stretched west of Fort Nelson? Were there passes through the mountains low enough to remain free of impassable snowfalls? Until an airplane could be made available for reconnaissance, nobody—certainly neither the War Department's planners in Washington nor Ingalls and his staff at Fort Nelson—knew the answers.

**On 9 April, Bataan fell.** With the withdrawal of General Jonathan Wainwright's forces to the tiny island of Corregidor in Manila Bay, Japan's military control of the western Pacific was nearly complete.

Ingalls knew that this was the psychological moment to start work. Although the predicted rains of the next six weeks would not permit much real progress, why not have the bulldozer crews complete their training by beginning a trail over the 50 or so miles of rolling foothills that lay between Fort Nelson and the eastern slopes of the Rockies? Surely, long before his men reached those first, mile-high ramparts, a way through them would be found.

**On 11 April 1942**, following open-air religious services, the 35th Engineer Regiment began work on the Alaska Highway. The casual instructions given to Lieutenant Mike Miletich, who was in charge of the 'dozers that day, belied the drama of the moment: "Colonel Ingalls and (Lieutenant) Colonel Twichell called me into the tent," recalled Miletich, "and they said, 'This morning we are going to start the Alcan Highway. . . .Take a starting point. . . just west of the Fort Nelson air strip and . . .head west on an azimuth.' "

Starting west from Fort Nelson, April 1942. Credit: Chief of Engineers, Office of History (CEOH)


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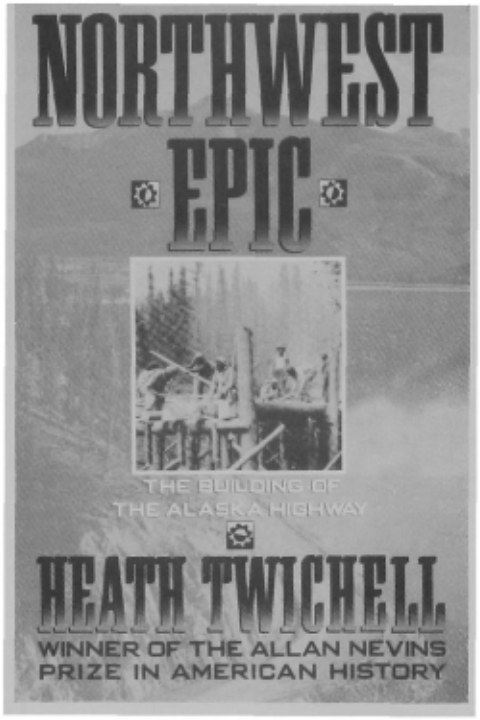
# Book Reviews

**Northwest Epic: The Building of the Alaska Highway**

By Heath Twichell, St. Martin's Press, NY, 1992.




Most Americans have seen or heard little of the Alaska Highway (ALCAN) story. The major theaters of World War II overshadowed the campaign to build a highway and associated oil pipeline (CANOL) from accessible Canada to our then-remote possession. This book provides a fascinating account of a construction campaign largely untold.

There are many themes that author Heath Twichell connects. Every West Point graduate has seen a slice of the prejudices and conceptions that are mirrored in the Army from American society itself: white v. black, Native American v. "visitor," Yank v. Canadian, male v. female. While the Army does reflect our society, the Armed Services, and especially the Army, have provided test cases and examples for "the way it ought to be." The meritocracy of the 1900's Army is to a large extent color-blind. A Hugh Robinson (USMA '54) can rise to top positions in the 1980's Corps of Engineers. Yet the 1940's Corps black troop units were usually poorly led (by white officers), fitfully trained and uncertainly equipped. Further, top Army leadership had no confidence in these units. Dr. Twichell captures the agonies and separateness of the three black Engineer regiments featured in the ALCAN highway campaign. Led by often-resentful white officers, usually poorly equipped in comparison to similar white units, those regiments began poorly. Yet, with good leadership and the right challenge, they could produce sterling performances. . .and did.

The central theme of this book is the fight of man against terrain, weather and sheer remoteness. The engineer and supporting troops, the civilian contractor and the Public Roads Administration (a U.S. agency, more recently the Bureau of Public Roads) had to assume challenges beyond nearly any previously experienced. The long, dark nights and the fierce climate sapped the energies of the construction crews and tore apart the machinery. The spring and summer brought floods and even tougher construction challenges. Even the fabled northern lights interfered with tenuous communication links.

The other battles are covered well. The political fights involved a variety of countervailing interests, pitting several strong forces against a steadfast (and very distracted) War Department and White House. The junior senator from Missouri became the Congressional watchdog for excesses by the Nation's war machine. Both the ALCAN highway and the CANOL pipeline were blistered by Senator Truman's investigations. Yet, unlike other inefficiencies and excesses, both efforts survived. Truman declined to interfere with the strategic reasons behind the projects. One wonders whether such forbearance would be repeated in the '90's.

As it happened, the war eventually bypassed Alaska. The US by 1943 was settling on a strategy that did not require a secure, land-supplied Alaska. The Japanese attack on the Aleutians had been a mistake for them. With perfect hindsight, the requirements for the ALCAN highway and CANOL oil had faded.

Twichell finds many heroes in *Northwest Epic* and a number of villains. Yet he portrays most of the major players with both strengths and weaknesses. Most of the Army's officers were affected by their prejudice against "colored" troops, inhibiting those units from working to their full potential. One regiment (95th Engineers) transferred nearly all its construction equipment over to the white 341st Engineers at the height of the effort in 1942. Yet another (the 97th Engineers) reached a peak of efficiency that was truly remarkable. The author notes that the early problems of the 97th were blamed by the hierarchy on Colonel Steven C. Shipple. He was replaced by his exec, Lieutenant Colonel Lionel E. Robinson, "a reservist with years of experience as a civilian contractor." Robinson took over mid-summer of '42, and then his regiment and the white 18th Engineers battled both the elements and each other to complete the road before winter. Twichell's account tells the triumph of the less-seasoned 97th, even though the missions may not have been equivalent. A photo appeared that October in US and Canadian newspapers showing Corporal Sims of the 97th, and white Private Jalufkey of the 18th, shaking hands from their dozers as the two regiments met to complete the rough version of the road.

The personalities and professionalism of the commanders and leaders, white colonels and black NCO's, often made the difference. Old lessons of leadership are as evident here as on the more traditional battlefields of World War II. Careers were lost and made. The first commander of the troop effort, Brigadier General William M. Hoge (USMA '16), was fired by the Army's logistician, Lieutenant General Brehon B. Somervell (USMA '14). Yet Hoge went on to an extremely successful career which included wartime command of the 4th Armored Division when it seized the Remagen bridge in 1944, eventual service as CINCUSAREUR and retirement with four stars.

Despite the fact that the 1942 drive to build ALCAN and CANOL was attenuated by differing strategies during 1943, there was a huge side benefit to the work. In its role as the "arsenal of democracy," the United States sent 14,000 airplanes to the Soviet Union between 1942 and war's end. More than half those were ferried to Russia through Alaska, greatly aided by the growing ALCAN/CANOL infrastructure. Twichell looks at the service of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP's) who performed much of the ferrying to Ladd Airbase at Fairbanks. Their experiences foretold some of the discussions of "women in combat" raging today. Yet the author does not judge the interpersonal climate of the '40's, where the WASP's (at first) were only allowed to fly the smaller planes and where commanders sought to chart WASP menstrual cycles to help scheduling (the women refused). He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concludes that the ferrying exploits were herculean, to include those of the US and Soviet commissioned pilots. Their battles were with the same enemies fighting the Corps troops, contractors and PRA: weather, remoteness and ungodly terrain.

The book, besides being well-written, has a good collection of photographs. There are a number of maps, yet I admit I would have been satisfied only by an accompanying atlas. The author moves the story along with a broad combination of sources, including many people he tracked down. The readers can be grateful that his father, a Corps officer and a major player in the *Epic*, got the author interested through his own accounts and notes.

Dr. Twichell, a career infantry officer before becoming a full-time historian, is himself a 1956 Military Academy graduate. He shows an excellent grasp of the political and bureaucratic struggles that shaped the ALCAN, CANOL and Soviet ferry efforts. He has captured most of the highlights impacting the projects. The only prejudice I found, perhaps by reflecting the sneering disdain from troops in the field for "higher headquarters," is in relegating the Northwest Division of the Corps (later the Northwest Service Command) and Ludson D. Worsham's (USMA '16) contributions there to merely being an ostentious headquarters in Edmonton. Knowing a bit of Worsham's later career, I suspect his command played an important role from 1943 forward. Twichell does delve into the US/Canada issues surrounding what is still called "The Army of Occupation" by the Canadians.

I recommend *Northwest Epic* to the military student, the engineer, and the leader who wants to learn more of their professions. And I recommend the book to the reader who enjoys a good, well-told yarn.

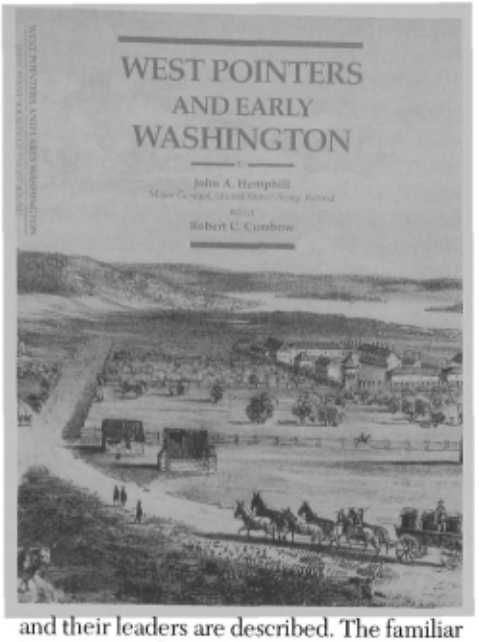
—LTG E.R. Heiberg III (Ret)
USMA '53

**West Pointers and Early Washington**

By John H. Hemphill and Robert C. Cumbow (Editors). The West Point Society of Puget Sound, 1992. With maps, photographs, prints, notes, and bibliography. 235 pages.

Inspired by the celebration of the Washington State Centennial, the West Point Society of Puget Sound has produced an unusual history of the area and the role that graduates of the Military Academy played in its early history.

Restricting its subject of the early history of Washington, the authors first provide the historic background of events in the Washington Territory between 1853, when Congress approved the establishment of the Territory, and 1862. In the opening section, "The Setting," the early history of the area is briefly reviewed; the rich history of that period warrants more complete coverage. Indian tribes




and their leaders are described. The familiar Nez Perce tribe and less well-known Chinook, Yakima, Walla Walla, Palouse, Wisham, Wasco and Spokane tribes provide an interesting background for the arrival of early explorers and settlers. Nez Perce Chief Joseph is well-known; Chief Pewpewmaxmax of the Walla Wallas, Chief Garry of the Spokanes, Chief Kamiakin of the Palouses, and Chief Lawyer, another Nez Perce, are virtually unknown to anyone outside of Washington state. The brief biographical sketches of these important Indians makes one wish that more space could have been devoted to them. The maps in this section and elsewhere in the work are very well done.

Each of the nine monographs following the opening descriptive chapter concern the association of an Academy graduate with the exploration and growth of the Territory. Fay Worthington, USMA '45, briefly described the early explorations of the west by Benjamin L.E. Bonneville, Class of 1815, from 1832-35. His efforts showed the way to the Territory by what would later become the Oregon Trail followed by thousands of settlers. Returning to the mouth of the Columbia River in 1852, Bonneville assisted the Oregon Territory Governor in negotiating with the rogue River Indians. When the Washington Territory was created in 1853, he commanded the Army forces that protected the area from Indians and enforced law and order. Bonneville, however, is most remembered for his explorations in the uncharted Northwest, a feat memorialized by the Columbia River dam bearing his name.

Graduating number one in the Class of 1839, Issac Stevens stood first in every course of study at the Military Academy, a record seldom, if ever, equalled. Robert A. Matter, Class of 1939, author of the second monograph, describes Stevens' early career, including his Mexican War service that earned him two brevet promotions and serious wounds on the last day of the conflict. After months of recuperation, he was appointed assistant-in-charge of the Coast Survey Office in Washington, the agency responsible for mapping the vast new lands west of the Mississippi. A staunch Democrat, Stevens supported Franklin Pierce in the 1852 presidential campaign against Winfield Scott, whom Stevens was convinced was not enthusiastic about developing the western areas. After Pierce's inaugural, Stevens was appointed first governor of the newly created Washington Territory and Superintendent of Indian Affairs. He resigned his commission. Determined to develop the new Territory as soon as possible, Stevens organized two surveying parties before leaving Washington. His old friend, Captain George McClellan, was sent to survey the Cascade passes for possible routes for a railroad, to build a road to Walla Walla, and to explore and evaluate Puget Sound. Stevens himself headed a party of 143 westward from St. Paul. Exploring several possible passes en route, Stevens met McClellan on the Spokane River near Fort Colville. He was disappointed in McClellan's work. Monograph author Matter states that "the dilatory, hesitant, timid characteristics and tendency to magnify obstacles that subsequently caused McClellan to fail as an Army commander in combat early in the Civil War were much in evidence during his work under Governor Stevens in the Washington Territory." Stevens submitted his report for a northern transcontinental railroad but met opposition from Jefferson Davis; the railway was not built until long after Stevens' death. His work as governor was exemplary. He organized a bicameral legislature, conducted free elections, negotiated with Indians and persuaded them to adopt peaceful ways, and did everything possible to improve the Territory. He was elected Territorial Representative in congress for two terms from 1857-61. During his tenure, he introduced many bills for improving the Territory and persuaded many people to settle there. After the outbreak of the Civil War, he commanded the New York 79th Highlanders, developing the regiment into a crack unit. Two months later, President Lincoln promoted him to brigadier general to command a brigade under Major General Thomas W. Sherman, operating along the southern coast. He was given a division under Major General John Pope; his division covered Pope's retreat after Second Manassas. At the battle of Chantilly, Stevens threw his division against Stonewall Jackson's superior force, holding them back until Major General Philip Kearny came up to support him. This probably prevented another Union disaster. After his son was wounded, Stevens hastened to the front on foot, picked up the Colors and personally led the charge against Jackson. He was killed, still holding fast to the Colors. Author Matter believes Stevens would have attained higher command had he not died at Chantilly; his aggressiveness and sincerity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appealed to Lincoln, who, at that point in the conflict, needed a man with Stevens' character and ability. The Army lost a fine soldier; Washington lost its leading statesman.

The remaining monographs concern the contribution of eight other West Point graduates to the development of the Washington Territory. Robert L. Bradley '49 describes William A. Slaughter's service with the 4th Infantry and his death in an Indian skirmish. August V. Kautz, Class of 1852, served in the Territory for eight years. His explorations, conflicts with Indians, and construction of Fort Steilacoom are related by Thomas E. Cole '52. Kautz served as a major general of volunteers during the Civil War and served on the military court that tried the Lincoln assassination conspirators. Monograph author Vasco J. Feneli '43 calls Silas Casey the "Compassionate Warrior." After graduating with the Class of 1826, Casey spent much of his career on frontier and developed a profound understanding of the problems and plight of the Indians. Sent to the Puget Sound area as a lieutenant colonel of the 4th Infantry, Casey tried unsuccessfully to prevent unnecessary punishment from being inflicted on Indians who were defeated militarily. He sincerely believed in moderation and compromise, an unusual characteristic in an Indian fighter.

Colonel George Wright, Class of 1822, commander of the 9th Infantry, was assigned to the Columbia River Military District which extended from the Pacific to the Rocky Mountains, except the Puget Sound area. Wright was a long-time friend of Territorial Governor Isaac Stevens. C. Coburn Smith '31 described how Stevens had assisted Wright in leaving the field after he was severely wounded at the Mexican War Battle of Molino Del Rey. Wright was instrumental in quelling Indian disturbances in eastern Washington, training his units to move quickly, use proper security and column discipline, and conserve hard-to-get supplies. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Wright was given command of the Department of the Pacific as a brigadier general of volunteers after nearly six years in the Washington Territory. After Appomatox, Wright was transferred back to the Department of the Columbia. En route on the steamer *Brother Jonathan* with his wife and aide, Wright and his wife died when the steamship struck a reef and sank near Crescent City, California. Wright's second in command of the 9th Infantry was Major Edward J. Steptoe, Class of 1837. Like Territorial Governor Stevens, Steptoe had become a good friend of Franklin Pierce during the Mexican War. In 1855, relates monograph author Ernest J. Whitaker '41, when Steptoe was preparing to take an exploration party from Salt Lake City to Fort Lane, Oregon, Pierce offered to appoint him Governor of the Utah Territory if he would resign his commission. Steptoe refused, preferring a military career to entering the political arena. Steptoe is remembered for action with the Indians near Fort Walla Walla in May 1856, his command consisting of 157 officers and men and the Indian forces totalling an estimated 1,200. Short of ammunition and food, Steptoe was forced to abandon his wagon train and two howitzers in order to escape annihilation. "Steptoe's Defeat" brought repercussions in Washington and the assignment of more troops to the territory. Steptoe was given a furlough because of poor health, returned to his home in Virginia and resigned his commission in November 1861. Remaining loyal to the Union, he died in April 1865.

Another member of Wright's 9th Infantry Regiment was Captain George E. Pickett, Class of 1846. Three years after arriving in Washington Territory, Pickett was given the task of protecting American citizens on the San Juan Islands in Puget Sound from interference by the Hudsons Bay Company and British officials. Continued altercations with the British brought five Infantry and four Artillery companies to the Islands. When British proposals for a joint occupation were refused in Washington, Winfield Scott, the General Commanding, was sent to Puget Sound to negotiate with the British commander. This resulted in the opposing forces being reduced to about 100 men each. Pickett remained on the Islands until the outbreak of the Civil War, returning to Virginia almost immediately after South Carolina seceded. The controversy with Great Britain was not settled until 1869, when an arbitration commission was headed by Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, and the Islands became United States territory in 1872.

Wayne C. Elliott '52, describes the arrival of John Mullan, Jr., Class of 1852, in the Washington Territory shortly after Steptoe's defeat. A competent engineer, Mullan was assigned the task of building a military road from Fort Walla Walla to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to Missoula, Montana, and then on to Fort Benton. The 624-mile road took seven years and cost $230,000. It was a primitive road, useable only during summer and fall. Bridges were frequently washed out; maintenance was left to travelers. Today's Interstate Highway 90 follows Mullan's route through the mountains between Spokane and Deer Lodge, Montana. Mullan resigned his commission in 1862 and settled near Walla Walla.

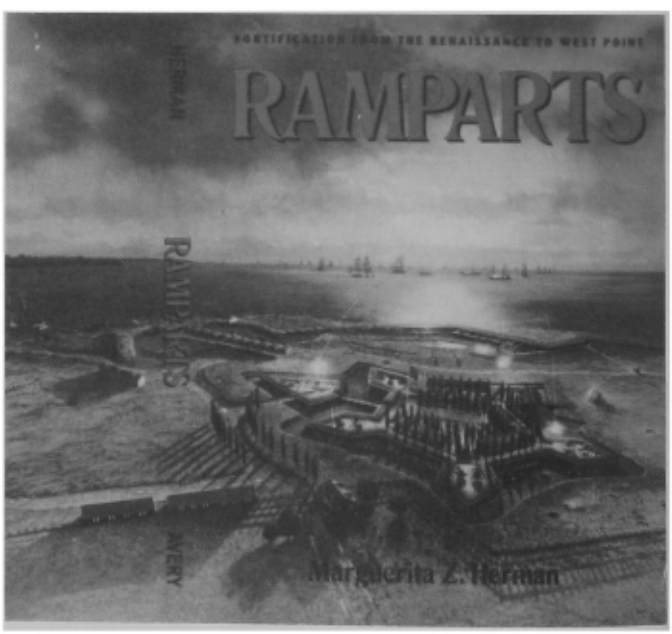
There are some deficiencies in the book. Unfortunately, the larger maps and illustrations have been bound with the captions to the spine, a fault that must be blamed on the printer. Each of the monographs to some degree duplicates material found in the Stevens monograph; better editing could have eliminated this duplication. One wonders at the selection of Pickett, Mullan and Slaughter, who can not be judged to be major figures in the development of the Territory. And one regrets that other graduates were not included: Philip Sheridan, Erasmus Keyes and Ulysses Grant, for example. Their contributions may have been minimal but hardly more so than some other monograph subjects.

One the whole, however, the work is excellent. It is a different approach to history of a specific area. It does portray the contributions of Academy graduates during the first ten years of the Washington Territory, the decade in which the Territory was settled and Indian problems minimized. The concept of a writing of the parts played by West Pointers in the development of specific areas might be an excellent task for other West Point Societies as a contribution for the forthcoming bicentennial observance of the founding of the Military Academy.

—Colonel George S. Pappas '44

**Ramparts: Fortification from the Renaissance to West Point.**

By Marguerita Z. Herman. Friends of the West Point Library. Avery Publishing Group, Inc. 1992, ISBN 0-89529-511-3. 201 pp, with illustrations, color plates, glossary, select bibliography and index.




Marguerita Herman, an historian and linguist who lives near West Point, has transformed a catalogue of material in the USMA Library (a project of the Friends of West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Point Library, and supported financially by the Cissy Paterson Trust) into a full-length book, in which "every text, manual, treatise, atlas, drawing and manuscript referred to. . .is available in the West Point collection." This collection contains many treasures, as shown by the bibliography, which also reflects the crucial part played by French engineers in the history of American fortification. Some of the earlier works were obtained in France in 1816 by Sylvanus Thayer and William McRee. The 16 color plates in the book are especially impressive, most of them reproduced from John Charnock's *Military Architecture*. The author's stated aim in the programmatic last sentence of the book is "to help revive interest in the art and science of fortification, at the very least for the part it played in the colorful history of the US Military Academy and the nation."

The subject chosen is huge. The author has attempted to cover the evolution of the fortress from the Middle Ages through the Renaissance in two chapters, the second concentrating on Vauban. This gives the background to fortification in the New World (chapter 3), where reliance on Vauban's principles was succeeded by acceptance of Montalembert's revolutionary theories. Within the first chapter she discusses advances in artillery at the end of the 15th Century, medieval castles, terms used in fortification (also explained in the Glossary, both with illustrations), and the rise of the bastion design, with the contributions of the Dutch and German schools. Here, to some extent, she relies on secondary sources, such as Christopher Duffy's *Siege Warfare*, and her touch is less sure. She refers to Troy as a "famous siege of history" (prehistoric site famed in epic); the terms "shelling" and "muskets" are used in a medieval context; Daniel Speckle's date of birth is given as 1546 in the text, MDXXXVI in the illustration; the covered way is described as a "circular access road." Since she has, in the Introduction, set the parameters for the history and art of fortification to 1490-1890, she treats its development in isolation. For example, at Fort due Quesne ("by far the most technically advanced fort") she describes a common Iron Age practice, viz. the construction of ramparts made of logs tied by cross timbers and filled with earth; the Romans placed artillery on top of towers (a "simple solution" of the early 1500s); and the term "innovation of the caponniere" in the section on 17th-century fortification ignores early examples, such as the one with gun loops at Braignethan Castle, Lanark, Scotland. Leonardo da Vinci not only "inspected forts" for the Duke of Milan, he was a military engineer before he became an artist; and John Bury has pointed out the similarity of one of his sketches to the plan of the contemporary Vila Vicosa, Portugal. At the other end of the period, because she regards the introduction of rifled guns as the "nemesis of the whole art of fortification," her cut-off date of 1890 precludes discussion of later forts or engineers. Henri Brialmont is accorded 5 lines in the Conclusion; the Maginot Line, the German Feste, the Atlantic Wall are not even mentioned.

In assessing the achievement of Vauban in the second chapter, she is on firmer ground. It is ironic that this man, who wrote "The art of fortification does not consist of rules and systems but lies solely in good sense and experience," should have given rise to the *Mythe Vauban* in which his ideas fossilized in the French School: "Vauban was God and Cormontaigne his prophet; and the school of Engineering at Mezieres his scholasticism." Although he dominates the chapter and the color-plate section therein (the titles for Plates 7 & 8 are reversed), the author also discusses the work of Menno van Coehorn, Cormontaigne, Fourcroy, Carnot and, in particular, Montalembert, whose *Fortification Perpendiculaire* (1776) was to have such a major impact on American fortification, particularly of harbors.

*Ramparts* is centered round West Point (first mentioned halfway through), and the greater half of it is devoted to the spread of fortification theory and practice in the New World. In chapter 3, the author divides the process into 3 stages: primitive colonial forts thrown up hastily at strategic points; in the mid 18th-Century, more permanently constructed forts, which could withstand a siege; and forts of the Golden Age (first half of the 19th Century), when military and engineering schools could put theory into practice. She then discusses Spanish, French and British works (first stage) and bastioned works, especially in Canada, and the War of Independence (second stage). The third stage is reserved for a later chapter. The USMA Library affords ample proof of her thesis that an enormous amount of literature on fortification was available in that period. She stresses that "in the War of Independence, the Americans owed their military competence to an astonishingly large extent to book learning." What better advertisement for such learning than Henry Knox (1750-1806), who, from bookseller, became Washington's Chief of Artillery and later Secretary of War? It was he who "focused his interest on West Point, where he had served." Calling it the "key to America," he argued in 1776 for its fortification and maintenance and for the setting up of a "system of military education to embrace the whole theory of the art of War." Over 20 years were to pass before Henry Dearborn, as Secretary of War, initiated a Military Academy at West Point.

From Chapter 4 onwards the theme of the establishment, early history and achievements of the United States Military Academy becomes dominant. The primary sources have been studied and are quoted in text and notes. In the Preface the author mentions the appeal of contemplating "homework sets. . .bequeathed by 18th- and 19th-Century students and West Point cadets." In an authoritative survey, she brings out the difficulties of funding and manning forts in time of peace; the political aspects; the prejudice against "foreign officers" (French, mostly; they were the ones with the expertise and were thoroughly resented); and the struggles involved in forming and maintaining a Military Academy which at first had no proper curriculum, and whose students were too independently minded to attend courses. As one would expect, success depended on personalities, and a fascinating series of characters is presented—the great names of the Academy's early days, many of whom had to combine several roles (Jonathan Williams was Inspector of Fortifications, head of the new Corps of Engineers and thus *de facto* superintendent of the military school at West Point). The reader also will find a survey of the developments in ordnance (Bomford, Columbiads, Rodman, Parrot), and descriptions, with distribution maps and illustrations, of some of the first of the first, second and third systems. Without the Military Academy, the third system forts of the Golden Age would not have been built.

The Glossary of terms is usefully illustrated, but the "Crownwork" shown is, in fact, a hornwork, with tenaille trace. A Re-entering Place of arms is not at a re-entering or salient angle—compare Figure I, 32. The effect of Ricochet fire is described differently here ("wreak havoc") and on page 135 ("ricochet harmlessly over the walls"). A few slips have evaded the proof reader (e.g., Nimjegen, Coromontaigne, Urbius, and our works for outworks). Almost all figures are conveniently placed on the page of reference in the text.

One only can envy those with access to the USMA Library Collection and congratulate Marguerita Herman for the scholarly yet unpretentious way in which she has opened its treasures to a wider audience.

—Margaret Pinset. M.A. Cantab
Editor of the Fortress Study Group Newsletter *Casemate*.

**Duty, Honor, Company: West Point Fundamentals for Business Success**

By Gil Dorland and John Dorland. Henry Holt and Company, New York, 1992, 238 pages.

Gil and John Dorland, West Point graduates and veterans of two tours each in Vietnam, have subsequently run multi-faceted companies from start-ups to multi-billion-dollar corporations. They currently advise others through their own business strategy firm. As is evident by this very relevant work, they found that crossing the line between the military and business worlds placed them on not too dissimilar terrain; only the uniforms and the terminology seemed different. They quickly discovered


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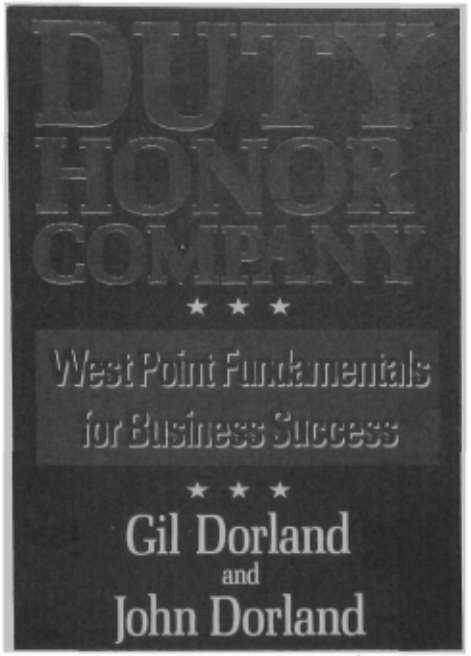


however, that there was all too often an apparent lack of leadership, ethics and standardized methodologies in business that could be improved by the application of principles long taught at West Point and elsewhere in the military.

*Duty, Honor, Company*—a variation of the West Point credo of Duty, Honor, Country—is not just a primer on business strategy and tactics. It serves as a very needed call for U.S. businesses to recapture their world preeminence by focusing on those fundamentals espoused by the military, such as leadership, discipline, training, ethics and innovative planning.

It became readily apparent to Gil and John Dorland that "business strategies and tactics are highly reminiscent of those employed on the military battlefield." They further comment that "Many CEOs look upon themselves as generals in command of corporate armies, and often they proclaim that business is war....If it is true that business is war, certainly business would do well to learn from professionals trained in warfare."

To this end, the authors draw extensively on military manuals and apply their contents to the business world. As an example, they refer to the Army's "Staff Organization and Operations" manual, which articulates many of the characteristics of a good combat order. They contend that military orders and staff studies possess the same characteristics required of a sound business directive.

As they proceed, the authors acknowledge that a fundamental difference exists between military and business goals. Business, they note, is profit-oriented, whereas the military is mission-oriented. Nonetheless, they see a clear parallel in both organizational imperatives for getting things done successfully. The authors address the widely perceived differences between the military mind and the corporate mentality. Contrary to a popular misconception, they are able to address the military mind and illustrate its applicability to business in a very concise manner.

They further relate the change in overall attitude toward the military, noting that "for decades prior to the Gulf War, the military mind was commonly described in such unsavory terms as regimented, obedient, and dense. The portrait painted was of ineptness and anything but an ideal model that could be studied by business people. But the precision, coordination, and sound logistics of the coalition air and ground forces displayed in early 1991 demonstrated that there are, indeed, lessons to be learned from the military for even the most advanced business minds."

Not to evade the issue of the military's mental cleansing and rebuilding methods, which tend to constrict most forms of creativity and ability to change, the authors reveal that the corporate mind has been no less bent on "reprogramming" employees to fit the company mold and thus is "no different from the military in its need to control." They conclude on a constructive basis that "certainly the military, with its strict methodology, and the business world, with its creative inclinations, have much to gain and learn from each other."

While elaborating on the conceptual similarities, the authors also place a great deal of emphasis throughout the book on specific aspects of leadership and management, such as decision making, planning and motivation. Perhaps one of their most important discussions centers around the distinction between leadership and management, and more particularly, how they are applied in both arenas. The authors effectively use personal anecdotes to illustrate their points, such as noting that upon returning from Vietnam and entering the business world, "we were dismayed...to see that as adept at budgeting, marketing, and production many managers appeared to be, few had the slightest clue about how to lead....This lack of leadership permeated all levels of management."

To address this perceived deficiency, the authors appropriately outline many of West Point's leadership principles taught to plebes and discuss the application to the development of leadership skills in business managers.

This concept is accentuated by the authors as they state that, "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 their employees. The motivational energy that leaders inspire in their men on the military battlefield 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."

From the beginning of the book and throughout its dialogue, the Dorlands acknowledge that some of the military fundamentals they present "may at times seem rather obvious." Businesses, they say, "have frequently ignored their inherent wisdom." It is not their intent that all such fundamentals and methodologies are necessarily appropriate to the degree that the military employs them, but rather that the procedures are simply formats, thoughts or approaches to resolving many problematic situations in the American economy.

Specifically, they contend that "decisiveness in today's dynamic and global corporate world is being crippled by a management-by-committee mentality." They further question the veracity of today's business leaders, observing that "fewer and fewer true leaders who are willing and capable of making the tough decisions are to be seen in the hallways." Though critical in their observations, they follow through with a viable and constructive solution to such shortcomings as they articulate the military approach to decision making and the various forms of intelligence gatherings and analysis that are factored into the process.

To round out this very useful and insightful book, Gil and John Dorland discuss tactics and doctrines, linking military ideas to wars in the corporate world—such as battles against business competitors and hostile takeovers. As an appropriate process for both the military and business environments, they advocate the use of "war game methodology" as a strategic planning tool.

Some critics may point out that the book does not provide enough depth of treatment. The authors are quick to note in the Introduction that the book is intentionally "not all encompassing. . . . Our intent was to write a useful and flexible guide to serve as a reference for the management of business. . . . Because we are from the school that believes ideas should be stated concisely, we have broken the text into three- to five-page discussions that were engrained in us as young cadets at the Academy and their relevancy to the business world." This objective they have achieved with a first-rate presentation. Like a crisp salute, their points are brief and to the point and should well-serve West Point, the military and business in general during these challenging transitional times.

—Merwin Sigale, former managing editor and co-anchor of the "The Nightly Business Report" on public television and business editor of *The Miami News*.

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class distinctions between air and ground cadets eventually led to "branch jealousies and claims of discrimination." His conclusion, which was supported by the Academy Post War Curriculum Committee, was that all cadets receive the same instruction and that no attempt be made to graduate pilots under the four-year program. This effectively ended flying training at Stewart Field for cadets. In September 1947, the US Army Air Force became a separate service, the US Air Force, and West Point authorities ceased planning for inclusion of flying training in the Academy curriculum. However, until the US Air Force Academy was established in 1954 and its first class graduated four years later, West Point cadets could select the Air Force as their branch of service.

Stewart Field—then Stewart Air Force Base—continued to be used for Air Force purposes until 1979, lastly as part of the North American Air Defense (NORAD) command. When the Air Force decided to abandon Stewart, Newburgh was given the opportunity of using its facilities for a commercial airport, a return to the original desires of the Stewart family. Family housing and certain other facilities, however, were transferred to jurisdiction of the Military Academy as a subpost of West Point.

Was flying training of cadets successful? Yes and no. Some Army Air Force officers maintained that it was not, that cadets did not receive enough flying time at Stewart during their preliminary and advanced flying training to be fully proficient. An Air Force Training Command study in September 1944 reported that the "elimination rate for West Point cadets because of flying deficiency was only about half as high as that for aviation cadets, but the rate of elimination because of fear or upon the request of the individual was slightly higher among West Point cadets," about one-percent higher. It must be concluded that, although the three-year program and pilot training were both wartime necessities, neither was completely satisfactory. Ground cadets lost about one-fourth of the four-year curriculum, air cadets even more. One instructor concluded that air cadets lost the equivalent of one full term of the six terms of the three-year program. The value of flying training at Stewart was questionable, and, as an Air Force officer stated, "mixing advanced flying with academic work throughout the winter was found to be unsatisfactory and even dangerous, as far as flying was concerned."

Questionnaires returned by members of the West Point Classes of 1942 through 1946 provide interesting and contrasting opinions of the value of their flying training. "I feel that the air cadet training detracted from the mission of the Military Academy," wrote a cadet who had successfully taken preliminary schooling but elected to return to West Point for the regular course of instruction. Another graduate stated, "Under conditions of war—earlier graduation combined with completion of Flying Training prior to graduation from the Academy—permitted me to move right out into a combat assignment." Still another asserted, "Under no circumstance would I recommend flying training at the expense of academic training." Other comments included: "The combination of the three-year course plus flying training to become rated at graduation was too much;" "Advanced training was something that was nine months in duration, shared with academics and other activities at West Point, long periods of no flying due to schedule and weather (in various combinations). The result was a very poor quality of pilot on the average;" "This training was particularly career valuable to members of the 1940 classes who otherwise would not have gained combat experience;" "Flying training coupled with the shift to the three-year curriculum was almost disastrous in my case. I have never recovered in the scientific engineering areas;" "Flying is a mechanical skill that can be picked up easily after graduation. It requires concentrated effort and, other than indoctrination, should not be included in the Academy program;" "Net result was a few extra pilots a few months earlier and really was of no value to U.S. war effort;" "The reduced academic program required to make room for flying training produced a void not experienced by ground force officers;" "The quality of the flight training was probably better than in other comparable schools. Particularly, the exposure to winter flying and bad weather was good." It may appear that the quotations above have been selected in a biased manner. Such is not the case; they were chosen almost randomly. There were many more favorable comments, but the majority can be summarized as stating that the primary value of flight training as a West Point cadet was the qualification as a pilot at graduation and the ability to get into combat very shortly thereafter.

Today, fifty years after Stewart Field was dedicated, it would appear that the flying program should be considered to have been successful. It was hard on the air cadets. As one '44 graduate stated, "The main problem with my class in combining flying training with the regular academic program was that the course had been cut down from four to three years, yet no allowance was made for that in so far as reducing the academic requirements were concerned. The flying program thus became an extracurricular activity. We flew on nights, weekends and during times when other cadets participated in athletic activities. The flyers were not relieved of the requirement to take examinations the day following a night's flying activity nor could they sleep in later as a result. Consequently, I lost a lot of sleep, and I believe my class standing suffered due to my inability to study in comparison to my non-flying classmates." Air cadets resented not being able to fully participate in normal West Point activities. Ground cadets resented the fact that air cadets seemingly were given special privileges in order to fly. In some instances, the gulf between "fly boys" and "ground pounders" continued to exist for years after graduation; in others that gulf never really existed.

A very simple fact summarizes the relationship of West Point with the Army Air Corps and with Stewart Field. The senior Air Corps officers sincerely believed that there was a need for Academy graduates in the Air Corps, a need that could be filled during the war years only by qualifying cadets as pilots before graduation. That requirement was met in the same way that West Point has fulfilled every requirement given it by the Army since 1802: willingly and to the best of the ability of its cadets and officer instructors. The flying program initiated in 1942 may not have been as efficient and as thorough as flying training given other air cadets, but it *was* successful; it did graduate rated pilots; it did fill the need cited by senior Air Corps officers. Those fly-boy graduates served in the same way that the ground pounder did, with dedication to Duty, Honor and Country.

Material for this article was obtained from the following sources: Letter from Major General George J. Richards to USMA Librarian Egon Weiss in March 1972; the July 1970 study *Flying Training at West Point* by Air Force Academy instructors M. Hamlin Cannon and George V. Porter; the *Howitzer* for 1942, January 1943, June 1943 and 1944; "Stewart Field, First Year," October 1943 *ASSEMBLY*; "Stewart Field," *ASSEMBLY*, October 1942; Stewart Field Trains Aviation Cadets," *ASSEMBLY*, April 1944; and *Memories of an Early Bird*, Major General Edwin C. Lynch, Eakin Press, Austin, Texas.



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# News from the Societies

## CENTRAL NEW YORK

The WPS of CNY conducted their Annual General Meeting on 6 Jun at Verona Beach State Park. The unseasonal , balmy weather did not dampen enthusiasm for the casual, picnic affair. Our chief cook, Chris Stanat, '62 did an excellent job cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers which had been generously provided by Dick Meier, whose twin daughters are both members of the class of '95. Charlie Breeding '78 proudly displayed new daughter Michelle (Class of '12?) Perennial oldest grad present, Paul Curtin Jun '43, presented the nominating committee's slate for FY 93 which included Ross Irvin '68, Pres, Chris Stanat '62, VP, Mike Stimson '85 Secretary, and Bill Sardella '82 Treasurer. In the course of the meeting, these were all elected. Current Pres, "Hodge" Hodgskin '52, received a plaque for his outstanding service to the society.

—Michael Stimson '85

## SPACE COAST

At a dinner dance on 1 Jun, Dick Henry '49 passed the black, gold and gray baton to Ed Gudgel '45, our newly elected Space Coast Society President. Both Dick and Ed paid tribute to the yeoman service our outgoing Secretary, Kevin McKeown and his wife, Sue, have given to the Society's past three successful years, and welcomed Bev Rosenquist '85, our perennial youngest grad, as the new Secretary. Lou Dixon '50 will replace his classmate, Bill Aman '50 as VP who has charge of our social and golf program.

The seventy-five members and wives who graced the Indian River Colony's *AT EASE Country Club* heard a report on the excellent Annual Society President's Conference the Association of Graduates hosted at the Thayer this spring, including the new commissioning legislation, programs to assist those graduates being released from the services, the ceremonial recognition of plebes on Founder's Day and the progress on the new Alumni Center. After dinner, our younger members continued the dancing and looked forward to our Annual Barbecue, hosted by our Navy Sisters on 18 Jul in the Patrick AFB Survival Area. For information of future events, call Beverly U. Rosenquist (407) 589-5915.

—Ed Gudgel '45

## SAN DIEGO

On 13 Jun '92 the San Diego Soc hosted a luncheon honoring area New Cadets and their families.

New Cadets from the San Diego area who attended were Christine Andrews, Henry Perry, Robert Randall and Michael Siliuka.

In conjunction with the luncheon, new Soc officers were installed:

Pres: Bill Cole '53
VP: Don Cline '57
Sec/Treas: Ray Regan '61

New cadet luncheon 13 June 92.

Several new intiatives were undertaken by the Soc, including renewal of a Career Assistance Service to assist grads seeking employment due to Army "downsizing." Frank Winfield '51 and Neil Nydegger '67 are spearheading the effort. Activities include a cook-out in Sep, Army-Navy Game party, and the Founders Day dinner in Mar 93. Anyone seeking information should call Bill Cole (619) 565-2324 or Ray Regan (619) 457-5700.

—Regan '61

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington D.C., Aug 10, 1992..LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr., '48 has been succeeded by MG Carl H. McNair, Jr. '55, as Pres of the WPS D.C. GEN Scott has agreed to stay on as Acting VP until someone is named to fill that position previously held by GEN McNair. During his three year tenure, GEN Scott provided the Soc an exceptional degree of leadership. As a former Superintendent of USMA, he brought to the organization a highly individualized outlook on matters that relate to our Alma Mater. Under his guidance, our Admissions program on behalf of the Military Academy assumed renewed importance and dynamic implementation. He was influential in assuring a number of notable guest speakers for the Soc luncheons which are held usually in Jan, May, and Sep each year. Among his other achievements, GEN Scott directed the transition of a co-ed FD celebration from Ft. Belvoir, VA to the D.C. area when the Engineer School and Center moved to Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. The co-ed celebration was previously held at Belvoir, while the D.C. event was limited to grads because military facilities here could not accommodate a large number of grads and spouses. All members of the WPS of D.C. are grateful for GEN Scott's contribution as Pres.

Our annual membership drive is underway. Letters have been mailed to all USMA grads in the greater D.C. area, urging present members to renew their membership and others to join the Society. All are being asked to support the Society's objectives, which are: to lend support to USMA; to conduct programs to attract the highest caliber of candidates for admission; and to provide a social focus for West Pointers in the area.

To these ends, the Soc supports the local Admissions program and encourages participation in the high school contact program, presents the Maxwell D. Taylor Leadership Award at the USMA Preparatory School, presents the Castle Memorial Award annually, publishes a quarterly newsletter and a periodic directory of members, and conducts several social events throughout the year.


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Our program of social events for the 1992-93 year will be an 11 Sep 92 luncheon at the Ft. Myer Officers Club, 1 Dec 92 Army-Navy Football Rally luncheon at Bolling AFB Officers Club, Winter luncheon in Jan 93 at Ft. Myer, FD celebration on 13 Mar 93 at the McLean Hitlon Hotel, Tysons Corner, and the annual business meeting and Spring luncheon on 12 May 93 at Ft. Myer.

Membership dues are $20.00 a year. Checks in that amount, payable to WPS of D.C. 3426 S. Wakefield St., Arlington, VA 22206. Telephone inquiries may be made to the Executive Director, COL Charles (Rufus) Smith '50 at (703) 764-3893.

With the help of our Soc, C.K. Flint '64, who lives in Midlothian, VA (Richmond area), is attempting to get USMA in the VA collegeplate program. At the present time, USMA is not included while USNA and VMI are. Flint needs at least 150 paid applications from graduates, this number required by the State of VA to issue special license plates indentified with USMA.

The collegeplates cost $25.00 per year in addition to the regular registration fee. This plate would have a USMA crest on the left side of the plate and the license number could be: WP (number). The number would be assigned by the state in sequence beginning with 1001. Instead, for an additional $10.00, the plate could be personalized with six letters and/or numbers. Example: USMA 64.

Applications may be obtained from Flint by calling him at (804) 794-6274 or writing him at this address: 13330 Stonegate Road, Midlothian, VA 23113. AOG will receive a percentage of the $25.00 fee.

The guest speaker for the Society's Sep luncheon is the Army Cheif of Staff, GEN Gordon R. Sullivan. Senator Sam Nunn has been invited by GEN McNair to address our Jan luncheon.

Phil Farris '46

## GREATER HOUSTON

GREETINGS FROM HOUSTON TO OUR FELLOW LONG GRAY LINERS.

Our Houston Society continues to keep up an active and furious pace for 92. At our AUG luncheon the featured speaker was Karl Rabago who is currently Commissioner on the TX Public Utilities Commission. Karl served on the Law Department faculty at WP from '88 - '90. His topic was "Environment and Law", and was well done. Betty and Keith Dickinson '52 have done extensive traveling since Keith retired as Executive VP of TX Eastern. Last year they went on an African safari in Kenya and have just recently returned from a stay in Hawaii. Daughter, Debra, teaches at Rice University in the Continuing Education Department after gaining her BA in Speech at Northwestern University and a Masters Degree in English at Hunter College. Sons, Bob and Barry, have formed a successful computer software company called Multi-Data Systems and are operating it out of San Antonio, TX. Our next Congress Lady, Donna Peterson '82, continues her very successful campaign against Charlie Wilson in the 2nd Congressional District of TX. In the last poll she was leading him by six points, and the appears to be growing. At the Republican Convention in Houston Donna will sit in the VP's box and has the honor of introducing him at the Conference on Term Limitations. Her most recent book "Dress Gray; A Woman of West Point" has had an excellent reception by critics and the public. She will miss her Tenth Anniversary Reunion at West Point this year, but at this stage in her career, last minute campaigning in TX is vital. All of the Houston Society supports and cheers for Donna.

Arthur H. Blair '50, is continuing to act as Deputy Director of the Mosher Institute at TX A&M. Art was in charge of the last two Major Arms Control Conferences held at the Insitute. The conferences were attended by military and civilian personnel from the Soviet Union, NATO, and the U.S. Art holds the TX WP record of the most college degrees, having received an MS in Civil Engineering from Cal-Tech, and MA in English from the U of PA, a PHD from the U of NC, and the best of all, a BS from WP. His most recent book is "At War In the Gulf: A Chronology" which treats the war politically, diplomatically, and militarily. His latest magazine article was published in the "Army Times" and recited problems that will arise from reducing the defense budget.

Ed Mason '45 reports that he will be an attendee of the Republican Convention this year. Ed is with Thiokol and is a Senior Program Manager and Houston Office Manager. Wife, Paula, an R.N. will complete her studies this year for a BA Degree in psychology which dovetails into her Associate Degree in Nursing. Daughter, Elisa, graduated from High School this spring and will attend San Jacinto College this fall with an ultimate goal of becoming a lawyer.

The Society will miss the company of Herb Shatzen '76 who is being transferred by Exxon to Philadelphia where he will be the Area Manager for retail service stations in PA and DE.

The Soc welcomed Todd Burns '87 into its fold earlier this year. Todd will be working with Linbeck Construction Company, and his wife, Laurie, is the Assistant Comptroller for the Bellaire Hospital here.

Sue (Reichelt) and Steve Lamb both classes of '80, are the third pair of married alumni in our Houston Society. Steve after receiving his MBA from Harvard Business School, moved to Houston as the Exec Ass't to Dana Mead '57, who is Pres and Chief Operating Officer of Tenneco. Sue is currently acting as Chief Operating Officer of the Lamb household and in charge of sons, Steve Jr., and Jeff. October will be a busy month for the Society with golf and tennis competition during the first weekend against our traditional opponents, Navy and Air Force alumni. Any "Ringers" are welcome to beef up our teams. On October 23rd we will have a joint luncheon with the Navy and Air Force Alumni Societies at Brennan's Restaurant. Our speaker at this event will be Kenneth Lay, Chairman and CEO of Enron Corporation.

Judge Lee Duggan's son F. Lee "Doug" Duggan '90 visited Houston after receiving his First LT's bars and completing maneuvers with the Big Red One. While in Houston he was hosted at a "We'll Tell You How It's Done In The Big Time" luncheon attended by George McDowell '37, Woody Epperson '83, Bob Lee '45, and Houston Society President Jeff Alt '62. Doug returns to Ft. Riley to a new job as Exec Officer of his Company.

Another of our Big Game hunters is Rudy Prince '51, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Digicon Inc. He and wife, Mary Jo, took off a few weeks and visited Kenya, Africa with some friends. Fortunately, all returned alive and in one piece. Our Society meets monthly at noon every 2nd Thursday at Brennan's in Houston, with Pres Jeff Alt '62, in charge. All grads are always welcome.

Y'ALL COME AND SEE US SOMETIME.

BEAT NAVY!!

—Robert E. Lee '45

## PHOENIX

You may have noticed that the Sep issue contained no Phoenix Society news. If you didn't notice, I am really disappointed. If I had submitted the news, I would have noted two events, the social event with prospective cadets and their parents in Apr, and the annual Army/Navy/Air Force golf tournament in May. We had good attendance at both events, but would hope to improve attendance in '93. A brief review is appropriate.

The social event was held 1700-1900 on 24 Apr at the Wyndham Garden Hotel.


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The purpose was to welcome those new cadets who had been accepted for entrance in Jul and those who were still waiting for the magic word. Bill Lewis, retired Associate Professor if Phy Ed, gave his usual outstanding slide show focusing on the early days of New Cadet Barracks. Our guest parents were able to visit with both grads and Parent Club members gaining insight into the coming months and years. All those attending had a pleasant experience.

The annual golf tournament was held at the Arrowhead Country Club on 16 May. The $35 cost was indeed a bargain for a very challenging experience. The course was in excellent condition, a fact appreciated by those attending. Golf was followed by a BBQ supper and socializing among the services. Do plan to attend next year, you will enjoy.

The summer (Jun, Jul and Aug) is quiet in AZ. Many try to leave the area for brief or extended travel to enjoy cooler parts of the world. Needless to say retirees have an advantage. Your Board of Directors will be active on 20 Aug to discuss plans for the '92/'93 season. Current plans envision:

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| Sep | Meeting with Parents' Club members |
| Oct/Nov | Luncheon w/speaker |
| Dec | Army/Navy Game Party |
| Jan/Feb | Luncheon w/speaker |
| Mar | Founder's Day |
| Apr | Candidates Function |
| May/Jun | Golf Tournament |

Max's has already been reserved for the Army/Navy Game Party on 5 Dec. We will be returning to solid ground after that wild sail last year.

—Roger Neumeister '41

## SILICON VALLEY

On 14 Mar, over 75 grads, cadets, drags, and guests gathered at the Red Lion Inn in San Jose to celebrate the founding of the Military Academy. President Adams '65 sprang a "pop" W.P.R. on unsuspecting grads. The Class led by Dan "The Man" Wilson and "Hive" Jerry Witherspoon managed to get the highest marks and enjoyed a magnum of Frech Champaign as their reward.

Benny Havens Hour opened the evening. It was a good time for reminiscing with old friends, meeting new ones, and viewing the collection of old HOWITZERS and other memorabilia from our carefree college days on the Hudson. Vic Luby's '54 slides from Beast Barracks through his Basic Officer's Course brought back memories for everyone.

Dinner was excellent. Thanks to Roger Bivens '63 for lining up the Red Lion Inn, and getting us a great deal. Kudos to Founders Day Dinner Chairman, Jim Kelley '68 and his wife Kathy both of whom we thank for a great job! Special thanks to Kathy who decorated the table and generally kept Jim in line.

Fifty years separated the oldest and youngest grads. Retired GEN Ken Wickham '38 was the oldest grad present. He shared with us some of his personal experiences both as a young officer and AG of the Army first hand encounters with officers from Patton to Westmoreland. We can also be proud of the youngest grad, Darrell Stanaford '88. He gave a good report in the status of USMA training and the healthy condition of the Honor Code.

The guest speaker, COL Kevin Kelley '64 - the USMA Admissions Department Reserve Affairs Officer - spoke on "Current Affairs at West Point." The substance was that the "Corps Has NOT," the Cadets are brighter and more competent than ever. Perhaps the only negative was the new law out of Congress than after the class of '96 there will be no more Regular Commission at Graduation. Kelley noted how much better the New Leadership System worked out versus the old more Regular Commissions at Graduation. Kelley noted how much better the New Leadership System worked out versus the old Fourth Class System. It was a great evening.

We still have many events in the schedule for this year.

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| Aug 7: | Local mayor on business conditions |
| Aug: | Possible tour of the Aircraft Carrier Abraham Lincoln* |
| Sept: | Army Athletics and Benny Havens |
| Oct 2: | Lunch speaker is Bill Almon '54 discussing Business in Silicon Valley |
| Oct 10: | Wine Tour, Date TBD |
| Nov 20: | Lunch and year end business meeting |
| Dec 5: | Watch Army beat Navy at "Big Ed's" Gym |
| Dec: | Formal Dinner Dance with Cadets as Guests |

After thirteen years as Northern CA Regional Coordinator for West Point. Admissions, Tom Kurkjian '68 has turned over the reins to Tom Strehle '77. As Regional Coordinator, Kurkjian has seen and been responsible for much of the success and growth of the academy volunteer recruiter organization in this area. Well Done Tom!

Thanks to Joe Addison and his wife, Yvonne, WPSSV was well represented at this year's meeting of West Point Societies. The conference took place at the Academy April 22-23. Over half of the over 100 societies were represented at this conference. Presentations were made on all aspects of the Academy. However, the emphasis was on reserve commissions for grads.

Joe and Yvonne are in Michigan for the summer, but will give us a full briefing at the October 2 lunch meeting.

Roger Bivens '64 assisted by Sam Endy '60 is chairing a committee to look at ways in which the Society can support the local community and to provide service in general to appropriate areas. The committee efforts have focused on education. Two areas that appear to be feasible and have merit are - assistance in a local high school and assistance in community programs such as "Englush as a Second Language" (ELS) and Adult Basic Education (ABE). Sam is also investigating assisting the Philippines Miiltary Academy (especially since a grad is now the president of the Philippines).

As the Army plans to leave the Presidio of SF, the National Park Service is examining the future of this crown jewel of SF Bay. The Park Service is soliciting expressions of interest from organizations which may want a presence in the new Presidio National Park.

Should the WPS of the Bay Area become "Park Partners"? Chuck Dwyre is in touch with the Park Service, WPSSF, and others to explore the possibilities of a Weat Point West Coast History Center and Mini-Museum. If you support this concept or have an interest in working on this project please call Chuck at (408) 473-6499 days or evenings at (408) 356-6962.

We thought our society profile was interesting. There are 253 names in our roster and 93 members (dues paid, honorary, and charter).

| Class | Mailing List | Members |
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| 20's | 2 | 1 |
| 30's | 8 | 2 |
| 40's | 40 | 9 |
| 50's | 45 | 18 |
| 60's | 59 | 27 |
| 70's | 39 | 14 |
| 80's | 58 | 21 |
| 90's | 2 | 1 |
| | 253 | 93 |

*Career Assistance Coordinator:*

Mart Neese '84 has agreed to help grads in Silicon Valley who are interested in career networking. If you can participate in the network activity please contact Marty. This is strictly a volunteer effort to help other alumni and is supported by WPSSV. You can participate by a) sending Marty a


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copy of your resume b) letting him know of job openings c) volunteering your time to help. Marty Neese 1063 Morse Avenue #8-205, Sunnydale, CA 94089 H: 408-747-1397.

—Chuck Depew '60

## PUGET SOUND

As it has for a number of years, the Puget Sound Society hosted a luncheon at Ft. Lewis, WA for the "accepted" candidates from this area for admission to the USMA in Jul '92. There were seven of these at the luncheon held on 13 Jun '92. About sixty persons were in attendance, including tweny-one members of the Soc, and parents and high school counselors. The principal address was given by COL Edward A. Starbird '62, a member of a family of several generations of grads. His good advice was augmented by some tips from two of last year's candidates (now Yearlings) and some conversations with recent graduates who attended the luncheon as "host" officers. The Society considers this annual affair to be one of its most valuable contributions to West Point.

—E.J. Whitaker '41

## CONNECTICUT

The WPSCT will be kicking off the fall with a tailgate party at the 49er Lodge at West Point after the Holy Cross game, 12 Sep. The Soc has about 70 lifetime members and 56 annual members. In addition a Networking Cocktail Hour is planned for Oct. If you are not a member and would like to become one contact Mike Strathearn at 203 987 5161.

—Tom Sullivan

## ATLANTA

The WPS of Atlanta held its Annual Meeting/Luncheon 11 Jun at the Ft. McPherson Officers' Club. Attending were 49 graduates, spouses, and friends of the Academy. The host was outgoing pres, Les Szabolsci '78.

The business meeting included reports on the society's budget, cadet recruiting activities, community support activities, the Career Transition Network, the soc constitution and by-laws, and Congressional legislation that ended the automatic awarding of Regular Army commissions to graduates.

The annual meeting also included the election of the Board of Governors. Elected to the Board through '95 were Bob Faulkender. Rich St. Denis '70, Janet Cortner '82, and Debbie Guerra '85. Continuing on the Board through '93 are Goble Bryant '49, Chuck Russell '56, Mike Bowers '63, and Jim Clawson '83. Also on the Board through '94 are Gordon Duquemin '47, John Petty '61, Bob Glover '76, and Bill Parrish '81. Ex-officio members are past presidents Mike Gabel '59, Ken Silberstein '63, and Les Szabolcsi '78.

At the Board of Governors meeting on 9 Jul, the following slate of officers and committee chairmen was approved by the Board:

Pres: Bob Faulkender '57
Pres Elect: John Petty '61
VP: Chuck Russell '56
Secretary: Janet Cortner '82
Treasurer: Debbie Guerra '85
Pub Afffairs: Rich St. Denis '70
Finan/Budget: Jim Clawson '83
Membership: Bill Parrish '81
Programs: Gary Webster '61
Spec Projects: Bob Glover '76
Job Place: Rich St. Denis '70
Cadet Recruit: Dave Heckman '81
Past President: Les Szabolcsi '78

Many other WPSA members have been recruited to serve on the committees.

The WPSA Career Transition Network continues to help academy graduates and military officers of all services and sources of commissions in local networking and job searches. Two-hour sessions each Tuesday night help members polich their career transition skills and develop leads.

In the past few months, the Network has also heard a variety of guest speakers. On 11 Jun, Jim Jenkins '57 presented a 4-hour seminar in the career transition process to 20 members of the group. On 14 Jul, Sarah Todd of GA State University gave a presentation on assessment instruments available to sharpen one's career focus. On 21 Jul, John Neal '59 spoke on "Stress, Packaging, and Landing: A Real-World Perspective on the Job Search."

More than 50 grads contacted the network this simmer for help, and new requests for assistance arrive almost daily. To obtain information or pass along job leads, please contact Rich St. Denis '70 at (404) 391-9681 evenings.

The WPSA "Time Out" program, run by Bob Glover '76, supports Atlanta's "Veterans Upward Bound" program, a project created in 1972 to assist economically and educationally disadvantaged veterans. Academy graduates volunteer to present seminars, personal enrishment workshops, and mentoring each Thursday self-awareness, self-development, self-empowerment, responsibility, and community service.

Recent graduates of the VUB program include a junior at Morehouse College who is also working in an internship program for Allstate Insurance. Another alumnus is now enrolled in GA State University for the fall semester.

Special thansk to Jan Heath, WPSA secretary, who organized extensive support for VUB by the Ft. Gillem community. The donation of home furnishings, fixtures, carpeting, clothing, educational items, and food has been significant in the opening of Harris House II, a shelter for nearly 40 veterans.

VUB director Arthur Barham and his staff are available for appearances at civic and church groups to tell the VUB story.

The local Military Academy Liasion Officers, led by Doug Heckman '81, have had a successful year. They helped almost 200 local students open files and compete for appointments to the Class of '96. A total of 22 were offered appointments and 15 accepted.

The Academy Wives is a local group of spouses of graduates of the three service academies. They meet for social purposes—to enjoy one another and points of interest in the local area. Past activities include theater outings and tours of prominent homes. For more information, contact co-chairpersons, Kathryn de Generes (404) 992-6897 or Dianne Enslow (404) 325-2562.

Upcoming WPSA Events:
Dec 5 Army-Navy Game Party
Dec 12 WPSA Christmas Party

For information about membership or to subscribe to the WPSA newsletter, write WPSA, P.O. Box 492511, Atlanta, GA 30349-25111; fax (404) 996-7349 or call (404) 971-9111.

—Rich St. Denis '70

## NEW ENGLAND

Our second and biggest family event of the year was our traditional family picnic with the MG (Ret) Patton '46 and his family on their farm in Hamilton on1 Aug. We had our biggest attendance ever with over 175 people. And once again we enjoyed very nice weather although cool for Aug. The oldest grad present was Dick Cleverly '39 and his wife Adelaide. The youngest grad was Daniel Ferrar '89. We invited academy grads from both the Navy and Air Force along with their families. During the traditional softball game, even years clobbered the odd years by a score too embarrassing to print.

SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR 1992

Annual Networking Night

The WPSNE will be sponsoring 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,


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MA 01608 or Phone: (508) 753-5491 FAX: (508) 753-6717 for more information.

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

**A Growing Tradition: WPSNE and Green Meadows Farm**

*The WPSNE shares it experience planning and hosting an informal family event to inspire other West Point alumni groups to consider scheduling similar outings.*

"You are invited to joint in an afternoon of old-fashioned fun", the invitation reads. And fun it is, on the spacious lawns of Green Meadows Farm in South Hamilton, Massachusetts, home of MG and Mrs. George S. Patton '46. The West Point Society of New England (WPSNE) and Cadet Parent Club families this year marked the seventh anniversary of what has become a popular annual summer event for Academy alumni and families in the New England area.

*History of Green Meadows Farm:*

The 1786 house and land have been in the Patton family since 1927, when then-Major and Mrs. George S. Patton '09 bought the property sight-unseen, from their station in Hawaii, as a permanent home near her Massachusetts relatives. They visited the property between Army assignments until World War II, when Beatrice Patton lived there while her husband was overseas, leading his troops from Sicily to Austria and victory. General Patton had planned to retire to Green Meadows after the war, but it was not to be. He spent only one night there, during a quick post-war visit, before returning to Germany, where he suffered a fatal accident in December of 1946. George Patton '46 inherited the Hamilton property after the death of his mother Beatrice in 1953, but they left the property, which was not yet a working farm, in caretaking hands until 1980, when Major General Patton retired after 34 years of distinguished Army service.

L to R: Mrs. George Patton, MG Patton, WPSNE Pres Karl Schwartz '63. Photo depicts Karl presenting donation in Patton's name to Herbert Alumni Center.

Taking a look at the formerly leisure land, he determined that it had to be put to better use. Consulting with experts, including foresters, agricultural advisors, environmentalists and experienced farmers of the area, he decided on a farm operation specializing in cultivating blueberries. After a humble beginning, during which General Patton claims he "made every mistake in the book", his efforts and those of the farm team he assembled took hold. Today, Green Meadows Farm is a recognized Massachusetts agricultural success.

*WPSNE Comes to the Farm:*

Joanne and George Patton first offered an outing at Green Meadows to the WPSNE in 1986. The first attendance was modest, but it has increased every year. In 1992, approximately 200 guests, from elder class couples to young families with babes in strollers, cadets on leave and even local alumni from other service academies, took part in the event!

*Planning for an All-Families Outing:*

The key to a successful farm outing is prior planning. For the Patton picnic, Ellen Houlihan '82, the designated WPSNE coordinator, contacts Joanne Patton early in a new year, to coordinate on a summer weekend date for the picnic. (A Saturday and Sunday are always selected, with the Sunday protected as a raindate, should bad weather arrive the day before.) Once scheduled, the picnic is announced by the WPSNE at its Spring Business Meeting, at Founders Day and in newsletters. Attendance by WPSNE members and their family members of all eras and ages is encouraged, and Cadet Parent Club members also are invited. This has encouraged membership in the WPSNE to increase, as the picnic is the best attended event of the WPSNE calendar.

One month before picnic weekend, WPSNE sends out final invitations, including directions to the Farm and a response tear-off. the invitation outlines the particulars: "...bring your lunch, groundcloth, swimsuit, softball glove" etc. It also gives a telephone number to call after 8 A.M. on the picnic Saturday, to hear a recorded announcement confirming that day or giving a weather postponement to the next (the rain date has been needed only once).

Jim Munson '45 and Andy Low '42.

Mrs. G.S. Patton '46 greets Navy guests, Sheila and Dan O'Connell '57.

Dean Russell (son of Russell '74), Rachael Young, Wayne Young '81 and Courtney Young.

Ellen Houlihan receives the mailed responses, which help confirm names, telephone numbers and headcount. An opportunity to offer volunteer help also is listed, for such tasks as bringing an extra bag of ice or a six-pack of beverage, helping with clean-up, bringing extra sports equipment or setting up the registration table. Many are eager to assist, and all who do are given assignments by the coordinator. More senior alumni may be asked to pack extra sodas in their baskets, while younger graduates may be assigned to rig volleyball nets, serve as lifeguards, carry water containers or supervise the cooking grills.

One week prior to the outing, Ellen contacts Joanne Patton to give her the current headcount. This helps determine how much parking area is needed and how many rooms should be made available for changing facilities.

At 7 A.M. on picnic day, Ellen and Joanne confer by phone to determine the "go" or "no-go" status of the weather. It is


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important that rain postponement be accomplished early, as guests for this event travel from as far away as Vermont and Rhode Island. Joanne personalizes a message on her office answering machine to inform attendees of the decision, and the phone automatically handles the calls.

One hour before the outing begins, the set-up team (usually two or three volunteers) arrives to set out trash barrels, sweep off the tennis court, arrange the registration table and review last-minute parking instructions. Earlier, Joanne Patton will have put removable signs on doorways and critical areas, directing attendees to bathrooms, telephones, swimming pool, etc. She also festoons a standing hatrack with plastic bolo-type name tag holders, suspended on cords easy to slip over one's head. These recyclable identifiers need only to have fresh stick-on labels slapped on as the guest fill them out upon arrival. Easy to wear (or to remove for swimming), they help identify class vintage and match family members during the afternoon. When the guests leave later, the tags are hung back on the rack, to save for another year.

Guests begin arriving at eleven, when the set-up team becomes the parking and welcoming committee. Over the years, special invited guests have joined the picnickers, including LTG and Mrs. Dave Palmer '56, when Superintendent, and various Patton classmates and relatives. Midway through the afternoon, the volunteers assigned to organize softball gather the numerous "athletes" in attendance for the game pitting an "Even Year" team against an "Odd Year" team in an energetic contest of 3 or 4 inning duration.

The afternoon comes to a close at four o'clock, following brief announcements and acknowledgements from the hosts and organizers. Blankets are folded, picnic baskets are packed with leftovers and children are cajoled into gathering their toys and swimming gear for the trip home. The clean-up team goes out with trash bags to pick up stray leftovers. The directional signs are removed, the first-aid kit, mosquito spray and name tags are returned to the house, and another enjoyable family picnic at Green Meadows Farm comes to an end. Until next year.

—Ellen W. Houlihan '82

## SOUTH TEXAS

A Plebe Picnic was co-hosted by The Parents Club and the WPSST on 12 Jun. There were approximately 70 in attendance which included twelve New Cadets and four Yearlings.

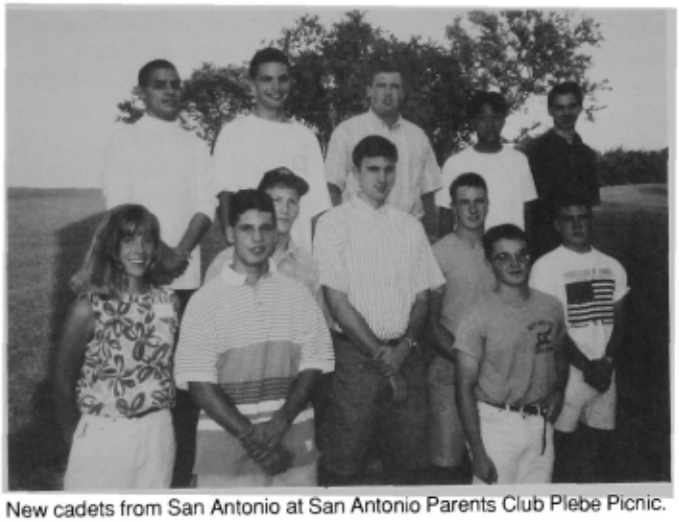
The following week, 19 Jun, a luncheon was held at the Fort Sam Houston Officers Club. Our guest speaker was Suzanne Lawrence, a former Miss Texas, who was representing USAA and Opryland. She gave us an excellent presentation on the newly opened FIESTA TEXAS.

The next Assembly will contain details of our Sep luncheon, the 3d Annual USAFA-USNA-USMA Golf Tournament and our upcoming Oct picnic. Any new arrivals or anyone who is in the STX area and is not receiving our newsltter we will be happy to have you join our membership and get you on our mailing list. Please contact the undersigned for more information.

—Joe Peisinger '54

L to R: WPSST Pres Ken McCollister '61 with guest speaker for June luncheon Suzanne Lawrence

L to R: WPSST Luncheon: Clarice Book, Coella Walk, Gary Walk '64 and Clair Book '46



New cadets from San Antonio at San Antonio Parents Club Plebe Picnic.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

Greetings from the Granite State. WPSNH has had a very busy summer!

On Memorial Day, WPSNH Pres Ron Hall '78 represented AOG Pres Denis Mullane and gave the tribute to fallen USMA grads at the Cathedral of Pines National Memorial in Rindge, NH.

In Jul, we gathered for our Annual Summer Family Picnic at the home of Judson '72 and Janice Belmont on Lake Winnisquam. Everyone had lots of fun between swimming, boating, volleyball and general socializing.

Aug we hosted the 1st Annual All Academy Golf and BBQ Outing at the Passaconaway Country Club. All NH USMA, USNA, USAFA, USCGA and USMMA alumni were invited and we had an excellent turn-out. USMA duffers included: John Ulricson '37, Dick Higgins '63, Karl Schwartz '63, Bob Winters "63, Dave Curry '71, Brendon Crowley '73, Ed Roubian '73, John Griffith '78, Ron Hall '78, John Marshall '78, Tony Matos '78, Paul Oettinger '80, Don Allard '81, and Rich Sellner '81.

Saturday, Sep 26, is the Army Home Football Game Trip with the WPPC NH to see the Army team stomp the Citadel.

Saturday, 5 Dec, is the Army-Navy Tailgate Party and Annual Business Meeting. This will be another "joint" operation with the USNA alumni as we had great fun last year. Election of '83 WPSNH Officers at half-time.

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

—John Marshall '78



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# Bulletin Board

## TWO 1992 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARD RECIPIENTS, DR. THORALF SUNDT '52 AND GENERAL JAMES A. VAN FLEET '15, JOIN THE LONG GRAY LINE

Dr. Thoralf M. Sundt Jr. '52, a preeminent brain surgeon at the Mayo Clinic who operated on former President Ronald Reagan in 1989, died at his home on Wenesday, 19 September. He was 62 years old.

Dr. Sundt died of bone marrow cancer, from which he had been suffering for the last seven years.

Despite his disease, which had caused his bones to become exceptionally brittle and made him progressively weaker, Dr. Sundt, chairman of the department of neurologic surgery, continued his work at the clinic until the final days of his life.

His battle against his illness, and the way he cherished the strength that he claimed to draw from his patients, were profiled a year ago by the CBS News program "60 Minutes." "A lot of good has happened to me since I got ill," he told the program's interviewers. "It wouldn't have happened if I had just quit."

Dr. Sundt received The Distinguished Graduate Award at West Point in May.

Dr. Sundt was born in Wenonah, N.J., on April 3, 1930. He graduated from USMA in 1952 and served with the Army in Korea before earning his medical degree at the University of Tennessee's College of Medicine in Memphis.

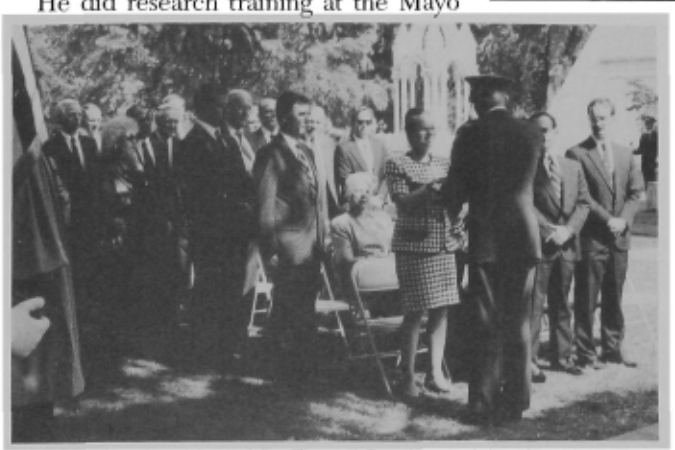
He did research training at the Mayo Graduate School in 1965, then returned to the clinic in 1969 to join the staff. He specialized in vascular neurosurgery and was also editor of the *Journal of Neurosurgery*.

Dr. Sundt's cremains were inurned in the West Point Cemetery on Tuesday, 15 September, following a funeral with full military honors. The AOG sends its condolences to his wife, Lois; two sons, Dr. Thor Sundt, a surgeon in Boston and John Sundt of St. Louis; a daughter, Laura Sundt of Tucson, Ariz. and one grandchild.

General James A. Van Fleet '15, died in his sleep at his Polk City, Fla. ranch on 23 September. He was 100 years old.

Gen. Van Fleet, who was honored in March with the Association of Graduates' Distinguished Graduate Award, was buried at Arlington National Cemetery wednesday 30 September.

Gen. Van Fleet entered the Academy in 1911, and was a fullback on the undefeated football team of 1914. After graduating from the Academy in 1915, Gen. Van Fleet



Mrs. Lois Sundt, widow of Dr. Thoralf Sundt, receiving American flag from Superintendent LTG Howard Graves, during funeral.

## FLIGHT PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

The Flight Project, begun over four years ago to honor West Point's contributions to the development of flight, will be completed shortly. The project will be dedicated on the eve of the Army-Air Force football game on 6 November 1992.

The project consists of three parts. The Flight Memorial Statue, dedicated to the 844 graduates who have died in Military Aviation related events, is near the Air Cadet Memorial just north of Lusk Reservoir. It features a statue by Walker Hancock of a universal pilot rising skyward and plaques which highlight West Pointers' sacrifices in conjunction with man's flight from Earth and into space.

Arnold Auditorium in Mahan Hall is dedicated to the memory of General of the Air Force Henry H. (Hap) Arnold, USMA Class of 1907. The auditorium has been decorated in aviation colors and includes the insignia of the numbered air forces under General Arnold's command in World War II. The foyer outside the auditorium contains displays of notable West Point graduates, citing their achievements. These displays are intended to serve as an inspiration to cadets as they pass by on a daily basis.

There is also an exhibit in the West Point Museum of air memorabilia linked to West Point.

The campaign to raise the $850,000 needed to complete the project was led by BG (Ret) Robert F. McDermott of the Class of January 1943. Contributions were received from over 2,700 graduates and friends, and a total of $861,119.87 has thus far come in. The single largest contribution, $125,000, came from COL (Ret) Hilbert M. Wittkop of the Class of 14 June 1922. He is the last surviving member of the class and an early aviator.

From the aerial observation balloons of the Civil War to space exploration and Operation Desert Storm, West Pointers have played a vital role as aviators, developers and commanders in the air combat forces of our country. West Point hopes that the Flight Project will memorialize this role, acknowledge the sacrifices paid by many graduates and inspire cadets of today and the future to reach for the stars.



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was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Regiment, where he served under Gen. Pershing in his operations against Pancho Villa. The 3rd Infantry Regiment today is the Old Guard, the national honor guard stationed in Washington, D.C.

In 1918, Gen. Van Fleet went to France, where he assumed command of the 17th Machine Gun Battalion during World War I. In June 0f 1941, he assumed command of the 8th Infantry Regiment, the unit selected to spearhead the landing of the 4th Infantry Division at Utah Beach on D-Day. He was later selected to command the 90th Infantry Division in 1944. That division, under Gen. Van Fleet's command, spearheaded the Third Army's counter-offensive against the Ardennes Bulge. He went on to command the III Corps at the Remagen Bridgehead, and later led that unit's advance into Germany.

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

Gen. Van Fleet's decorations included three awards of the Distinguished Service Cross, three awards of the distinguished Servicce Medal, three awards of the Silver Star, two awards of the Legion of Merit, three awards of the Bronze Star for valor, and three awards of the Purple Heart.

Gen. Van Fleet was also decorated by Greece, Korea. Iran Ethiopa, Thailand, the Philippines, the Republic of China, England, France, Belgium, the Netherlands Colombia.

## CAREER FITNESS IN THE NINETIES

Whether you're about to make the transition from active duty into the civilian world or you're already in the private sector and looking for a new position with another corporate employer, you face a tough battle in today's tight job market. The range of employment opportunities has diminished dramatically in the last eighteen months.

First, one-third of all middle management jobs have been permanently eliminated. Many of those companies which have downsized and rightsized and laid off staff have learned how to survive, even prosper, with fewer employees.

Second, the recovery from this recession has been uncharacteristically sluggish. It is not creating many new jobs, except in certain narrow, specialized fields and in low-wage/low-skill occupations. Exports are slowing, while consumer spending in this country is down dramatically. Although there is growth in the American economy, it is barely perceptible. Economists and business gurus drape their commentaries in banners of gloom.

Yet, even as U.S. companies confront these challenges, they continue to create employment opportunities right now, every day. Even companies which are closing plants and laying off employees in one division are often experiencing growth or preparing for the future in another. They are adding new jobs, as a result.

There is considerable opportunity in this new environment, but it will take new strategies and skills to succeed. Just as we make revisions in our war-fighting doctrine to accommodate the impact of technology and other factors on the nature of warfare, so too must we adopt new techniques and approaches for finding a job and managing a career.

I refer to these new strategies and skills as the principles of Career Fitness. They have been developed through my work as the chief executive officer of Job Bank USA, is a nationwide recruitment data base company. Every day, we use our data base to conduct hundreds of job searches for employers ranging from international corporations and the Fortune 100 to local and regional firms.

That recruiting activity creates a lot of opportunity for the individuals enrolled in our data base and supporting career advancement program. Consequently, the Association of Graduates recently established a relationship with Job Bank USA to provide this service to the graduates of West Point at the reduced rate of $21.00. Call 1-800-296-1872 for info.

Two caveats are in order here: First, the full and final shape of Career Fitness is still emerging in response to the competitive dynamics of the 1990's.

Second, the views and advice that are offered here are strictly my own. They need to be carefully evaluated in the context of each individual's specific situation. They are offered as food for thought and as one person's view of the job market and career opportunities in 1992 and beyond.

With these precautions in mind, just what is this concept of Career Fitness? It is the set of skills a person must acquire and the actions a person must take in order to advance his or her career in the new frontier of employment. Many of these skills and actions will be outside the realm of traditional job search activities. Indeed, they will be dramatically different from techniques that worked successfully just two or three years ago.

There are two fundamental components to Career Fitness. First, nothing is forever. Research now indicates that you will change jobs seven to ten or more times during your career. Some of these jobs may also require a substantial retooling of your skill inventory in order for you to transition into the next phase of your career. Sound familiar? It should. Career paths in the civilian sector are beginning to look a lot like the long and varied succession of jobs that military people have experienced for decades.

Unlike the military, however, many of these job changes also mean a change in employer. It is increasingly unlikely that workers will be able to settle down and work for the gold watch with one employer. Just take a look at what is happening in the Department of Defense, IBM and General Motors, to name just a few. The career ladder has been replaced by what one author has called a career jungle gym. In this new environment, you'll face relatively frequent job and employer changes as markets evolve, companies restructure, technology advances and competitors attack and retreat.

There are many different positions and employers in the career jungle gym. Each should be evaluated for what it can do to move your career forward. Less important,

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therefore, are such traditional hallmarks of a "good" job as geographical location and even, to some extent, compensation. In other words, a position with a specific company doesn't have to be perfect in all respects because it is unlikely to be permanent. It must, however, pass at least one test: does it advance your career?

The second component of Career Fitness is that the specific responsibility to make it happen now belongs to you. Traditionally, workers in both the Government and the private sector have relied on their employers to train them and to move them along on the career ladder. Not any more. Companies will do what they can, but *you* are going to have to shoulder the responsibility to ensure that your career is moving forward, that you are acquiring the skills to succeed in your current position and to compete for your next one. In other words, managing your career can no longer be viewed as an additional duty.

What's that mean to you if you are looking for a job? You must know precisely what your job objective is and do whatever you have to do, right now, to improve your fit with that goal. To all of the activity involved in a job search, you must now add *substantive preparation*. That idea flies in the face of conventional wisdom, but today's job market is not operating according to conventional rules.

The fact is that you can do all of the right things in your job search, you can network and aggressively pursue all options and leads and still come up empty-handed. Why? Because employers are seeking two very specific characteristics in a new employee today: a *perfect fit* with the technical *and* management skills required by the position and an array of *value-added capabilities* (e.g., foreign language competency, business literacy, multicultural leadership) that will help the company achieve its mission. You must practice continuous education and training to improve your fit for the position that you want (or hope to keep) and to add that extra value you will need to differentiate yourself from others who are also competing for that position.

As all of the above underscores, Career Fitness is first and foremost an outlook, a perspective on what it takes to manage a career successfully in the rough and tumble world of the 1990's. There are, of course, specific techniques you can employ to put that outlook into action. I'll begin to cover some of those in the next *ASSEMBLY*.

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## MEWHINNEY SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

The Association of Graduates is pleased to announce the establishment of another West Point Preparatory Scholarship. Mr. Michael C. Mewhinney, Class of 1966, recently endowed a scholarship in his name.

"The ideals fostered by the West Point education of Duty, Honor, Country, have always played an important part in my life, and this is a small way of extending those ideals to others," stated Mr. Mewhinney regarding the establishment of the scholarship.

Mr. Mewhinney is one of the founders and principals of Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney & Strauss, Inc., an investment advisory firm in Dallas, Texas.

Upon graduation from the United States Military Academy, Mr. Mewhinney served for four years in the United States Army Signal Corps. He spent two years in Germany, one year in Vietnam and one year at Fort Monmouth. Mr. Mewhinney received the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal in 1969 for meritorious service as commanding officer of his battalion's Ban Me Thuot, Vietnam Signal Detachment. He went on to receive his MBA from Harvard University in 1972.

The purpose of the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program (WPPSP) is to provide partial scholarships for one year of post-secondary education at preparatory schools and colleges for young people seeking admission to the United States Military Academy. The WPPSP is administered and funded by the AOG.

The AOG appreciates Mr. Mewhinney's generosity to the WPPSP and other projects to which he has so loyally contributed.

## COLONEL ROBERT F. GRIFFIN COMMANDS KELLER ACH

Robert F. GRIFFIN graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1967 and was commissioned in the Infantry. Following service as platoon leader in Hawaii and Vietnam, Colonel Griffin returned to CONUS and commanded an Infantry Training Company at Fort McClellan, Alabama. Colonel Griffin graduated from Emory University School of Medicine in 1974, and transferred to the Medical Corps. After internship at Letterman Army Medical Center, Colonel Griffin served as Brigade Surgeon of the 193d Infantry Brigade (Canal Zone) from 1975 to 1977. He subsequently completed residency training in general surgery at Letterman Army Medical Center and then served as Chief of General Surgery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

From 1983-1984, Colonel Griffin served as Division Surgeon, 8th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and from 1984-1985, he commanded the 3d Medical Battalion, 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized). From 1985-1987, he served as Chief, Department of Surgery and late as Deputy Commander, 34th General Hospital at Augsburg. From 1987-1989, Colonel Griffin commanded the USA MEDDAC Nuernberg and the 98th General Hospital. Following the Army War College, he served during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, as VII Corps Surgeon and as Deputy Commander of the 332d Medical Brigade. On 31 July 1992, Colonel Griffin assumed duties as the 45th United States Military Academy Surgeon and Commander, Keller Army Community Hospital.

Awards and Decoration include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit with OLC, Bronze Star with OLC, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 OLC, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, Ranger Tab,


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and Flight Surgeon Wings. Colonel Griffin is certified by the American Board of Surgery and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

He is accompanied by his wife Ann, and three of his six children; daughters, Carolyn and Laura, and son, Thomas.

## MINI-REUNIONS— A CLASS EXPERIENCE

As a cadet, eager to graduate "outta here," I wondered why old grads so often gathered with their classmates. Thus I was skeptical when, after our 1985 election to the 1950's Board of Governors, Chairman Bill DeGraf asked me to start a "mini-reunion" program. Classmates had suggested Class get-togethers between the five-year West Point reunions. I didn't think anybody would come.

As the table shows, *lots* of people came. What a variety of imaginative sponsors, activities and exotic locales! Reunions are big business. Other USMA classes were first; this just describes '50s experience and lessons.

Dave Carlisle, the author's wife Marilyn, Bill and Robin DeGraf, Chuck Friedlander and Al Fern.

**USMA Class '50 Mini-reunions**

| *Month* | *Place* | *Sponsor** | *Attendance & Comments* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sep '86 | USAF Academy, CO | Dick Cody | 276, football, gliders |
| Sep '87 | The Homestead, VA | Tom Lobe | 52, resort/golf hotel |
| Jul '88 | Bedford Springs, PA | Jake Allen | 36, resort/golf hotel |
| Mar '89 | M/S *Southward* 3-day cruise, CA | Dick Leavitt | 56, LA to Catalina Isl, Ensenada Mexico |
| Sep '91 | Lake of Ozarks, MO | Lou Prentiss | 80, also Ft L. Wood |

*The wife and others often helped the Principal Sponsor.

A good time to begin is after the 30-year point, when most military careers are over, kids are out of school and those who left the service early have more in common. There's a wider interest spectrum and more discretionary time and money. A pattern quickly developed. The key is willing sponsors who provide initiative and establish communications.

Once a year seems enough, usually from Friday afternoon to Sunday brunch—sometimes with optional side-trips later. Sponsors often need 1-1/2 to 2 years lead time to lock in hotels, etc. It's vital to "check it out," and financial arrangements can be tricky. While not involved directly, the Board helps coordinate scheduling and publicity and publishes a six-page Mini-reunion Checklist (available on request to my *Register* address).

The Class of '50's first mini was best attended—classmates Charlie Gabriel and Skipper Scott, then-USAF Chief of Staff and AF Academy Supe, welcomed the "most senior group" ever assembled there. Smaller gatherings offer the chance to *visit* with everyone. Responses are encouraging for a great San Antonio mini this October. Plans are underway for Florida in 1993 and, maybe, the West Coast in '94. Now I understand about the "old grad" thing!

Kenneth L. Moll '50

## ARMY CHIEF AIDS WEST POINT LIBRARY

Army Chief of Staff Gordon R. Sullivan joined the Friends of the West Point Library at a Pentagon meeting presided over by Friends member Major General Theodore G. Stroup, Director of Program Analysis and Evaluation. Army Chief of Military History Harold W. Nelson attended the ceremony in which the Friends new book RAMPARTS was presented.

General Sullivan late wrote the Friends chairman, "I look forward to participating in any way that you feel appropriate. I am very interested in the present viability and the growth of both libraries and historical holdings and I would be more than willing to lend whatever support I can to your efforts to strengthen the West Point Library."

Friends Chairman, Colonel (Ret.) Roger H. Nye, later recounted General Sullivan's longstanding deep interest in history, and how at a USMA Department of History Dining-In in early 1992, his talk included knowledgeable reference to many of the portraits about him in the Cullum Hall ballroom. "It is not an idle comment when he says he is 'Enjoying RAMPARTS!'"

## SAUNDERS '72 SELECTED FOR NEW POSITION IN DEVELOPMENT

LTC E. Duston Saunders, USAR, recently joined the staff of the Association of Graduates as the Assistant Director for Annual/Class Giving. In this newly established position, Duston will have primary responsibility for the annual development program. For class giving, he will be the point of contact for the classes of 1972 through 1993. Duston also will assist in the installation of a PC-based local area network data base system and, following installation, he will manage its operation.

Prior to joining AOG, Duston's career was evenly split between military and civilian occupations. Commissioned in the Infantry, he held platoon/company and battalion staff positions


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in the 1st Battalion (Air Assault), 501st Infantry at Fort Campbell. After attending IOAC at Fort Benning, he held company command and battalion staff positions with the 1st Battalion (Airborne) 509th Infantry in Vicenza, Italy. Following a tour with Readiness Group Stewart in Newburgh, New York, where he advised a New York National Guard Infantry Brigade, Dunston left the Army and spent eight years with Arbitration Forums Inc. in Tarrytown, New York as Controller, Vice President Operations & Finance, and Executive Vice President. After a year of systems and management consulting, Duston joined AOG. Duston is still active in the Army Reserve and is attached to USMA, where he assists the Department of Military Instruction in course development and teaches military science during the January Intersession.

Duston is a graduate of the Army's CAS and CGSC courses and has an MS in Business Administration from Boston University and an MBA in Finance from Long Island University. Duston and his wife Joanne have resided in Cornwall, New York since 1984.

## SONSTELIE '66 ELECTED PUGET POWER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Puget Sound Power & Light Company's Board of Directors recently elected Richard R. Sonstelie to succeed John W. Ellis as the company's chief executive officer.

Sonstelie, 47, has served as Puget Power's president since 1987. He joined the company in 1974 and has held positions in Project management, corporate planning, engineering and conservation. Her served as chief financial officer from 1983-1991 and has held the title of chief operating officer since May of last year.

Sonstelie holds an advanced engineering degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and an MBA from the Harvard University Graduate School of Business.

## CANADIAN ROCKIES ADVENTURE

Spectacular scenery, beautiful weather and a congenial group of twenty-three made for a memorable trip through the Canadian Rockies in June. AOG travelers included Geraldine Barton, Ruth Butchers, Joan and Dan Grey, Helen and Ollie Haywood, Tammy and Jim Henderson, Sue and Grafton Jhung, Kaye and Gene Kelsey, Betty Jane and Bob Kren, Margaret and Ralph Kuzell, Kelley and John Murrell, Shirley and Ed Saxby, Jean Walton and Nan Womack. We were fortunate to have Robin Mort accompany us as our Gohagen & Company travel director.

Our experience began with a three-day stay at the Hotel Vancouver. From our downtown location, we were able to enjoy the sights of this coastal city; Chinatown, Stanley Park, Gas Town and numerous other attractions were within walking distance of the hotel. We also had an opportunity to savor tea at the Empress Hotel and admire the Buchart Gardens on Victoria Island.

Departing Vancouver, we took a two-day excursion on board the Rocky Mountain train. After a stopover in Kamloops, we arrived in Jasper. During our stay at the Jasper Park Lodge, we were at our leisure to enjoy resort activities including golf, tennis, hiking and rafting. From Jasper, we drove on the 140-mile-long Icefields Parkway. A stop to ride an ice coach on the Athabasca Glacier and to drink the glacial water was a highlight of the trip.

We found Chateau Lake Louise and the surrounding scenery as breathtaking as the travel brochure had promised. The turquoise-colored lake was particularly impressive at dawn, when the glacier was reflected on the lake's surface. Leaving Lake Louise for Banff, we took a detour to Moriane Lake, the scene pictured on the back of Canadian $20 bills. During our final night at the Banff Springs Hotel, we had a chance to exchange addresses and photographs and say farewell to our fellow travelers. The visit to the Canadian Rockies was unforgettable.

## T.J. ANTHONY '74 BECOMES PARTNER IN D.C. OFFICE OF FRIED, FRANK *ET AL*

Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson announced that T.J. Anthony has been named a partner of the firm effective 1 September 1992. Mr. Anthony practices in Fried Frank's Washington office.

Mr. Anthony, 40, has been with Fried Frank since 1987. A member of the real estate department, he focuses on complex debt and equity real estate financings, workouts, acquisitions, development projects, construction contracts and lease transactions.

Mr. Anthony also is a graduate of Yale University (M.A., Economics, 1981), and the University of Chicago (J.D. 1985). He


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### GEN SCOTT, AOG & OMNI TRAVEL BRIGHTEN RING WEEKEND '93

The AOG provided a plentiful buffet, OMNI Travel provided six free trips to Jamaica and GEN Scott delighted an audience of soon-to-be "Old Grads" with anecdotes and philosophy about the responsibilities and rewards of a lifetime of service to the nation and membership in The Long Gray Line.

Chuck Russell, '56, head of OMNI Travel, then directed drawings for various prizes, including the six all-expenses-paid trip to Jamaica. All graduates, parents and others connected with USMA and contemplating travel to West Point or elsewhere are reminded that OMNI Travel is standing by at 1-800-331-1810 with prompt service, best available rates and a donation to the Association of Graduates. OMNI Travel is the full service travel agency of the AOG.

### FORMATION OF COMPANY I-2 ASSOCIATION

The Company I-2 Association was formed 3 June 1992 in Falls Church, VA by companymates from the classes of 1956, 57, 58, 59, and 1961. The purpose of this fraternal, non-profit association is to keep current the friendships initiated during our cadet years in Co I-2. The association will meet annually, in the Washington, D.C. area (for now), the first week in June. There are no dues and membership is open to all former cadets who were in Co I-2 from 1942 onward. Companymates interested in joining should contact the senior CCQ and resident FIVE years man; Col Philip E. Gibbs, 1959(8), 7903 Carrousel Court, Annandale, VA 22003, (703) 698-7317.

### COLONEL & MRS. HAFFA, HURRICANE SURVIVORS

Colonel and Mrs. Robert P. Haffa '39 lived through the devastation of Hurricane Andrew in Homestead, Florida. They managed to so in an interior room of the home which, although boarded up, was substantially damaged. They also provided a haven for friends whose home was flooded. Haffa, by emergency telephone 2 1/2 weeks after disaster, stated that they still had no power readily available; that they plan to rebuild; and that they are profoundly grateful for assistance offered. (Above received too late for normal Class Notes.)

### WEST POINT COMMUNITY AIDS SURVIVORS OF HURRICANE ANDREW

In the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew, many people were left in disastrous situation, without even the basic necessities. West Point community members are banding together to help alleviate some of those needs.

Sponsored by the 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry, Operation Helping Hand is a united effort by the West Point community to send food, plastic products and diapers to Hurricane Andrew's victims.

The brainchild of LTC Ralph Bruner, commander of the 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry, took less than a week to become full grown.

"It was LTC Bruner's idea," said Maj. Kevin McKedy, executive officer 1-1. "He thought the Battalion and the West Point community could help, so he got permission and began planning on Aug. 31." "Well over 100 soldiers have volunteered their time in the relief effort," he said.

"The goal is to fill a C-141, and I believe we'll make it". After collecting, sorting and boxing everything, the 49th Marine Air group, Detachment B will help in loading pallets and will fly them down to Florida.

"This is our way of showing our fellow Americans who are going through the worst experience of their lives that we care about them and that we're sympathetic to their plight, "Maj. McKedy said.

### COLONEL MURPHY HONORS GENERAL EICHELBERGER

Colonel Edward C. Murphy '44 (Ret.), recently endowed a West Point Preparatory Scholarship in honor and memory of General Robert L. Eichelberger. General Eichelberger graduated from USMA in 1909 and was the 38th Superintendent of the Academy.

Colonel Murphy said it is most appropriate to provide a long-lasting memorial for General Eichelberger and that the establishment of a scholarship in his name was a good way to do it. While Colonel Murphy was a cadet, General Eichelberger provided the means for him to attend "Doc" Silverman's preparatory course. Colonel Murphy feels that because of this, he was able to successfully pass the reentrance exam to the Academy.

Colonel Murphy received a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Army air Corps in 1944. He retired from the United States Air Force in 1974 and resides in Alexandria, Virginia.

The West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program is administered and funded by the AOG. The AOG appreciates Colonel Murphy'ss generosity to the Scholarship Program.

### MAXINE CROWELL, WIDOW OF LONG-TIME ARMY TRACK COACH, INTERRED AT WEST POINT

Mrs. Maxine Crowell, widow of Carleton Crowell, Army Track Coach from 1951 to 1975, died of cancer on July 27, 1992 in Media, Pennsylvania. She was buried in the West Point Cemetery on August 3, 1992. Mrs. Crowell is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Crowell, Jr., her sister, Mrs. Jane Cosinuke, and two grandchildren.

Following Coach Crowell's death in 1975, Mrs. Crowell remained in the West Point area, making her home in Cornwall, N.Y. She continued her active involvement in the West Point community, working as a volunteer at the post thrift shop and supporting the Cadet Chapel programs. She was also a lifetime member of the Ladies Reading Club of West Point. Memorial donations may be sent to the Association of Graduates earmarked for the Cadet Chapel.


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# Report from the Classes

## '15

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**Kitty Bradley** sends love and best wishes to '15. **Marguerite Gilkeson** recently spent 21 days in a hosp. She is now temporarily in a nursing home. **Bruce Eloise Lorch** wrote a long ltr about her large family. All are doing well.

**Mary Welby Cochran** sends her love and good wishes to '15. From **Satchie Naiden**, "No news is good news." She sends love and best wishes to '15. From **Mary Tate**, "I have not been very well of late. I do keep up and on 'the go,' however." She also sends love and best wishes to '15.

Jean Morrison sends her love and best wishes to '15. She is a daughter of our **John S MacTaggart**. Her late husband was COL Richard S. Morrison '39. Elizabeth & Gus Yearing send greetings to '15. She is a daughter of our **Edward E Hyde**.

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First, take note that my area code changed to *210* on 1 Nov.

Second, it is obvious that your scribe is back in the saddle again after having run a horrible absence last time. But he has a better-than-ordinary excuse, because he was flat on his back having a dr cut a 16" opening to get to his spine. It is difficult enough for him to use a typewriter while sitting on a chair, but in that position—well, you get the picture. You may be curious, so be advised that the incision has fully healed and your scribe is doing well.

With sadness it must be rep that **Nell Gullat**, widow of **Babe Gullatt**, died 10 Oct 91 and was interred in Arlington on 15 Oct.

Ltrs from **Art Pulsifer** and **Chief Brimmer**, as usual. Chief's living alone, doing his own cooking, washing etc, but his daughter looks in on him every day. Art is real serious about having a 75th Reunion at WP next yr. Some checking with other classmates and widows found none had any interest. Art has been advised, and he insists that *he* will go to the Point if physically possible and have a reunion of one! Of course, if any other classmates or Cl widows wish to join him, they are most welcome.

During the past four mos I have received many ltrs and had many telcons with classmates and Cl widows. All were appreciated and welcome. The following were of particular interest to me and I hope will be to many of those who read these notes.

A "Get Well" card from **Edith Griffiths** representing the Fairfax contingent of the Cl was espec appreciated. It was great to hear from **Margie Lee** and her daughter May by telcon last Apr. The Lee Family seems to be happy and healthy. **Ruth Hastings** has recovered splendidly and is planning some foreign travel this summer.

## '19

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Of the 8 Cl mbrs I spoke with this cycle, most remarked on the hot summer they were experiencing and its impact on their activities. **Bill Regan**, an exception, was enjoying a "glorious" CT season. However, in MD, **John Hardin** was denied two of his favorite visual pleasures—boating on the river was greatly curtailed and his roses succumbed to the heat. In CA, **George & Connie Dillaway** were staying in as much as possible. In San Ant, **Alex Bennet** was not as concerned with the weather as with trying to keep track of grandson Peter Marshall Bennet, who was on his way home from an Army tour in Korea and headed for more training at Ft Knox.

**Adna & Vivian Hamilton** also were avoiding the unusually humid heat. Fortunately, Vivian's new job is right at home. As a lighting designer, she will be working with an architect, an interior designer and an acoustical engr on a project to remodel two Air Force Vill I dining rooms that have places for theatrical performances. Vivian earned a master's degree in interior design at the Univ of Chicago in '53, writing her thesis on residential lighting. Since then she has designed lighting for all kinds of buildings and spaces except factories, for which, to her regret, an opportunity never arose. She says her aim on most projects, and particularly the present one, is "to make people look better."

**Syril & Billie Faine** thoroughly enjoyed having her brother, COL James H Price, with them for 3 wks in the summer. They were able to take several short trips as he helped with the driving. In Aug, **Phil Lauben** was suprised by a visit from Dr Edward Mendell '55, who had been a neighbor at Ft Knox as a child. He lives in CA, but had come to Nashville, TN to attend a reunion of former Yokohama HS students. I find it interesting that 100 persons found the time to attend and nurture their common bond. **Irma**'s son, CWO4 Kent Gallagher, back from Ger, now is stationed at Ft Lewis.

Spoke with **Fred & Lynne Marlow** and learned of Lynne's latest trip. This time she went with a gp on a Baltic tour, flying to Helsinki where they boarded the *Princess Regina*. The first stop was St Petersburg. Lynne was disappointed, as she found the city shabby, dirty and dangerous compared to her impressions from a previous visit. The women were warned not to wear fanny packs and to hold regular purses close to the body. Policemen were stationed at every attraction they visited. Estonia was so-so, but Latvia and Lithuania were attractive and properous. A great deal of new construction was observed in the latter. The tour also included a stay in beautiful Visby, Gotland Island, off the Swedish coast, and a visit to Stockholm before returning to Helsinki for the flight home. Lynne said everything was very expensive, so she didn't buy anything to bring home. Please note the new area code in the Marlow's phone no: (310) 454-9731.

**Ann Heiberg** had been wanting to move back near her roots in KY. She was lucky to sell her condo in Greenville, SC and to find a "just right" small house adjacent to Ft Knox. After some alterations and redecorating, she moved in Jun to 1311 Jacob Court, Radcliff, KY 40160; tel (502) 352-2838. Two sisters live within 10 mis of her new location, and her brother is not far away in Brandenburg, so she will be comfortable and content there. Her first guests will be daughter Heidi Pinckney and grandaughter Anna, who will come from Greenville to share her birthday celebration on 17 Aug.

In earlier notes I promised a new address for our frequent mover, **Emily McNamee**. Finally, here it is: Rossmor Towers, 24055 Paseo del Lago W, Apt 1153–2, Laguna Hills, CA 92653; tel (714) 770-5379. Emily says it is a fine place to live; she espec appreciates the extensive library at her disposal. Please note these two new addresses on your Cl List.

At the Fairfax, **Katharine Flory** entertained **Conchita Sorley**, **Dade Wedemeyer** and Elaine Hill in Jul. They had a fine time



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recalling shared memories and those fabulous Cl reunions. You may remember that Elaine was secy to **Al** for many yrs and has retained a close relationship with Dade since his death. Her valuable svcs to the Cl were recognized with the presentation of a Cl pin at the time of the 50th Reunion. The Cl extends sincere sympathy to Dade and her family on the loss of her daughter-in-law Dorothy, wife of Albert D Wedemeyer '46. Dorothy died of a heart attack on 29 Jul 92 at the Wedemeyer farm near Boyds, MD.

At Knollwood, **Dorothy Ferenbaugh** got rid of a cast on her foot and is now (in Aug) determined to discard the wheelchair which has, of necessity, been her means of locomotion since an earlier fall. Rah, Rah, Ferenbaugh! Although I don't know the cause of Dorothy's fall, I did learn of a freak accident that occurred in Jul. **Dene Burnell** stepped on her cat. In attempting to regain her balance she took a step backward, unaware that the cat had also moved in that direction. Result: two feline traumas and a broken femur for Dene, who is doing well and in good spirits. No comment from the cat!

**Jeanne Burgess**, recuperating well from a heart attack in May, is planning a fall trip to France to visit her two brothers and their families. **Margie Young**, on the other hand, had to cancel a Mediterranean trip because of a bout with shingles that hospitalized her for 12 days. **Betty Vance**'s recovery from a stroke suffered in Aug 91 has exceeded all dr's and family's expectations. Determined and dedicated to ever more improvement, she continues therapy sessions twice a wk.

The Cl had two losses in Jul 92—one mbr and one widow. BG **Richard P Ovenshine** died on 14 Jul in Alexandria, VA after a long illness. Graveside services and interment were conducted at Arlington Natl Cem on 21 Jul. Dick was active in Cl affairs during his career and ret, particularly those activities in the Wash area in later yrs. He served the Cl as secy from 69–74 and as pres from 74–86. He is credited with writing many of the biographies for the 50-Yr Book, and, although I have been unable to verify, it is believed that he was Cl scribe for a time. The Cl appreciates the loyalty and devotion he displayed by taking on these tasks and sends sincere sympathy to his daughter, Mrs Virginia Moore, and her family.

Mrs **Frederick B Porter** died on 8 Jul 92 in CO Spr, CO, following a stroke. Funeral svcs in CO Spr on 13 Jul were followed by interment with Fred at Ft Logan Natl Cem, Denver. In addition to fulfilling her duties as a loyal Army wife and mother, **Rosalee** cultivated a full life of her own. She had been the women's editor for the *Nogales (AZ) Herald*; Deputy County Recorder in Santa Cruz, AZ; and a charter mbr and past president of the local branch of the Natl League of American Pen Women. The Cl sends sincere sympathy to her son, Frederick B Porter Jr '44, and his family.

## '20

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Cl Pres **George Rehm** called a special mtg of the Class Gov Cmte on 2 Jul 92 to discuss discontinuance of annual elections for mbrs of the Cl Gov Cmte. Present were Rehm, **Samouce** and **Anne Holle**, Class Statistician. Absent were **Routheau**, **Hasbrouck** and **Kreuter**. In view of the small no of living classmates (12), it was decided to seek comments from classmates on the following:

1) Effective 30 Sep 92, the 12 remaining living classmates to be considered mbrs of the Cl Gov Cmte.

2) When our no is reduced to 2 or 3, all Cl records to be sent to AOG; the Treasurer to maintain the Cl bank acct for two more yrs to meet final expenses, and then give AOG the remaining funds.

Comment was received from **Carl Engelhart** that the number 12 be deleted since it may be less by 30 Sep.

**Elton Samouce** is recovering from a foot opn aggravated by severe arthritis.

**1920:** Herby Pierce's grandson Marc Perez-Venero '92 and his dad at the Supe's reception for the graduating Cl

**Herby Pierce**'s grandson Marc Alexander Perez-Venero's graduation in WP Cl of '92 was the occasion for his parents, Dr Mirna Pierce Perez-Venero & Dr Alexander Perez-Venero, to take an extensive vacation to attend the grad and also visit friends and relatives in US and Panama. Dr Perez-Venero is Panama's rep on UN Indus Devel Orgn based in Vienna, Austria.

**1920:** Herby Pierce's grandson Marc Perez-Venero '92 and his grandmother Linda Pierce Jones at the Supe's reception for the graduating Cl

The vacation included two days in Hoboken, NJ, two in VA, two in Miami, 2 1/2 wks in Panama, one wk in MS, two wks in CA, one wk at WP and one wk again in Hoboken with side trips to NYC and a yacht trip on the Hudson before returning to Vienna, Austria. To thank all their hosts, Mirna typed out a bubbly 3-pg poem covering all stops. It included:

"Marc's spectacular graduation!
. . . wonderful weather. . .
To observe each parade and celebration.
Dinners and lawn parties, dances and concerts.
There was no end to the happiness and joy,
Felt not only by each girl and boy. . . .
For many a day during those 4 yrs
Was pretty bad,
Maybe even sad,
Not only for Marc, but for me and Dad.
Marc is away on a two-month vacation!
He'll be with us 3 wks in Jul."

Also Olivia (Mirna's older half-sister) in the fall.

Tom & Connie Bessell Davidson enjoyed a visit from Tom's parents, Gar & Verone Davidson, who came after attending the 65th reunion of Gar's Cl of '27; Gar was particularly pleased to see many of his "boys" of '32 whom he had coached in football. Tom & Connie visited Wash one Jul wknd and had a delightful Sun playing tennis and chatting about old friends with the Michael Gillettes (son of **Ted & Trix Gillette**) at their home in Great Falls on the Potomac. Tom and Michael seem to have the world by the tail: Tom spends time in Beijing and Hong Kong for his Wash firm, and Michael is in charge of World Bank's East European area, including Russia.

## '21-'22

COL Harry H. Haas
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I greatly regret to inform you that 5 widows passed away. **Allie Lee** died on 10 May. After celebrating her 89th birthday, **Meps Smith** suffered a heart attack and died 7 Jun. **Helen Smith**'s son, Chas R Smith '50, wrote me that his mother died at her home on 27 Jun. After a long illness, **Lucile Anderson** died on 14 Jun. **Jimmy Wilhide** died, but I have no details about her death. On behalf of the Cl I extend to their families our sincere sympathy.

**Helen Smith** was the daughter of COL Chas Eby, who graduated from the Acad in '02.

**Bill Lawton** fell down in early Jun and hit his head, resulting in two vertebrae broken in his neck. He suffered considerable pain. Let's hope that he is feeling a lot better by now.

In order to be nearer to her family, **Bev Kane** left Knollwood and moved to 741 Chambersburg Rd, Gettysburg, PA 18425.

**Bev Kane**'s son called me on the phone one day to tell me that he has our Oriole Cl Emblem. It is the one we had at our 65th Reunion. He said that when he visits his son here in Jacksonville he will give me the emblem. Many thanks; I am looking forward to receiving it.

I have a lot of pix that were taken at our 70th Reunion. I look at them often to remind me of the grand and glorious reunion that it was.

**Bill Lawton**'s son called me on 13 Aug to tell me that his mother died on 12 Aug. **Marge**



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1921–22: Bill & Marge Lawton

had not been well for several wks. This is sad news. On behalf of the Cl I extend to Bill and his family our sincere sympathy.

## '23

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Sad news: **Wendell Johnson** died at Fort Belvoir on 16 Jul and **Ken Sweany** died in S Burlington, VT on 8 Aug.

**Wendell**'s death followed less than two mos from the 60th wedding anniv he & **Ruth** had celebrated with relatives. He was the charming dinner host and did not let his infirmities mar his pleasure at such a happy event. A few days later, he celebrated his 91st birthday in the Health Ctr, where he had been a patient for the past several yrs. He was buried in Arlington on 21 Jul. Survivors include **Ruth**, sons Wendell Jr and Gerald and 7 grandchildren.

1923: Anniv dinner on 29 May

**Ken Sweany**, after a long illness dating back to the strokes suffered last fall, died of pneumonia. He & **Laura** celebrated their 68th wedding anniv with relatives in early Jun and his 90th birthday on 13 Jul. Both were high points in his life. He had hoped to attend the 70th, but, in May, he realized he would never make it. He is survived by Laura, Jean, his daughter, **Phil**, his son, 7 grandchildren and 7 "greats." He was cremated and his ashes interred at WP.

Both **Wendell** and **Ken** had been active in Cl affairs, Wendell as scribe and Ken as treas for many yrs. **Craigie** has appointed **Lyle Rosenburg** to succeed him. Bill expressed the condolences of the Cl to **Ruth** and **Laura**.

Mea Culpa!: Jack **Craigie** '51, not his dad, as reported, made the presentation of the Cl of '23 Memorial Award to the outstanding grad mbr of the Mens Swimming Team at the 1992 annual convocation.

**Robby Robinson** continues to be an active patron of the med arts. He already has survived 2 heart attacks and prostate cancer surgery. Recently he broke his arm and leg when, to his chagrin, he fell in attempting to retrieve the morn newspaper. He is recovering nicely, with much counsel and advice from **Moe**, **Bill** and **Lyle**. He feels an ex and over-age doughboy should not lose the knack of hitting the ground with injury, a feat he learned at WP and Benning and practiced in France.

**George Steward** kindly forwarded a photo taken with his 3 sons during the wknd his 90th birthday was celebrated with 34 family and near-family. Pat, the Jesuit priest, was a classmate of our son **Mike**, SJ at the Gonzaga Seminary.

1923: My three sons

**Moe Cavender** celebrated his first anniv at the Vill Health Ctr. During the yr, he has gained 30 lbs. **Lyle Rosenberg** hosted a big party in Jul to celebrate **Louise**'s 90th birthday. Bill and Lyle expect to renew their semi-wkly golf feud. Bill despaired for his 99 recently and is back on the practice range.

News received too late for previous publication was from Charleston, where, at the FD dinner, **Geo Buell** x-'23 was honored by addressing the group as the "oldest living ex-cadet." He delivered a highly informative, emotional and well-received speech. The last word from him was that he was in the infirmary.

From **Joe Smith**'s cards: **Witt** cannot make the Reunion: broken back can't take it. **Judson McGehee** has had a 911 yr—may make 70th, but doubtful. **Pierce.**: **Mary** also has moved to the Health Ctr with **Ray**. Their son rep there is no way Ray could attend. **Horton**: Having hosp problems. **Sallie O'Shea** has wisely decided to sell her home and move into a ret apt. **Bob Smith**: Sorry, but health will not allow the trip. **Robby** will be there if he can but unlikely at this time. There may be as many as 6 who can and may attend the "Last Hurrah." There are now 21 still on the roster.

## '24

COL John I. Hincke
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It is with great sadness that I have to rep the death of our beloved classmate, GEN **Clyde D Eddleman**. He died of pneumonia on 19 Aug at Walter Reed AMC in Wash, DC. He was a tough-minded soldier and an earnest ldr of men who loved WP and his Cl. He forever will be remembered as one who firmly believed in "Duty, Honor, Country" and also as one who had pride in and was an ardent supporter of "the Corps, the Corps and the Corps." His funeral was on 24 Aug at the Ft Myer Chapel, and burial was with full mil honors in Arlington Natl Cem. Survivors incl his wife of 65 yrs, **Lorraine Heath Eddleman** of Arlington, VA, and a son, John Heath Eddleman of Hurleyville, NY. He will be sorely missed.

Please keep us up-to-date with your news.

## '25

COL W. Frank Steer
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On 20 Jun 92, the WPS of HI hosted an aloha party honoring the newly selected entrants to USMA as well as their parents. Several of the First Class cdts on summer training duty in HI were present in order to brief the newcomers about being a plebe at the Acad. HI sent 5 applicants this yr.

I regret to rep that our **John H Beatty** joined the Long Gray Line on 2 Jun 92 at Oakmont, PA, where he was being cared for by his nephew, Alfred C Young Jr, DDS. John's wife **Annabel** passed away in Feb 85, and her death seemed to have accelerated his overall dementia. For the last 5 yrs, he was incapable of conversation, took no notice of people or current events but still interacted when approached. He was able to feed himself and still was physically strong. Congestive heart failure was the diagnosis. John's body was returned to Westhampton Beach for burial beside Annabel.

Recently I had a ltr from Shirley Harper Lobsiger, daughter of **Harry Jean Harper**, rep the marriage of her son Bobby to CPT Sue Thompson '84 on 19 Oct 1991. Shirley said, "Use the wedding story, if you wish; for some reason, I guess I just wanted the Cl to know that my husband Jean's spirit is still with his beloved Army."

In Jul 52, when MG Joe Cleland, cmding the 40th ID, was ordered to move his div out of the Korean combat zone for rest and retraining, he selected the razed village of Kapyung for the retraining area. He noticed two white tents in the middle of the devastation. He looked inside the tents and found Korean children sitting on crates and boxes attentively listening to their teacher. Joe decided to initate action to provide a school. All his men and offs eagerly responded with a collection of $16,000. The engr bn, using Korean labor, not only built a 10-rm single story stone and wood structure, but purchased a rut mill and a lumber mill. Those mills operated by the students earned profits for the opn of the sch. Families and friends of the 40th Div raised additional funds and supplies. A med unit was added to provide an addition to house a fully-equipped dispensary for 500 students. The succeeding yrs passed, the funds kept rolling and now there are 20 student-rooms and other facilities. The Koreans showed their gratitude by creating a 25-ft granite monument bearing bronze plaques honoring GEN Cleland and others who were responsible for completing the school and facilities.

Every yr (since 1952) on 16 Oct, the Kapyung Middle and HS in Korea hold their



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"Gratitude Festival" as a remembrance of the founding of their sch by MG Joe Cleland and others who helped. After Joe died in 75, his wife Florence continued to spt the sch and made 4 visits to the "Gratitude Festivals" during the intervening 17 yrs. This yr, the 40th anniv of the founding of the sch, the alumni invited Florence to be present to receive a medal, The Order of Civil Merit, Bongbrek Medal from the Pres of the Republic of Korea, the Honorable Roh Tae Woo. Florence states, "They paid my way from CA to Korea. I was overwhelmed with their manifestation of respect, gratitude and love." She received a beautiful citation for her outstanding and meritorious svc rendered to the Republic of Korea.

I forgot to tell you that I, **Frank Steer**, gave my 15th pep talk to the future cadets. I told them not to buck the WP system which had been running successfully for 190 years.

If anyone has the address of Shirley Harper Lobsiger, daughter of **Harry Jean Harper**, please mail it to your scribe.

One of our greatest, MG **John H McCormick** (also known during cadet days as "Pickles" McCormick), died of heart failure at the age of 88 in a San Ant Hosp on 24 Jul 92. Graveside services with full mil honors were held at 0945 on 28 Jul 92 in the Ft Sam Houston Cem, with Rev J Paul Worley officiating. More details next issue. The foregoing info was sent to your scribe by another classmate, **Carl W Meyer**, who wrote, "The last time I saw John he was having difficulty in moving around, getting up out of a chair, etc. As for me, I'm still getting around. In Dec 89, I lost **Louise**, but I still have a daughter in Austin." John resides in the Army residence area diagonally opposite from the San Ant AF Vill.

Now for the good news. Today (18 Aug) I talked with **Lani Holmes** (**Ernie**'s spouse). She told me that she gets up daily at 5 AM and walks 3 mi with her 120-lb German shepherd named Monte. She still plays a lousy game of golf about twice/wk and has time for an occasional game of cribbage or bridge. She has over 1000 orchids in her garden. She also does a lot of vol work at the Kula Hosp, which is near her home on the isl of Maui. Her daily routine sounds like living in paradise. She is healthy and happy.

All you '25 mbrs and spouses, send me news.

# '26

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By taking a daily walk of a mile or so and by playing with 3 of her great-grands, **Mimi Broadhurst** keeps young and agile, though at times the youngsters run her ragged. Still, she hopes to be able to watch them grow. Right spirit, Mimi; keep it up!

In honor of his having reached a significant milestone on his journey through this world, **Jimmy Burwell**'s "admiring neighbors—the Retzers, Gateses and Fergusons, all mbrs of that famous Class of '42—had the privilege of honoring Jimmy and his family" (wife **Marcy**, son Jim '59 & Gudrun). More about Jimmy in the **Heiberg** part. So keep it up, Jimmy. Many more HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

It is a sad task to report the death of **Doris Jones Salisbury**, who "always cherished her yrs as an Army wife with **Linc Jones Jr**." She

**1926:** Jim Burwell '59, Ferguson '42, Jimmy Burwell '26, Gates '42 and Retzer '42

is survived by a son, Lincoln Jones III '58, by two grands (CPTs Peter Lincoln Jones and Patricia Jones) and by two stepsons, MG Alan R Salisbury '58 and Wade R Salisbury. The Cl offers condolences and sympathy to the surviving family.

For more than a yr the Cl had lost contact with **Herx Baxter**. Our Cl Pres, **Vald Heiberg**, is determined to locate him just as he had once located the missing **Gailbreath**. But initial efforts were fruitless; no joy from the postal people, from the Army Athletic Assn, from the USAA or from classmate **Leon Johnson** (both Herx and Leon having served in the AF). Then Vald turned to **Jimmy** for help, and he grabbed the ball and ran with it, learning only the bare facts of Herx's death. As other facts become known they will be reported. Vald wanted to make clear that it was Jimmy who had succeeded when others had not helped.

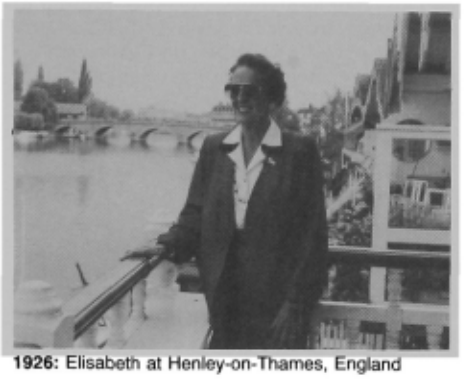
**Eleanor Walker** died in early Jun and was buried beside **Bill** in Arlington Natl Cem. Her daughter Terry Perrine, with whom Eleanor was living, stated that Eleanor was sick only a few days, that ". . . she always filled her time with fun. Hearing from old friends and WP pals was way up in the 'fun' column." The Cl sorrows over the loss of this blithe spirit and offers condolences and sympathy to her family.

Though she has 11 grands, she has seen but two, **Babe deShazo** regrets. However, she wrote, she expects her son to visit with 3 grands and 5 great-grands. Babe's health continues to improve.

**Marjorie Conzelman Davis** helped daughter Patricia celebrate a 40th wedding anniv in Framingham, MA together with a handsome family representation, incl 5 of the former's great-grands. She hopes to see 4 more when son Peter Conzelman spends a mo nearby. Meanwhile, despite troubling eyesight, Marjorie is working away at completing her book on Corregidor. Here the scribe acknowledges he is much in debt to Marjorie for pointing out that the author of a clever, humorous essay—which he had thought aired by a Milwaukee radio station and copies of which he had sent to friends—was in truth **Red Reeder**'s sister, Nardi Reeder Campion, who had produced this humorous masterpiece for a Wellesley Coll Cl reunion in 86. Nardi wrote that it occasionally appeared with another's byline. Isn't it remarkable that solely through word of mouth this remarkable "essay" has worked its way from coast to coast?

She still misses the East, espec the changing seasons, and finds the climate of Carmel, CA monotonous, claims **Else Herte**. She has doubts concerning the value of some changes at WP.

The spring and early summer have been an exciting and happy period for **Elisabeth Barnes**, who spent most of that period traveling or guesting with friends and/or relatives. She started out, accompanied by daughter Cindy and by granddaughter Amanda, to see daughter Linda in Albuquergue, NM and fitted in a stop in fabulous Santa Fe; then on to 6 wks in Europe incl stops in Holland, England and Ireland. In Holland she stayed with her brother and renewed ties with family and acquaintances. Then on to England, centering most of her stay in Sussex.



**1926:** Elisabeth at Henley-on-Thames, England

In Ireland she had 5 days of racing, incl the Irish Derby (she had a bet on the winner!). Meanwhile, the racing season at Del Mar track has started, and **Elisabeth** is almost overwhelmed with getting her house and garden ready for visitors who will take in the racing and with writing the many thank-you notes she owes for the gracious hospitality shown her in Europe. Her family are all well, she notes with pleasure. Daughter Cindy and granddaughter Amanda are in KY, where Cindy has a saddle-bred horse and makes the horse-show circuit. Son-in-law Bill Shoemaker is making steady improvement, getting some feeling in his arms and visiting the stables daily. Incidentally, she was invited to a formal dinner in L.A. in aid of the Shoemaker Foundation, estab in 91, which already has benefited more than 20 patients, including Bill. A full, exciting and happy life, one would venture, Elisabeth.

Though swimming had been an important activity in **Angela Kaylor**'s life, she has had to cut it significantly owing to the appalling traffic she must fight to reach the nearest pool. Angela still does vol work but has had to cut down the amount. Otherwise, life is serene and calm for her.

"Almost 100 people attended the party on 21 Jun. . . to help wish my dad a happy 90th birthday," rep son Anthony Smith on the gathering he organized to celebrate **Rod Smith**'s 90th birthday. The Cl of '26 was represented by **Vald Heiberg, Freddie Munson** and **Hal Forde** (who flew all the way from San Diego), **Church Hutton**'s two sons, as well as by people from 14 states and Singapore. When Rod cut the birthday cake, he used the cadet sword he had carried at WP and had given to son Tony 30 yrs after Rod had graduated. The Cl wishes you a HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Rod, and hopes it will be doing so many times.

"I have a new dog, a Shih Tzu, a darling puppy that I simply love," writes **Marjorie Brady**. Her long trips are over (at least temporarily), and she plans to stay home for a while. She also rep seeing a deer eating berries in her garden. Oh, the joys of rusticity, Marje.



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From Cocoa Beach **Peggy Chipp** writes that life is fine. The climate makes for simple living, and the area is not attractive to the gilded youth on the annual spring vacation—just a fine ret spot.

Although she continues painting, though not as extensively or intensely as before, and takes pride in the number of prizes and awards she has won, **Margaret McNerney** now regrets having sold many of the works she brushed and wishes she had kept more for her children and grands. She still drives, though not on long trips, and still goes to the Sr Ctrs—not as a vol as she once did, but to play bingo! In Apr she visited son Charles & Mary near Wash, DC, then on to Memphis to see her daughter and family. Charles' youngest son, a CPT USA now in Ger, saw action in Desert Storm. After returning stateside he'll go to U of MI for a master's in English and then to teach at WP. Margaret, the Cl exults with you as you write, "I'm pleased and proud of all the kids; all but one graduated from coll and all have good jobs and lovely wives and kids."

The Cl will be saddened to learn that **Cecie Elliott** died in Dec from complications owing to Alzheimer's disease. We all join in sympathy and love for Cecie's surviving family.

From San Ant, **Helen Tausch** toured through the Pacific NW and a series of natl parks such as Mt Rainier, Glacier, as well as scenic spots like Lake Louise, Banff, Helena—a real eye-opener for those unacquainted with this gorgeous region. She is now back home and plans to stay there while the TX summer winds down.

**Bill & Rosy Mills** are happy in their suburban home in Walla Walla, WA. She had a spot of flu early this spring but is recovering well from it. And Bill is pleased and happy with an early start to his vegetable and flower garden, which is producing in top form. He takes joy that the many fruit and nut trees he planted yrs ago are also giving bountifully. It will be one of those super yrs when the many fruit and nut trees occasionally (only) make the orchardists happy in WA.

A phone call from **Eileen Riggs** avers that she is gradually getting used to the TX climate, though she still misses the English spring, summer and fall. Nonetheless, she considers that she is becoming Americanized, even though slowly. . . . Keep it up, Eileen!

*Freddy Munson* died 3 Sep. Details later.

## '27

Colonel Arthur Roth
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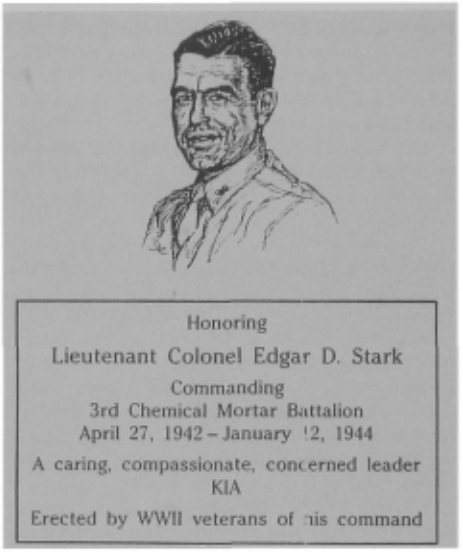
While waiting for the bus to take us to the assembly point for the traditional march across the Plain at our happily remembered 65th Reunion, I read, in the *New York Times* of 26 May, a col concerning the recent riots in Los Angeles. It was entitled *Khaki, Blue & Blacks* and was a fine tribute to the Armed Svcs regarding racism and integration. Among other things, it said: "Police should fight racism the way the Army does." It described the early steps taken by the svcs to initiate integration and their great success. I asked **Mac Miller** to send me a copy, which he has done, along with a short acct of his own experience with troops during the Korean War, in which he says, "We had to deal with the problem—and we solved it even then in a manner far ahead of any governmental or social agency. So the Army has led the way for a long time in solving this problem." Thank you, Mac, for shedding more light on the largely forgotten role of the svcs in this important issue.

Our scribe emeritus, **Paul Berrigan**, doubled up on reunions this spring. En route to USMA for our 65th, he detoured by way of Boston, where his two sisters staged a reunion for the Berrigan clan numbering some 50 individuals. It was Paul's first reunion to his old home since 1989.

A ltr from Edgar D Stark II, son of **Edgar Stark**, killed in action in Italy on 12 Jan 44 while in cmd of the 3rd Chem Mortar Bn, contained a program for the dedication of a plaque in his memory at Aberdeen Proving Ground.




**1927:** Memorial plaque for Edgar Stark

The note went on to say, "with Uncle Ralph's passing, I guess all of your WI classmates are now together: **Carl Lundquist, Charlie Wesner, Ralph Zwicker** and dad."

It is a pleasure to have this fine tribute from a devoted family, and it also causes me to wonder if there may be others among our classmates who may have been similarly honored but unknown to us. I once again call upon survivors for any info they may have concerning public recognition of classmates who have been so honored, individually or as mbrs of a distinguished gp. If photos of any such memorial tablets are available, please send them on to the scribe.

I had a long ltr from the baby of the Cl, **Nellie Fooks**, in answer to his birthday greeting with the Birthday List enclosure. Nellie has had a busy ret as one of the founding fathers of the Williamsburg Landing Ret Community, where he has lived for the last 7 yrs. The community has a long waiting list. Nellie has served on many cmtes but says he is now unemployed. Obviously he's quite happy, although he lives alone and has a mobility problem, which caused him to turn down the reunion. He now is sorry about his decision. He sees few classmates, but his interest in the Cl and in WP is still strong. He had nice things to say about the idea of the Birthday Ltr (which seeks replies telling where and how you are and what you have been doing). So far the response has been good, but it could be better. Thank you, Nellie, for giving the Birthday Ltr project a shot in the arm.

Another project is an ongoing study to determine how many survivors have USMA roommates also on the survivor list. Example: the scribe had **Trapnell** for a roommate for 4 yrs and **Bob Wohlforth** and **Marty Morin** for one yr ea. So expedite your replies to this query so that, in the case of reluctant correspondents, the scribe can approach his roommates before putting the delinquent on the "Missing Persons" list. If you have no roommates on the list, we'll have to dream up other methods of getting items.

At the 65th Reunion, **Dickerson** had as his guest his great-granddaughter, an attractive young lady who is a student at a coll in MI. I know that we have several classmates who have descendants in the "great" category, and I now wonder if we have any in the "great-great" sequence. This is a topic of great conversational interest and a pocketful of baby pix, so who will be the first to submit a short item making a claim to this distinction?

Had a nice ltr from MAJ Perwich, our sr aide, who served us so well during the 65th. He worked very hard, along with CPT Lynch, before and during the reunion. He expressed his pleasure at his participation in the activities of our small gp. He closed with the following: "We bought a copy of the 1927 reunion photos to keep vivid in our minds the memory of your acquaintance. We are still going through your *Howitzer* to learn even more about you and your classmates and to gain a deeper appreciation for the values of Duty, Honor and Country, so obviously genuine in the distinguished gp of grads of the Cl of '27 who attended the reunion."

In the Sep Cl notes, I mentioned that I had no pix to submit and urged that anyone who had taken any send them in. After I had submitted the notes, **Mac Miller** sent several **Jean** had taken. The need for pix and items continues. An extended cruise or drastic surgery is not necessary. Perhaps you liked a recent book or had a pleasant walk on the beach, or tell about your offspring or family events.

Those who attended the reunion had an opportunity to see the results of the ongoing cleaning, renovation and repair of the Chapel windows. The work appears to be about half-completed, beginning with the altar and proceeding north. While no work was going on while we were there, obviously to keep the Chapel open during the Grad Wk activities, the procedure seems to be to remove one panel at a time, take it to the contractor's workplace, disassemble, clean and repair, reassemble and replace. Thus, the work can proceed with minimum disturbance to the Chapel's use. The opportunity to see the repair in mid-course allows one to see the windows as they were and as they will be when completed. The ravages of time and weather can be seen alongside the fine job being done to restore these windows to their original splendor. The Cl should be proud of its part in furthering this project.

Had a pleasant visit from George AB Peirce '70, son of our classmate **Cy Peirce**. Young Peirce is now associated with the Wash, DC law firm of Steptoe and Johnson and is in CA for a Cl action suit being heard in Fed Court in San Jose. Every time I see this young man he seems to be taller, or I am shrinking. I remember Cy as a respectable 5'11", but his son, by my conservative estimate, must be 6'4". Had a very pleasant visit, during which he had a demonstration drive on my electric mobility machine.



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**1927:** Memorial exercises

**1927:** Miller, McManus, Tom McManus, Marge, Marty & Jan Morin and Roth

**1927:** Memorial Day Review

**1927:** Verone Davidson, Dottie Garland, Ethel Kuter and Garland in hospitality suite

You are reminded that the following will be 90 soon—**Masters** (1–13–03) and **Dickerson** (1–14–03). Those of less seniority are **Derby** (1–16–05), **Wohlforth** (2–25–04), **Segarra** (1–20–06) and **Wood** (2–03–06). Send them a greeting and urge them to send in an item, and send one in yourself while you are at your word processor.

With the arrival of the Jul *ASSEMBLY*, I noted a change in the type size in the Cl notes section. I hope this is not creating a problem for us older readers. I have no problem with

**1927:** Davidson, Roth, Garland, Dickerson and West

**1927:** Marty Morin and Mac Miller

this, but it was probably brought about by old man "budget" rearing his ugly head. Same problem all over.

Having assumed the awesome responsibilities of scribe, I find myself reading Cl notes of those classes before and after ours for ideas to maintain a respectable presentation in view of diminishing numbers of survivors. There is no simple solution—you just have to have the items.

Deadlines: Mar 93 *ASSEMBLY* (15 Dec); May 93 (15 Feb) and so on. There are 6 issues/yr. Your participation and cooperation will be appreciated.

The May issue had a fine obituary for **Ralph Zwicker**. There was no author indicated, but it was a fine tribute to an outstanding soldier, person and truly dedicated son of WP.

Thanks to **Mac Miller, Blair Garland** and **Tom McManus**, a fine collection of pix from the recent reunion has been received.

**Art Roth** had a very nice ltr from GEN Galloway, thanking him for his donation to the Library of the needlepoint adaptation of the Nicholas Reilly watercolor from the '27 *Howitzer* entitled "Where They of the Corps Have Trod."

In a note thanking the scribe for the birthday greeting, **Fox Conner** notes that he and **Nellie Fooks** are the only mbrs from "A Co" still alive (which is below average for survivors). An interesting statistic. What is the survival rate by cadet co? And what, if anything, does this prove? The Cl statistician will investigate this, and the results will be in the Jan issue. Don't hold your breath.

A long note from **Ethel Kuter**, who departed the Thayer at dawn on the last day of the reunion for a visit to a sister in MN, then to a brother in Rockford, IL for a family reunion. While there she attended a Cl luncheon of **Larry**'s HS cl of '23, of which he was cl pres. If I am correct, Ethel was also in that class. She then went on to her own 65th reunion at the Univ of IL at Champaign. Then she drove with her brother to Scott Air Force Base to see the sculpture of Larry (for the "Airlift Hall of Fame") displayed in the Memory Garden, with two large pieces of the Berlin Wall also on display. Ethel is one of our most frequent contributors and, fortunately, is still very much on the go, with many trips and interesting news.

**Paul Berrigan** had **Tom McManus**, his son Tom and your scribe for lunch recently at a local bistro in North Beach. We enjoyed some classic Italian pasta and discussed the recent reunion, with emphasis on the ongoing repairs to the Chapel windows. There was general agreement that the repair and renovation have produced amazing results.

The 15 Dec deadline is coming over the horizon, and my "in basket" is conspicuously empty. The usual plea for material is in force. What about these short resumés covering your ret careers we have been trying to get, telling how you are bearing up to the "joys and sorrows," etc?

## '28

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From San Ant: **Ned Sirmyer**'s ltr enclosed a note to him from **Hal Halff.** Seems **Howard Hastings** and his son are in the law business together. Ned is still suffering neck pains as a result of his auto accident; **Russ Blair** and **Tater Tate** are in bad shape; and **Mundy** and **Halff** are still hitting the golf ball, as is yours truly.

The AOG would like to know whether MAJ **Gellert A Douglas** and **Richard Wetherill Jr** are living or deceased and, if the former, their addresses. Also the place and date of death, place of interment and next of kin of **Elmo S Matthews**.

Several mos ago I sent out 12 ltrs to classmates living in the Pacific Coast area. Received only 3 replies and 2 "return to sender" (**Koon** and **Dayharsh**).

**Dave Traub** is sending out a ltr re plans for our 65th Reunion. This probably will be our last. We would like to have as many widows attend as possible. I have the addresses of those listed below who will be sent the info. If anyone knows of others, please drop me a postal card with their address: Mrs **SE Anderson, Bain, Barnes, Brentall, SR Browning, Bulger, Dau, Gavan, Gude, Ivy, King, Landon, Lane, Lockett, McKemore, Myers, Nelson, Spivey, Warren, Willett** and **Wyman**.

**Tom Wells** wrote that he had read the '29 notes in the Jul *ASSEMBLY* re our living classmates vs. theirs. So he suggests, "the reason we have a better living ratio than '29'ers is that we probably drink a better grade of Scotch." Any other explanations, anyone????

That's all for now—hope you all had a good summer. Keep those cards and ltrs coming!

## '29

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There have been several Cl sons, such as **Wiegand** and **Griffin**, who have done very well in the Army. Now we find one, Raymond **Seitz**, who has estab a first in the State Dept by being the first career diplomat to be nominated to the Court of St James. Heretofore that post has gone to a political appointee, such as Joe Kennedy. The info came via a '29



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turnback, Pie Nyquist's widow. There may be another first for a '29 daughter, as Patricia A Seitz is the first pres of the FL Bar Assoc. Unfortunately, I have been unable to verify that **Jeff** had a daughter named Patricia, and I checked the 30-year book; **Paul Steinbeck**, who was Jeff's deputy at Camp Kilmer; and **Slim Vittrup**. Was unable to contact his cadet roommates, **Vickry** and **WJ Thompson**, as they are deceased. Wife **Bernice Nyquist** is quite sure Patricia is the daughter of Jeff's second wife, whom he married in Tehran. If anyone can confirm this, please let me know.

**Pat & Betty O'Hara** are back from Wales. The trip convinced Pat he should have a knee replacement. As a preliminary, he had his gallbladder out by a laser procedure on 1 Jul and celebrated a safe and sane 4th at home. Hopes the new knee will be in shape so he & Elizabeth can celebrate their birthdays in Oakland and Pat can check on their granddaughter.

**Slim Vittrup** is improving and no longer has to take medication for T.B. **Ralph & Bobbie Strauss** each have been in the Fairfax Healthcare Ctr, but **Bobbie** is now out and driving the electric scooter all around the Fairfax. **Dee Dee Armstrong** is going strong.

Thoralf Sundt '52's talk to the cadets, when he received his "Distinguished Graduate" award, was in the Sep issue; read it, for it's one of the finest I've ever seen. He sent me a copy when he acknowledged the Class of '29's congrats; Andy Goodpaster did the same, remarking about knowing many '29'ers as his instructors in cadet days and later in svc. GEN Van Fleet gave his verbal thanks when in Polk City for his 100th birthday celebration.

We have thanks from **Myra Allan**'s sons and the Mtn States Tumor Inst for our memorial contribution. Similar expressions of appreciation from **Martha Fink** Stone, **Gladyce Rau**, **Vanderblues'** daughter and **Redlack**'s son. **Nelly Lynde**'s son expressed his and his father's appreciation to the Cl for the mem contribution to the Alzheimer Assn (Charleston Chapter).

Those of us who were at the 60th Reunion remember hearing about "privatizing" the Thayer, to include renovation and enlargement of present rooms; increasing the total no of rooms; increasing the size of the mtg rooms; dining facilities; and the parking lot, with work to start that fall. They are still saying "this fall"—but now which yr? Regular hotel operators, such as Marriott, have fallen out of the bidding and two companies, headed by WP grads, are hard at it. The "Hudson River Partners" and the "Thayer Gate Developers" were to have submitted their "best and final offer" around 4 Jul 92, but that has been delayed. Your guess is as good or better than mine as to who gets it and when the work will start.

Re the commissioning of all grads of WP and ROTC in the Reserve with a selection of the number of Army needs from the entire pool, after a minimum of one yr's svc: There was an interesting article in the May issue of the *Retired Officer Magazine* and a fine rebuttal in the Jun issue by LTC James S McHone, MD. He is from the Cl of '70, and both he & his wife are Reserve offs. You will find more about the bill in a ltr Paul sent to each classmate and several widows. Hope many of you have written to your senator, where appropriate. Both **Paul Steinbeck** and I have, but, as yet, no acknowledgement.

**Libby Latimer** Bracken & **Jack** are traveling to Bar mtgs in Boise, Idaho and San Fran, with stops in Spokane to visit their oldest daughter. These were after an intracoastal trip to AK and a Swiss train trip. How Jack found time to write his book on the Marblehead war period plus one on war experiences, I'll never know. **Don Stevning** wrote that he was glad to be a "survivor" (Mar *ASSEMBLY*) and that **Vyonne** & he are doing well and looking forward to a voyage to AK in Aug.

**Trude Lynde** died on 20 Jul. The memorial svc was held on the 30th.

As I've written before, **Nelly** was in good company with **Fenn Sykes** and **Fred Chaffee** for the fine loving care that they gave **Linda, Win** and **Trude** over many yrs. May the stars in their crowns shine even more brightly.

**Alline Viney** died on 25 Jul and was buried at the Natl Cem, Presidio of San Fran with **Al Viney**. A memorial contribution was made to the WP Fund.

No new developments to rep on the Thayer as this goes to press.

## '30

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The day after my last notes were submitted in mid-Jun, I received a very welcome ltr from **Sid Wooten**. He & **Mary** had just completed their move to Nantucket for the summer. Mary had just broken out of John Hopkins Hosp, where drs determined that a conflict of arthritic drugs had been causing a low-grade persistent fever. Our sincere congrats on a very happy ending to a baffling problem. If any of you need to reach Sid or Mary, they are at 35 Cliff Road, Nantucket, MA 02554. Many thanks, Sid.

**Tom & Mabel Mifflin** sent in a very interesting ltr dated 6 Jul from their apt in Branford, CT. They attended grad this yr and had the heartwarming pleasure of seeing their grandnephew, CDT Landy T Nelson Jr, graduate. His father, COL Landy T Nelson Sr (Citadel '60), also attended. COL Nelson Sr is the son of **Harold E "Turk" Nelson**-x'30, who had a fine career in the US Army TC during WWII. Our new LT Nelson Jr has a sister, LT Sandra L Nelson, stationed at Fitzsimmons Hosp in Denver and another sister at the U of Richmond studying to be an Army nurse. LT Nelson Jr will be stationed at Ft Carson. Our warm appreciation to Tom & Mabel, and our sincere best wishes to all the Nelsons, a superb Army family.

**1930:** Tom Mifflin with his grandnephew CDT Landy T Nelson '92 and COL Landy T Nelson Sr, USA (Ret)

As mentioned in previous notes, our own **Mark Bradley** was officially nominated and inducted into the Avn Hall of Fame in Dayton, OH in Jul. Mark sent a brief note indicating that he was "pleased." You certainly should be, Mark; your classmates also are pleased, to say the least, and are proud of you. How about a pic of this happy event?

**Frances R Kromer** sent a nice note dated 3 Aug. She learned that **Robin Odenweiler** has been remarried to Edward Gillette '20. This kind of info is deeply appreciated. Without it, Cl widows remarry and move and can be lost in 60 days, when mail forwarding expires. Many, many thanks, Fran, and best wishes to Robin.

All of us are interested in the **James K Herbert** Alumni Ctr to be built at WP. I was happy to find this project included in the WP Soc of DC's summer 92 newsltr. I quote the article in part as follows:

"ALUMNI CTR PLANNING CONTINUES: Planning for the **James K Herbert** Alumni Ctr at WP is moving toward completion. The bldg design is being reviewed by the Alumni Ctr Bldg Cmte, headed by LTG Frank Camm, Jan '43, who is a mbr of the WPS of DC, and also by the US Army Corps of Engrs, the Directorate of Engring and Housing of the Mil Acad, and the staff of the AOG.

"AOG has said the Ctr will provide a special place for alumni and their guests. It will also enable AOG to respond more effectively and personally to the needs of USMA grads. The Ctr will have mtg rooms, assembly areas, lounge facilities and a park in which to reestablish friendships, conduct business and interact with invited cdts.

"Planned as a 3-story bldg on the former site of Smith Rink, the Alumni Ctr will be conveniently located near many cdt activities, with ample adjacent parking and lounge facilities. The Ctr will improve AOG capabilities by providing ofc space, computer resources, a publications area and a library. About half of the Herbert Alumni Ctr will be devoted to these administrative functions. Designed with moveable walls, the Ctr's open architecture will be readily adaptable to future needs."

A final quote is from *The Planetary Report* for Jul/Aug 92, which is published by the Planetary Soc. They name a man from the "glory days" of Greece, who, I think, qualifies as man's earliest genius:

"Perhaps the greatest astronomer of antiquity was the Greek Hipparchus who lived during the second century B.C. His contributions to astronomy were many: He discovered the procession of the equinoxes, the slight wobble of the earth as it spins on its axis. He estimated the distance from Earth to Moon at 29 1/2 Earth diameters; the correct value is 30." How could he do this at that time?

Have a great fall, watch some good football and, above all, STAY WELL. If you have time, drop me a note about your summer activities.

## '31

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**Les Kunish** is displayed in a recumbent position on a gurney in a 23 Jun newspaper photo beside his totaled car as 4 Manitowoc, WI firemen provide med care. Last rep: he's doing fine; suffered some broken ribs. **Ruth** said it was a shame he had to total their new car instead of their old one. There's a story about Manitowoc. I had never heard of the place until **Betty** & I moved to our ret digs several yrs ago. That's the town where one of our fellow residents, RADM W T Nelson, USNA '30, took cmd of *USS Peto*, the first of 28 "freshwater" submarines built there that sailed down Lake Michigan, through the Chi-



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cago Sanitary Canal and then piggybacked on a floating drydock through the Chicago, IL and MS Rivers to eventual saltwater and combat in the Pacific.

**1931:** JoKathryn & Bob Eaton, Ruth Lawson, McBride, the Lawsons' daughter Jean Carlston and Georgia McBride

After 25 yrs as secy of the American Battle Monuments Commission (a record), **Andy Adams**, as of 31 Aug, completed 61 yrs on active duty. Only GEN of the Army Bradley '15, who, with 5 stars, remained on the active list for life, rounded out more such yrs—65. In Apr, Andy made his last inspection of our mil cemeteries and monuments in Europe, N Africa, HI and the Philippines, finding them, as always, the best designed and best maintained of those of any country. He also visited the memorials at Cabanatuan at the site of the POW camp in Central Luzon, where 512 US and Filipino prisoners were finally liberated on 30 Jan 45 after yrs of brutal incarceration by the Japanese. The names of our classmates, **Blanning, Fleeger, Humber, Sam Jones, McClellan, Pahl, Raker** and **Saint**, are inscribed on one of these memorials. Their lives had been lost before the liberation, either in combat or as captives on Japanese ships.

**1931:** JJ Davis and Harrison

**C² Smith** and **Charlie Howze** were contributing authors to an extremely absorbing book entitled *West Pointers and Early Washington*, published this yr by the WPS of Puget Sound [see Sep 92 *ASSEMBLY*, pg 66]. This fascinating history of the participation from 1834–62 by USMA grads in the devel of the Wash Territory from the earliest Oregon Trail days to the Civil War is dedicated to our two classmates, who were acclaimed as prime movers of the Puget Sound Soc.

Crutches in spt of **Margot Hoover**'s recently renovated hip did not deter her from flying to Spain for the Jun wedding of one of her & **Warren**'s grandsons.

**PO Ward** put up a long, tough fight for his life at the Univ of VA Hosp in Charlottesville, where his daughter, Dr Deering Johns, is on the hosp staff. He succumbed on 15 Aug and was buried in the family plot in Lynchburg after a svc conducted by his brother-in-law, **Don Little**.

**PO** had suffered a stroke to his left side and a hemorrhage of the lungs, received a tracheotomy, and was fed intravenously for over two mos. Our hearts go out to **Anne**.

A recent ltr from **Marcellus Duffy**'s daughter Michelle advised of her father's death on 3 Jul. He succumbed after a 6-mo bout with pernicious anemia and was buried in Forest Chapel Cem, Barrington, RI. Marc's achievements in meteorology, it will be remembered, influenced material improvements in the weather svcs of the Air Force.

**1931:** Gough, Duffy, W Krueger and Williams at the Lake Mohansic Plebe hike, Aug 27

For the past 35 yrs, he enjoyed a successful career as an investment consultant, harkening back to the day as a cadet when he bought some shares in match king Ivar Kruger's empire. He leaves, besides **Pat**, whom he met at his first station in Panama when she was visiting her Signal Corps uncle there, two daughters, a son, 4 grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

**Fanny Bogart** left us on 1 Aug in Pensacola—inoperable cancer. He was buried on 7 Aug in a grave with **Mary**, who preceded him on 28 Mar 91, at the Barrancas Natl Mil Cem, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL. Ft Barrancas was Fanny's first station as a coast artyman, 16 yrs before he transferred to the Air Force in 47. It was there that he met and married Mary in 32.

The Cl Beltway Bunch produced its smallest attendance of record on 10 Jul at the ANCC luncheon, with **Adams, Boyd, Cooper, Dick, Little, Ockie, Wilson** and me answering the call. Don, by the way, still shoots a fancy 10 over par.

This yr has seen **Chuck & Helen Westpheling**'s daughter Jane & Ronald Hudak '69 each moving up the ladder to the grade of COL in the Army Nurse Corps and Med Svc Corps, respectively. Meanwhile, stockbroker Chuck, living in ret, has cut back his workday to only a few hrs.

## '32

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*AROUND THE WORLD IN 94 DAYS!* Whenever I read a ltr from **Anne Brucker**, I have to lie down and rest for a while before continuing the day's tasks. Her latest was no exception.

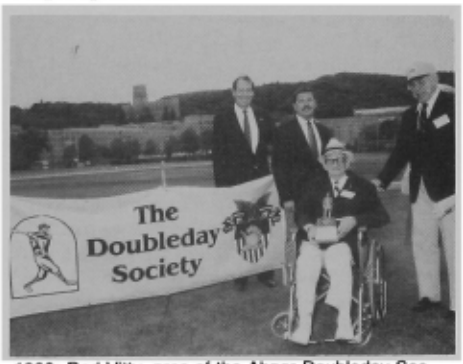
When she was a little tike her daddy was a Navy CPT and the US Governor general of Guam. He had good qtrs on the isl and his own ship to tour his domain; little **Annie** loved to accompany daddy on his trips. As we learned in Plebe French, *plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose*.

She prefers tramp schooners, with a few elegant quarters for passengers, that often change schedule to adjust to freight listings en route. This time there were 7 passengers and congenial young offs, and when **Anne** got aboard she found that Singapore and Durban had been added to the itinerary—which meant they were going around the world.

They were 94 days at sea, twice with almost a mo between stops in places like Subic Bay, Padang, Sumatra and New Orleans. Bored? Not with watching the sun rise at 0430, the green flash at sunset, the superb meals, Scrabble and, whenever they wanted to, a walk to the offs' area and a selection of a few hundred movie tapes.

I have been to all those interesting places that **Anne** mentioned, but over a spread of about 30 yrs—not 94 days!

**Anne** also included a clip which announced "the talented **Nonnie Mellnick** as the featured vocalist" at the Afternoon Tea & Music Program at El Paso. Anne had lunch with **Carol Power** at Monte Vista where Carol lives, then to the concert there. Anne concluded, "Nonnie has a lovely voice and sang a delightful and varied program ranging from opera to Australian Aborigine lullabies and Negro spirituals."




**1932:** Rod Vitty, pres of the Abner Doubleday Soc, his asst, Ed Farnsworth and Archie Lyon

*THE FAMILY SEQUOIA*. **Chris Dreyer** wrote that his grandson-in-law (son Fred's son-in-law) was selected as the pilot of the first flight of the new spaceship *Endeavor*. Crew mbrs were privileged to invite their families to witness the launching, and the Dreyer family went en masse with the royal treatment. Wkly bulletins informed them of tests on vehicles and engines and the scheduled date of launching.

They stayed at the same hotel in Orlando, warmed up with visits to Epcot Ctr and Universal Studios, and the next day went to Cocoa Beach, again at the same hotel with the family of another crew mbr. A walk through the NASA displays of rocket launchers, a mock-up of a shuttle and a briefing on the forthcoming mission was followed by a bus tour of all the NASA facilities, incl the launch site of the *Endeavor*, with the shuttle in place ready for the takeoff. The next afternoon they had seats in the best section of the reviewing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**1932:** Smokey Abbett, Archie Lyon, Pat Zitzman, Pop Duncan, Ken Zitzman, Dwight Beach, daughter Ann and Chris Dreyer

stand, directly opposite the launch pad, and were fed info from the control room, including the actual count-down. They followed the flight of the vehicle visually through and beyond the separation of the booster.

The next day they all went back to Fred's home in Niceville (honest, there is a town by that name) to finish off the family celebration: all 4 of **Chris'** kids with spouses (spice?), 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grands.

Later that mo, **Chris & Phyl** were at our big 60th Reunion at WP; the bad news didn't start until the last morning as they were about to leave. Chris' daughter phoned to say that Chris' younger brother was not expected to survive the day. He went directly there, but his brother died that eve; **Chris** stayed for the funeral, then spent a few days with his daughter before returning home.

**Phyl** continued with part of their original plan, *viz*, to attend a wedding of one of **Bill Moore**'s kin. As you know, Bill and **Chris** were roommates all 4 yrs at WP, and some time after Bill and **Mary Dreyer** died, Chris & Phyl married.

*FINAL FAREWELLS.* We lost another good gal when **Birdie Huggins** passed on in Jul. Birdie was a commissioned off, an Army nurse, all through WWII and was with a hospital unit in Fifth Army in combat in Italy when **Roscoe Huggins** and I first met her. She served at Anzio, where the depth of the battle zone was 1000 yds and the only concession made to the little nurses was that a male soldier would dig their foxholes. My unit was not involved, but I had occasion to visit twice on duty, and I know what I saw.

After the war she married the Fifth Army chief signal off, a fine gentleman, and lived happily with him in Kerrville, TX for several yrs until he died.

Not long after that, **Roscoe**'s wife, pretty little **Jo**, died at their home in the DC area. About two yrs later I ran into **Birdie** by sheer happenstance here in San Ant and, as a matter of interest about a mutual friend, wrote Roscoe that I had seen her. One thing led to another, and they were married.

We have never had a better mbr of the '32 team than **Birdie**. They lived in her home in Kerrville, and, when **Roscoe** began to fade, she took care of him in comfortable surroundings until he joined the Long Gray Line. And now she is gone. So long, Birdie.

**Cliff Bielfeld**'s daughter Barb sent me a note and long clip on the passing of **Virginia**, who had been in cloudland for the past several yrs. (I do not use "cloudland" out of facetiousness but to designate those irreversible terminal illnesses in which the patient floats along for several yrs, resting comfortably, fed and attended by those who care for her but oblivious to all about her.)

**Virginia** was born in Kalamazoo, MI, the daughter of a much-admired businessman who owned a furniture co. Her mother was an organist at the First Presbyterian Church. Virginia was a Daughter of the American Revolution, was awarded a Life Svc Pin for her yrs as a nurse's aide for the Red Cross, qualified as a life saver and used these skills to rescue her two children when they were trapped under a boat on Gulf Lake during a tornado in the 50's.

Cliff's daughter Barb Winkler, who lives in northern NJ, persuaded Cliff to attend our 60th, which he did with Barb and her son Kyle. They all looked fine, and young Kyle brought us up-to-date on his plans to enter WP as soon as he graduates from HS.

**1932:** Anna Sawicki with birthday cake

*ATTA' GIRL, ANNA!* The best note I've received in a long time is the one from Chuck Sawicki, son of our **Stan** who died so tragically when the heating unit in his home went awry and emitted carbon monoxide one night. **Anna** almost went that night too, but she recovered and, with the help of her talented family, is relocated in York, PA, closer to the ctr of her attentive offspring. Young Chuck (everyone under 80 is young to me) sent me the nearby pic of Anna celebrating her 85th birthday.

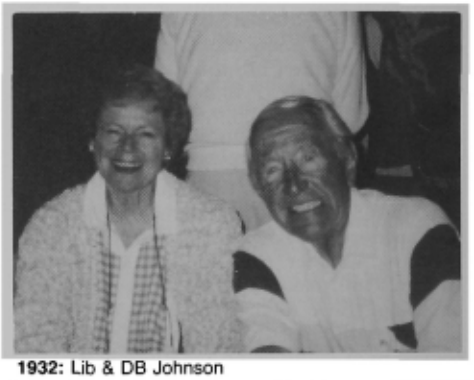
Chuck wrote, "She has made an incredible adjustment to the events of the past yr, as well as to her new home in York. Thanks again for your calls and ltrs."

*NO EXCUSE, SIR (MA'AM)!* The '32 col in the Jul issue had a pic from 65 yrs ago labeled, "Two **Eddies**, **Chace** and **Farnsworth**, at Plebe Christmas." I picked the title from the accompanying note but should have caught the error. The caption should have read, "**Barney Bunch** and Eddie Farnsworth" etc.

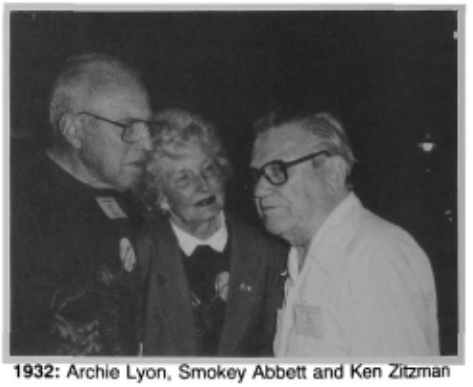
Here is a pic of **Barney & Rita** the day before graduation. Rita was the daughter of May Singhi Breen, a talented young widow who married composer Peter De Rose after her husband died. May literally introduced the ukulele as a musical instrument when Paul Whiteman commissioned Peter to write a "symphonic poem" for the ukulele. The mo we graduated it was performed over radio from the Cascade Room of the Hotel Biltmore roof in NYC, where the Whiteman band was playing a summer engagement and May was the soloist. Literally thousands of ltrs rendered the verdict, and the ukelele was specified a muscial instrument.

**1932:** Barney & Rita Bunch the day before Graduation

*A CL GIFT TO USMA.* **DB Johnson** has made a recommendation to the Cl offs which sounds very good to me. The correspondence with our classmates will be carried on by **Dick Hunt** and **Archie Lyon**, of course, but by printing the details here we may get useful comments from other classes of our time.



**1932:** Lib & DB Johnson



**1932:** Archie Lyon, Smokey Abbett and Ken Zitzman

**DB** proposes a Memorial Wall alongside the Old Cadet Chapel as a depository for the cremated remains of all grads and families—out in the sunshine, there for viewing whenever the cem gates are open, visible from the road when they are not.

What exists now is a "columbarium" in the basement of the Old Chapel. When we were there for our 60th, we had a ceremony and pic-taking at the Old Chapel and visited the graves of old friends on a bright and sunny day, but the basement of the chapel was closed and locked. Dark; no windows to peer through.

That is where **Pat & I** shall end up after the SW TX Med Inst has learned all that it can from the use of our bodies and cremates the remains. Pat's father was an MD, and when



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she suggested it many yrs ago, I was, to put it mildly, reluctant to donate hers. But then I thought, when that sparkle and zip are gone, there is nothing left for me, and I know that the med profession needs them. An Army med offr in my swimming group once told me that his research section of 15 medics needs one a mo.

All for now. The only way I get something to write about is when you send it to me. Mit pix, please.


# '33

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MANY FORTUNATE '33'ers, in these yrs, live vicariously through their more active children and (*far* more active) grandchildren. When one of our progeny excels—*and we learn about it*—we share in the pride and bask in the radiance of reflected glory (see **Lincoln**).

Less radiance, we're sorry to rep, emanates from the Senate Armed Svcs Cmte, where under consideration are new actions detrimental to the svc acads. These include downgrading top ldrship, reducing admin spt, abolishing the mil bands and mandating that half the instructors be civs.

(1) *Mailings*. You should have received the following:

• From **Steve Fuqua**: *60th Reunion Bulletin #2* with Questionnaire. We hope for some 150 to attend, incl 68 classmates, but some 150 have not yet responded. *If you haven't answered Bul #2, please do so ASAP*; and don't forget to make Thayer reservations.

• From **Abe**: (1) The new Cl Roster (which represents a lot of work on his part). Please call or write in any corrections. It appears that there may be 115 of us (incl **Holmes & Bashein**, not accounted for) still at this terrestrial end of the Long Gray Line.

(2) *A Special Cl Bulletin on Survivor Assistance*, replacing one issued in 84. Take a moment, please, at least to scan this important document, show it to your spouse and/or child(ren), and file it where they can find it when the bell tolls for thee.

That bell has sounded for 5 of our number since last rep, incl some espec well-known to us all:

• In Jan 92 (as we learned belatedly), **Pete Bernd**'s widow, **Mildred**, died of congestive heart failure in Albuquerque, NM. She was buried with Pete in Pine Grove, PA. She is survived by their two sons, LTC David P '57 (USAF Ret) of Albuquerque and COL Ronald E (USAF Ret); and 3 grandchildren.

• On 27 Jun 92 **Pat Guiney** died of pneumonia and other complications in Hershey, PA. He was buried with mil honors at WP on 30 Jun, with 4 '33'ers (**Hurlbut, Fuqua, Reynolds** and **Sparrow**) as honorary pallbearers. Besides **Rita** (Maria J), Pat is survived by their daughter Margaret G Hopper of Hershey, PA; their son Patrick W Guiney III of Concord, MA; his daughter by a previous marriage, Nancy G Taylor of Vero Beach, FL; and 7 grandchildren.

• On 23 Jul 92 we lost **"Cowboy" Elliott**, who died of a stroke at the Coatesville (PA) Veterans Hosp. Following mem svcs his ashes were buried with full mil honors at Arlington Natl Cem, where several DC area classmates served as honorary pallbearers. **Libby**, now in a nursing home, was unable to attend but expressed appreciation through her daughters, Barbara Keisch of Arlington and Joan Mata of Alexandria, VA. Besides his wife and daughters, Cowboy is survived by 3 grandchildren.

• On 26 Jul 92, after a gallant struggle, **"Mac" McClelland** died of heart failure, diabetes and acute leukemia. Following mem svcs at Christ Episcopal Church, attended by many of his San Ant area classmates, he was buried in Mission Burial Park North. Mac is survived by **Dodie**, daughters Libba Barnes, Vancie Bohls and Toby Tate, all of San Ant; sister Ann McClelland of Houston; brothers James of Fayetteville and Bramlette of Houston; 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

• On 6 Aug 92 we lost **Dorothy McCrary**, who died in San Ant of cancer. Following a beautiful mem ceremony at "The ARC" (Army Ret Community) Auditorium, at which many classmates, wives and widows were present, she was buried privately (family only present) at the Ft Sam Houston Natl Cem. Besides **Mac**, she is survived by their twin sons, Arthur and James (born on Corregidor in 35); their daughter Mary Tudor; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

To **Pete Bernd**'s sons, as well as to **Rita Guiney**, **Libby Elliott**, **Dodie McClelland**, **Mac McCrary** and their families, the Cl of '33 extends its deep sympathy and its conviction that someday, somehow, we all shall meet again. Please keep in touch with us!

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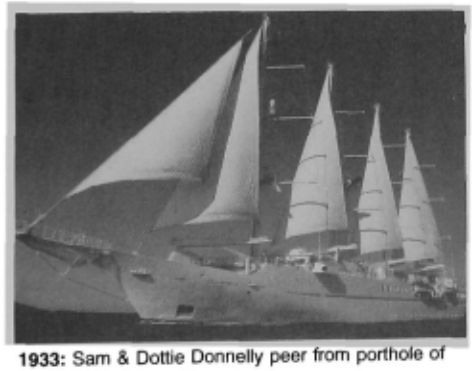
From **Gerry Chapman**'s daughter-in-law Beverly we have a thoughtful note of appreciation for '33's donation to the WP Fund in his memory. (Such donations establish a page in the WP Memory Book.) "With Father's Day approaching, we miss him especially."

**El Conway** sends us an update: "I'm in Indianapolis with our younger daughter Ruth Williams & Walt, proud grandparents of Daniel and Dana Helmer of Eagle, AK. . . . It was a busy spring in St Pete, with visitors incl Ruth & Jack Renfroe '34. In early May I flew to Dallas to see **Ted**'s former Korean ADC and fam; he's now a very successful importer of gold jewelry." El enclosed a Sweet Briar Coll news release of her Cl ('32) gift. "Hope '33 has a fine turnout next yr!"



**1933:** Sam & Dottie Donnelly peer from porthole of dream ship (second from bow)

A friendly ltr frm BG Bill Mullen '59 sought our help (successfully) in securing a copy of '33's *Howitzer* for the **Darby** Ranger Foundation (Darby's sister, Mrs Doris Watkins, will send them one). "My role," wrote Mullen, "is that of a friend of the Foundation. I was a speaker at one of their mtgs and had the opportunity to meet the ldrs and visit Darby House. They're great people.

"My father was in '33 but was found and turned back to '34. My brother, James Dalton Mullen '69, is named for your classmate (**Dalton**). Another brother (Tom) is Cl of '74; I'm '59; another brother, Mike, an Army COL, is USNA '63. I ret 4 Aug 92." (Quite an Army family!)

**Sam Donnelly** writes **Steve Fuqua**: "We appreciate the hard work you must do in getting our Reunion organized, and we're grateful for your being there. Writing Cornwall-on-Hudson reminds me of the time I spent at Stanton Prep (28–29) boning up for the entrance exams. (I worked in a factory and had only enough $ for 5 mos at Stanton's.) We're looking forward to the 60th. If I can help, let me know." In a later ltr to **Bert Sparrow** Sam wrote, "We have the best notes in *ASSEMBLY*." (Sam, your discriminating judgment is impeccable. . . . ) "In Mar we took a one-wk cruise in the Society Is on the *Wind Song*, starting at Tahiti and stopping at 5 isls. The ship, 5 yrs old, made in France, all one cl, had 148 passengers and a crew of 99; one sitting for meals, no organized shows or games. Avg age of passengers: 45–50. We recommend it. See you at the 60th."

From **Bimbi Downing** comes a delightful pic of a young-looking great-grandmother.

**1933:** Let *me* hold her! Bimbi Downing with daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter Tracey Housley

Every so often Pres **Abe** puts on the gloves and enters the ring on behalf of one or another of us. This time, having learned of a proposal to rename **Gowan** Field (Boise, ID) for some more recent personality, Abe has written several ltrs opposing that idea. His 4 Aug ltr to Mr Brne Jensen, chm of the Airport Commission, states our position eloquently:

"One hundred fifteen of the original 347 mbrs of our WP Cl are still alive. However, most of the 347 were alive when Gowan Field was named. For us, it was a worthy recognition of our outstanding friend and brother-in-arms who demonstrated his great skill to the last moment of his life and thereby saved the lives of his crew, and lost his own.

"The mbrs of the WP Cl of '33 with wives and widows ask that 1LT Paul R Gowan's image not be cast aside as if his action is now out-dated by later performance of others."

**Pat Guiney**'s death occurred after a protracted illness, which he & **Rita** met with grace and courage but would not let your scribe rep. His funeral bore eloquent testimony to his life and his family. Svcs were conducted by the USMA Chaplain, Chaplain Camp. A granddaughter, Kathy Hopper, read "Crossing the Bar."

**Rita**'s note to the Cl (Abridged): "Our sincere appreciation, dear friends, for the beautiful flower arrangement, sympathy and

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Cl and enjoyed helping with its projects when he could. . . . Please stop in at 1028 W Areba Ave, Hershey, when you can. I shall miss **Pat** greatly. He was my love, my life and my friend."

**Abe**'s reponse (in part): "As Cl Pres for 20 yrs I can attest to **Pat**'s special interest and extraordinary help in Cl affairs. I speak for '33 that we're proud to have Pat in the Long Gray Line as a classmate. May we see him later on in the place where he's gone. May his spirit sometimes check on the CLASS OF 1933 MEMORIAL TERRACE."

**1933:** "May it be said, 'Well done! Be Thou at Peace.' " Pat Guiney returns to WP

"My present plan for our 60th Reunion," write **Fritz Hartel**, "is to have Linda & Butch Downing '61 (son of **Ebe & Thelma Downing**) drive me and **Gray & Dorothy Essman** up to WP. I'll keep you posted. . . . I don't know what the Chinese call 92, but for me it was the Year of the Scalpel: Cataract removal in Feb and arthroplasty (total R knee repl) 28 Apr. I'm recovering and walk (with cane) about one mi every am, weather permitting. The pool is really responsible for my progress."

From **Frank "Foxy" Hunter**'s widow **Maria** to **Steve Fuqua**: "Thanks for the Reunion Bulletin. I hope very much that I can come with one of our daughters or a granddaughter. . . . In recent yrs I've become very much involved with Frank's 398th Bomb Grp. I'm going abroad with them in Jun for the 3d time. In Ger we'll return to the site where he crashed on 23 Jan 45. There was one survivor, who will be with us. . . . The 398th is truly a rare gp of men, and I am devoted to them. Frank would certainly be proud of their success in life. . . . I look forward to 93." (As gp cmdr, Frank lost his life under heroic circumstances when his plane was shot down over Ger.)

*Soldiers* Magazine (Aug 92) features a '33 grandson we've met before; excerpts dateline Ft Sill follow: "2LT Jim **Lincoln** of the 6th Bn, 27th FA, risked his life recently in a desperate attempt to rescue a family whose car was swept off a shallow ford into a rain-swollen creek. The car in which Robert Jones, his wife Brenda and daughter Jennifer (9) were riding had floated off a Lawton, OK low-water road crossing. Lincoln, waiting out the storm in his apt, looked out his window. 'I saw a little red car float off the crossing and begin to move down the creek,' said he. 'I knew whoever was inside was in trouble, so I called 911.' Then he ran downstairs to help. Getting to the car was hard because the current was so strong. But when Robert Jones was washed out of the car, Lincoln swam after him. Brenda screamed, 'I can't swim!' By that time, police arrived and 'I made a conscious succeeded in getting her to safety, but by then the car had sunk and he was unable to save the little girl. But, two people did survive, thanks to Lincoln." The Lincoln family—and the Cl—stand tall, Jim.

In **Mac McClelland**, as in **Pat Guiney**, we lost a proud and staunch spter of the Cl, as well as a ldr of its activities in the San Ant area. The SA *Express-News* ran his pic and extended obit on 31 Jul, describing him as an "SA civic ldr" and citing his many mbrships in civic orgns, as well as his marriage, mil background, war svc and disability ret.

"**Pat** & I were at the funeral," writes **Ken Zitzman**. "We saw many '33'ers, wives and widows there. . . . Mac was a great guy, and I give **Dodie** lots of credit for the way she helped him all along the way, espec when he began to have physical troubles. . . . **Maxie Bonner** and I were among the 6 mounted escorts at their wedding."

We're happy to hear from **Sammy Mundell**, his ltr prompted by the Reunion Bulletin. "Not much to add to my Golden Anniv biog except to say I've been fully ret for 4–5 yrs and am enjoying the Good Life. (Son) Bill is in the AZ legislature and very busy trying for a seat in Congress. . . . See you next May, the Good Lord willing."

**1933:** William A (Bill) Mundell runs for Congress. Sam & Mary Lou stand squarely behind him

"We did 6 straight days of the US Open; then, because of cold weather, stayed home to watch the last day on TV," wrote **Oscar Senter** to **Hurly Hurlbut**. "Last Thurs while **Ely, Van Way** and I were playing golf, **Helen Ely** slipped and fell in their yard and broke her ankle in two places. She's back in their apt but will be on crutches for some time. We 4 classmate couples (with the **Leslies**) have been together several times in the eves."

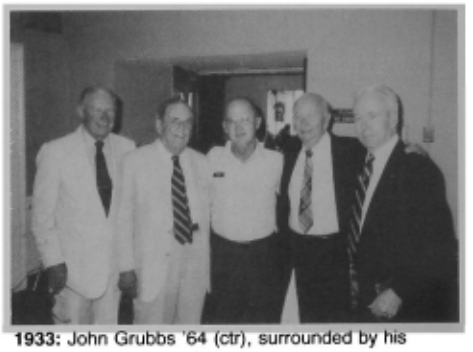
On **Hurley**'s invitation, **Bert Sparrow** accompanied him and **Roy Reynolds** to WP, acting as a guide at points where, not being Redlegs, they might have lost their way. Their trip had been planned to coord with **Fuqua** on plans for the 60th; Bert's was prompted by **Pat Guiney**'s funeral, which they all attended.

While at WP **Bert** visited the AOG and USMA Library, as well as Flirtation Walk to check on the Sheridan Memorial, where it still looks out across the Hudson. Nothing special to rep, but many ghosts. . . . At the luncheon, which **Rita Guiney** and her family gave after the funeral, we met **Rosy Grubbs**' son (COL) John H Grubbs '64, now Prof of Geography and Envir Engring. Never one to miss a ripe opportunity, **Hurley** asked him if he wouldn't like to designate escort offs for '33's 60th from his dept. A true Grubbs, he accepted smartly. We have it made!

CLASS MATTERS

**Abe**'s Aug Bulletin already in your hands

**1933:** "Three little maids from school are we. . . ." Hurlbut, Fuqua and Sparrow



**1933:** John Grubbs '64 (ctr), surrounded by his father's classmates: Reynolds, Fuqua, Hurlbut and your Cl scribe

covers current Cl concerns beyond your scribe's poor power to add or detract. Nevertheless, we'll offer a word of emphasis:

*Preparation of individual obits for ASSEMBLY* is a subject that really warrants attention. Unlike the newspaper obit, the *ASSEMBLY* obit is often the only reasonably complete, balanced and personalized record of the subject's life—an account to be read and cherished by friends and family. Surely each grad's life warrants that recognition.

A glance at our Cl Roster will identify the missing obits for those who have died. '33's record in this one respect is not good. The living can still write their own. Let's get with it!—**HGS**.

## '34

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Our peripatetic reporters have recently represented the Cl with condolences and an ode to joy. **Ruth & Jack Renfroe** send "greetings from Asheville! The death of **Ruth Bucknam** on 11 Jul was a violent blow to us, as we had been very close to Ruth & **Ralph** for many yrs. We had Christmas dinner with them and their family last year, as we had done for a number of yrs. At that time we had no indication that Ruth B was ill, but in Mar we heard from our daughter Joyce, who lives about 15 mins from the Bucknams, that Ruth had been in the hosp. Eventually it appeared that Ruth had a form of leukemia. Ralph remained



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optimistic. It gradually became apparent, however, that they were having difficulty finding an effective treatment.

"We **Renfroes** decided we should check on the situation, so we drove to Huntington and had the 4 Jul traditional picnic-barbecue at the **Bucknams'**. Ruth was pale and weak, but she was up and dressed and seemed to enjoy the activities. We also spent the afternoon of 5 Jul with **Ruth & Ralph**, their daughter Joan & Richard, grandchildren and their friends.

"We left Huntington on the following day, very concerned about **Ruth** but not feeling that a bad turn was imminent. Five days later we received word from Joyce that Ruth had died. It seems that she developed a high fever and **Ralph** took her to the local hosp, where she lapsed into a coma and died the next day. We flew back to Huntington for the funeral, which took place on the 15th. It was a beautiful svc at the funeral home, with music provided by a young lady playing a magnificent harp that Ralph had given to Ruth as an "advance" anniv gift (the anniv: 6 Mar 1993). Many friends and relatives came for the service, some from considerable distances. To **Ruth** & me, the most significant of these was our classmate, **Dale Smith**, who had been best man at the wedding of Ruth & Ralph and had come all the way from CA for this last farewell. **Herb Andrae**'s brother '44 Navy pilot was there, too, as Cl rep.

"**Ruth Bucknam** was a most gracious lady, a talented painter and an excellent musician. Somehow, the harp, with its gentle resonances, was most appropriate as 'her' instrument.

**1934:** "COL & Mrs Paul Hanley" in residence in either Gainesville, GA or San Ant, TX

"Now let us backtrack to happier events. On 25 Jun we attended the wedding of **Lydia McCrary & Paul Hanley** in Gainesville, GA. This was a joyous occasion, with the Cl of '34 represented on both sides of the aisle. We also had the great pleasure of a good visit with **Mabel & Paul Turner**, who also live in Gainesville but have not been in the best of health lately. Paul Turner was involved in an auto accident a few mos ago and still is not completely recovered. The two of them were able, however, to accompany us to the wedding and reception, so that Paul Hanley had two classmates present, a fact which both he & Lydia seemed to appreciate greatly.

"Now for another flashback. On 6–7 Jul, as we were driving home from our visit with the **Buckmans**, we stopped over in DC for two days. **Faith Edson** had arranged for us to occupy guest qtrs at Vinson Hall, and she was our gracious hostess for several meals while we were there. We visited with **Hal** in the adjoining health ctr and found him to be the same dear, smiling person we had last seen two or three yrs ago. He was able to walk with us around the halls of the ctr. We found no other '34'ers at Vinson Hall but did have a nice visit with Bert Sparrow '33.

"In the late afternoon, accompanied by **Faith**, we drove to the Fairfax, where we had a mini-reunion with **Francie & Johnnie Stevens, Ginger & Burt Bruce, Frances & Si Gilman, Hope & Gene Corrigan, Anne Kern, Betty Ann Cheston** and **Jan Tibbets**. Betty Ann had recently moved into the Fairfax and Dan is in a nursing home nearby. They hope Dan will be able to move into the health ctr at the Fairfax soon. All of this activity took place in the apt of our kind friends and one-time neighbors, Jean & Bob Palmer '37. Also present briefly was our long-time friend, Vald Heiberg '26.

"We were particularly pleased to find **Johnnie Stevens** up and around and in good spirits. This was most welcome, after the news of his long illness at the beginning of the yr. All in all, a very pleasant and satisfying occasion. (Note: **Anne Kern** and the **Corrigans** are not Fairfax residents; they came in for the get-together)."

"**Francie & Johnnie Stevens** also recorded for us some of the **Renfroes'** visit, and this: "Enclosed is an article by John Lawlor published in the May 92 *Officer Review*. Bert Sparrow '33 asked *ASSEMBLY* to publish it. [*Elsewhere in this issue. Ed.*] The Supe has read it—witness his ltr to John (personal and in longhand), also enclosed. The only '34'ers at John's funeral in bad weather on 5 Jun were **Beth Lyon**, the **Corrigans** and me. **Dan Cheston** is still in Mt Vernon nursing home. **Betty Ann** is getting settled here, **Jan Tibbets** here since about Dec, **Ginger Bruce**'s ankle is healed, and the **Gilmans** are ok except for **SI**'s memory. Went to see **Hal Edson** on Sun. He looks pretty good but not up to recognizing people. ATB."

The Supe's ltr to **John Lawlor**: "I enjoyed your article very much. Your comments on the need for WP and the other acads to provide the solid value-laden ldrship for our troops were right on target. I hope and encourage you to share your thoughts with others. Our Nation needs mil ldrs as much now as at any time in its history. We plan to continue to provide leaders of character who will serve the common defense. All the best from WP, Howard D Graves."

John's pg-and-a-half article is an ode to USMA, a hymn to '34 and philosophical justification for the Acad.

**John Lawlor**, after reviewing the Founders' philosophy and reasons for USMA, his final 3 paragraphs include: "The raw material given to WP from today's culture is quite different (from a half-century ago). Entering cadets have heard a lot about rights, but little about individual duty. They know that very often those who equivocate succeed. The difference between right and wrong is often blurred.

"Admittedly, we have made a lot of progress in the areas of civil rights and social benefits over the past fifty yrs. But there has been stagnation in our sense of public svc. "If ever there was a time when we needed a place like WP it is the present, if for no other reason than to set high standards of conduct that should rub off on the rest of the Army. The task of WP today is tenfold more difficult than it was (at any time since the turn of the century). This makes the institution all the more necessary." The writers of the Federalist papers could not have said it any better.

"**BJ" Richardson** says, "Thanks for the linkup of the 3 Richardsons that appeared in the May *ASSEMBLY*. However, let me point out that my dad was a veteran of WW*I* and not WW*II*. He was older than I. Hang in there, old studs (sic!), and I look forward to seeing you (all) at WP on our 60th!"

**1934:** "BJ" Richardson Jr with JBR IV, who is wearing original parachutist wings

The same correspondent who gave me that just-mentioned error in relativity, James P DeSalvo, writing on stationery of the USMA Permanent Cmte for Cl Centennials, sent the accompanying photo and this: ". . . The enclosed photo is of COL **John B Richardson Jr** presenting his grandson, 2LT JBR IV '91, with an original set of silver parachutist wings, on a Feb visit to Gibson Isl. Prior to going overseas, LT R obtained a delay to attend para school. He is now assigned to an armored unit in Ger. "The wings were originally worn during WWII by my grandfather, COL William J DeSalvo, who served with the 2677th REGT, 5th Army OSS in Italy."

**Diane Fajardo** sent a substantial contribution to the Cl Fund in the name of her late husband **Tirso**. An upbeat ltr from **Cy Betts** commented, "May we have Diane at our reunions forever, and **Mary Baker**'s cakes. Their hearts are in the right place: with us."

**Cy** continued in answer to the ladies' wishes that we should be able to get the Hotel Thayer for our 60th. "**Axel Waugh** has been in touch with WP and is more or less optimistic that we'll be given a chance to use it. The problem is: will the hotel's planned addition and modifications be completed? We'll leave it up to Axel and **Jeanne Finkenaur** for now. "**Paul Hanley** probably told you about **Lydia** & his pre-nuptial reception. It was very nice, the location at the Top of the Tower (USAA) was spectacular, the food and drink were great—and the people there were interesting. The **Danys**, the **Jack Whites**, the **Charlie Whites**, **Ken & Jane Cunin** and **Virgia Jablonsky** are the ones I remember. Lydia & Paul looked as though they were made for each other.

"Some people think I should be in mourning longer, but not everyone knows that I was essentially in mourning for two yrs before **Pat** finally gave up the fight. So, I don't feel that she would want me to stay in the doldrums forever, or even for a little while. And I propose not to do so. As a matter of fact, I am quietly but persistently pursuing a lady who has not yet told me to 'buzz off,' so we may start dating publicly when it appears prudent to do so." Good man. Lucky girl.



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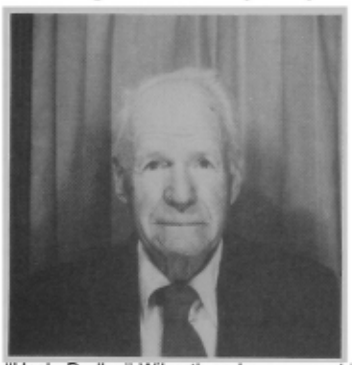
Lucky Cy.

"**Paul Hanley** ended a ltr to me about reunion plans with—well, it was a ltr to **Axel** and me: 'My hands and my schedule are full. **Lydia** & I are frantically preparing for a wonderful wedding. Both of us feel that our marriage is a miracle, and we feel specially blessed. Hold good thoughts for us." Thoughts, yes. Prayers, too. And we look forward to kissing the bride, when next we meet. Our 60th is going to be one big wedding reception.

**Paul Hanley** supplied the following details of the wedding. "COL John Hanley '44 shared the job of best man with Paul's other brother Ned, who flew with the Navy in WWII. **Lydia**'s sister Lelia, who like Lydia was a sorority sister of Paul's sisters (Phi Mu at Sophie Newcomb Coll), shared matron of honor duties with Lit's daughter, Jenny Trappmann. They were supported by a cast of 300! Lit & Paul toasted each other with drinks in WP champagne glasses, gifts of **Jane & Herb Andrae**. After a honeymoon at Blowing Rock, NC, the newlyweds returned to Lit's home in Gainesville. Paul is now a student in her art class at Renaissance II Studio in Gainesville. They plan to divide their time between Gainesville and USAA Towers in San Ant, and would be happy to see any classmates who catch them at either home."

The **Renfroes** and **Muff** & I, who will visit the towns of my Scottish-Irish forebearers in the UK, and ll of us other travelers are merely *itinerant*. Now our Elderhostel record holder is a veritable "world traveler." Let's see how much space we can give **Dudley Wilmeth** to describe his & **Frankie**'s European and Asian journeys.



**1934:** "Uncle Dudley" Wilmeth as he appeared in a recent barnstorming tour of a dozen Asian and European countries

"This is my passport pic, on the basis of which the following countries allowed me inside their borders. In Istanbul, Turkey: the Blue Mosque is one of the most beautiful places of worship in the world, and is the only mosque I know of that will allow Christians inside it. Homes and restaurants alike cook in the streets, so a drive around town is odoriferous. It was the dirtiest place and cheapest we visited. Cleanliness costs.

"In Sofia, Bulgaria I visited castles and churches. Budapest, Hungary has grown since I was stationed there in 47. Our former off's club is now an "O" club for the Hungarian Army, but no longer sells champagne for 20 cents a bottle. Slovakia, the eastern part (Czecho is the western part) has its capital in Bratislava, a name too long to have as a return address. But the town held out against the Red Army, when Stalin made Prague communist.

"I got off the train to look at Cracow, which like Warsaw had been almost leveled during WWII by the Nazis. Today the rubble has changed into one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Kiev, Ukrainia is rebuilding its old, abandoned churches. The only statue of Lenin left standing in Russia is in Leningrad/St Petersburg. It used to have an honor guard, but now it has to be defended by the same guard. Riga is the capital of Latvia, now free for the first time since WWI. It is the sister city of my hometown, Ft Worth. Helsinki, Finland was the first place we could drink the water. A cleaner country and more costly. Finally, Sweden, the cleanest country in the world. In Istanbul a coke had cost a buck, a Big Mac $2. In Stockholm a coke was $4, a Big Mac $8. Cleanliness costs. If you want it cheap, go to Istanbul. If you want it clean, Stockholm is the place. But right now, Ft Worth looks to me like the best place in the world to live. Uncle **Dud**."

**Evelyn & Pete Ward**, who live just across the James River from us, wrote from San Diego, CA: "Arrived here and drove up to Santa Barbara with son Nat and his family to attend Univ grad of grandson. Later we drove to Tijuana, Mexico where we tried to buy out the mktplace—not because we needed anything, but everything was so cheap. It was wonderful to see all of our family." Later Pete wrote from the home of daughter Chartley in Alexandria, VA, "Before the CA trip we made our second wklong visit to Nags Head on the Outer Banks of NC. We cannot seem to stay home, although we expect to be there until Nov, when the *SS Queen Elizabeth II* pulls into Newport News and picks us up for an 8-day cruise." Beautiful Evelyn is a lady on the go.

With more than 4000 cadets at WP, there must be several from your town or city or part of the state. As part of my duty with the WPS of Hampton Roads, **Muff** & I meet with the parents of about a dozen cadets from our environs. They are better and more closely organized than a civic club. They exchange the news from USMA to an extent that would enlighten the Com. They make the 8-hour trip to WP more than once a mo, carrying picnic fixings and giving plebes and upperclassmen a chance to relax. The soc provides speakers, both young and old grads, for the mtgs of parents and/or cadets. We included them in our soc picnics, rallies, parties and FD events. The experience is mutually rewarding and reassuring that the Corps is as honorable, disciplined, intelligent, uninhibited and unintimidated as it was in 34. Individual alumni, the AOG, the socs and the nationwide orgn of Parents Clubs are keeping it that way. We recommend that you join a Parents Club or form one, and learn why women cadets love WP, why men cadets love WP, too, and love the women who love WP. I would rather be Supe than Pres. As **John Lawlor** wrote, "There's more to being Supe today than when MacArthur had the job." Or Thayer. Or anyone you may recall. Let's give a Long Corps. And a Rocket for the Supe!

## '35

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We regret to relay a rep via phone fr **Jeff & Sarah Jeffus** concerning the loss of **Ellery Niles** in Albuquerque on 11 Jul. He failed to recover from a massive heart attack the prev day. Remains were cremated and interment was in Santa Fe Natl Cem. Our profound sympathy to **Page**; we share your loss and will miss his commanding presence at future gatherings.

The DC social season was in full swing, with an "ultra" picnic hosted by **Hugh & Marge Exton** at their farm in Amissville, VA on 20 Jun. Enjoying the sumptuous outing were the **Chapmans, Symroskis, Russells, Wiechmanns, Everetts, Boyles, Watermans, Leonards, Murdocks, Wheelers, Rogerses, Robbinses, Fickels, Mac Peekes, Nanie Anderson, Phyllis Glass, Bud Schlanser** and **Walter Simpson.** Congrats, Hugh & Marge—you mounted a "sub-mini" all of your own.

Attendance compared favorably to upcoming Cancun mini, which presently stands at 40.

**Fred & Alice Cummings** checked in with the good news of his successful bout with atrial fibrillation. They were summering in Fairfield

**1935:** CI picnic at the Extons'



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Glad, TN when he came down with what was thought to be another heart attack. Following hosp time in Oak Ridge and Knoxville, the problem came to a happy, successful resolution by the installation of a pacemaker. During hospitalizaton a "minor stroke" appeared. (Quote Fred.) All's well now, and both are anticipating golf course make-up time.

**George & Meg Eckhardt** observed their 50th anniv in HI, scene of their introduction and courtship. (We were witnesses, participants—even "co-conspirators" throughout). It was a family affair, with both offspring Jay and Chip & spouses in attendance. They did the big isle, Maui, and rounded out the visit w/a successful deep-sea fishing run.

**1935:** Meg & George Eckhardt at their 50th anniv Maui dinner cruise

**Bernie & Harriet Waterman** supplied some enviable generational achievements.

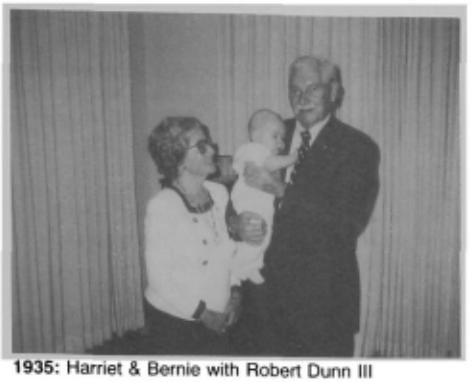
**1935:** Harriet Waterman, Jim's dad, MAJ Broadus, grandpa Bernie and MG Hagwood, USAF

Grandson Jim Broadus, The Citadel '80, was promoted to MAJ, USAF at Ft Monroe, VA, and they acquired a 3rd great-grandchild, Robert Henry Dunn III.

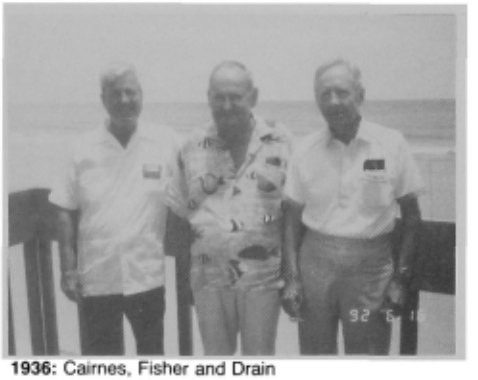
You outdistanced us by one in that category—but not for long!

**Ella Wallace**, peripatetic as ever, was in the UK in the spring, with her Episcopalian Church gp. They stayed 8 days at St Andrews in Devon, viewing the progress of the restoration project of the Lentern Tower to which they made substantial contribution. A trip highlight was a visit to the house in Torquay that **Dave** used as his HQ for the 1153rd Combat Engr Gp prior to the Battle of the Bulge.

**Glenn Thompson** from Boulder City, NV cited son Curt's activities in the light avn



**1935:** Harriet & Bernie with Robert Dunn III



**1936:** Cairnes, Fisher and Drain

field, thereby making a total of 3 in his family holding pilots' licenses—a daughter in Scarsdale, NY and a granddaughter in Paris (France, no less). By the way, those who feel the Las Vegas "urge" should always check in with **Glenn**, who's just "down the road" therefrom; his advice on what to see/do in Las V is most helpful.

So, as you read these few words in late Oct, your mini-reunion platoon will be frolicking in sunny Cancun, posting "wish-you-were-here" cards. Here's a worthwhile reflection; since we "pioneered" the mini concept (recall the picnic at the 40th Reunion when **Jack Rhoades** and **Ducky Farnsworth** surfaced the idea), it behooves us to uphold our reputation. To that end let us ALL spt whatever Cl HQ has on the drawing board for the 93 Mini and make it the best ever. We'll close with a hint/plea/suggestion, whatever: the Cl newspipes have been clogged up lately; let's correct the situation.

## '36

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Thank the gods this col has neither demises nor disasters to rep in the last two mos; and hopefully, that status will survive when you read this in Nov.

The really exciting news is that an AFA reunion for next Aug(?) looks quite promising. If such an inspiring opportunity materializes, we pray that every '36'er and family can (will) attend. (You'll recall the last reunion was in 72.) We are certain that two generations of **Hosmers** are making sound plans for this occasion.

Sally Beard and **Betty Chaffin** had a wonderful mo-long visit to Australia/New Zealand. Their rep was glowing, including that they sometimes froze and were pooped upon return to US. Sally spent an additional two wks in southern CA. After "reading her mail," Sally was off again to L.A. to help sister Lois move East. Sally said the weight of the household effects was more than e-i-g-h-t tons! Betty also was greatly rewarded upon return to DC in finding her daughter in good health after a very serious head opn in Jun. It was very good news to get a rep from the NE FL ("Space Coast") contingent of '36'ers. **Jesse Drain**'s son '63 took the pic of **Cairnes, Fisher** and **Drain**.

**Bob Fisher** spends time on the Indian River as a licensed commercial fisherman (we could not avoid a pun, but we were fearful that other goats like yours truly would be mystified if ref had been made to "ichthyoid" or Izaak Walton). Our other two 'mates are golfers. Bill says **Hank Mucci** recently recovered from pneumonia and that **Nick Perkins** suffers from several old-age ailments. **Gil Dorland** surprised us with news that his sons (both Pointers and Vietnam participants) have published a new book released on 15 Sep—*Duty, Honor, Company* [see Sep 92 *ASSEMBLY*, pp 28–29, and the book review in this issue]. Several mos before he died, **Ted Clifton** critiqued the manuscript and gave advice. **Elmer Grubbs** finished a "great winter of tennis" in FL and "came up lame only twice!" Obviously, Elmer can acct for his good state of health by the many hrs he "trained" walking the area! He said he also misses **Orv Stokes**. And no one would disagree! Received a long, typed ltr from **Bill Hay**. Although he claims to be slow (who isn't?), he typed a flawless ltr. He is planning to visit Atl soon, where one of his beautiful daughters resides. The most correspondence this period was received from **Wright & Paule Hiatt**. He had some back surgery in Paris. He highly recommended the Kilauea Mil Camp for any who wish a wonderful vacation at low cost (2 BR w/kit for $49). The pix shown looked like and brought back memories of 65 yrs ago (ugh!). Chatted with the **Hiesters** several times. They were in FL in Jun and visited with the **McElhenys** and **Ike Smiths**. Back at the Point, Dave said everything was dead during summer; nevertheless, he ran into some angry bees while cleaning up his yard. **Clark Hosmer** sent out a paper regarding the AFA reunion to several coordinating and interested individuals. He is considering inviting Acad sons and their families. **Larry Laurion** continues to hold his own, managing to get around in his electric car, breathing fresh ozone instead of DC's vile pollution and writing ltrs to his friends! It seems like a very long time ago he arranged and conducted the only Cl cruise—and he was in a wheelchair then! **Jim Landrum** called here and rep having chatted with **Clyde Layne** and **Jack Kelly**. Late in Jul the **McCormicks** and **Gages** had dinner in MN. Both of them are disgustingly healthy; the more so because of their age. We didn't remember he was too old to be admitted to Acad, and his ability to do so was because he'd already been at Annapolis. Received a card from the **Meanys**, but we think they faked the far-distant port they wrote from (we think they wrote from Vegas!). A great Cl booster sent a pic from **Russ Janzan**'s AZ ranch.

After several false starts we made contact with **Jane Smith**, who has moved into an apt in Carmichael, CA. She stated that **Steve**'s stroke last yr impaired his thinking and equilibrium sufficiently that she didn't think he should "come home" until he can respond normally. She hopes that this will be within several mos. She now feels adjusted to Steve's disability—which she was not, up until now. The lady whom some thought paints with her



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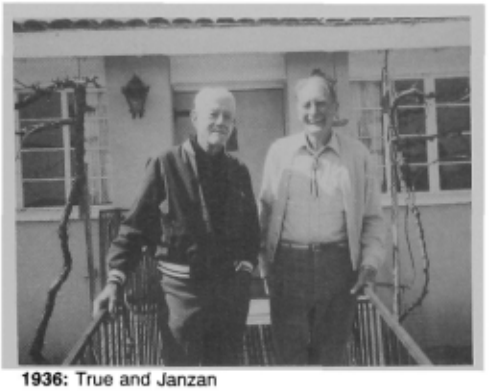

**1936:** True and Janzan

toes sent a new card—however, she did not specifically say HOW she painted it! In mid-Jun **Pat Williams** and her daughter-in-law took us to lunch. Pat was in good health and was on her way to Scandinavia, Switzerland and France. **Betty & Chuck Waters** were in town, and we enjoyed dinner. They both looked well and had been visiting friends. He said his handicap was quite high.

Since we plan to be in CA when the next *ASSEMBLY* deadline is due 15 Oct, **Sally Beard** has kindly consented to pick up Cl news and write at that time. Our mutual interest is to represent all of the Cl. When she writes the col, it is our hope that she better responds to the Cl ladies—in particular, the 70 widows whose honored and wonderful spouses are no longer readers.

**1936:** Zita & Brad Hosmer, Supe of AFA

The beginning of this col alluded to the possibility of an AFA reunion. Now, after *these notes were sealed for mailing, the post*man delivered the attached stunning pic of MISTER AFA himself & his beautiful FIRST lady. We re-opened these notes to include the pic of **Brad & Zita Hosmer**, whose outstanding performances need no further comments. Hopefully we'll get to meet them in person a yr from now—Aug 93!

## '37

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On 18 Jul **Stan Connelly**'s daughter Mary Jane called with the sad news that her father had just passed away and that I would receive a ltr that he had dictated to her 12 Jul. Here it is: "Dear **Don**: On my return from our magnificent 55th USMA Reunion, I was given the bad news that my chemo had been unsuccessful, and I'm now under Southeastern Michigan hospice care. I hope the Cl is familiar with the great svc that a hospice can provide. It tries to provide quality of life during the final period, and I think in my case they are succeeding very well. Daughter Mary Jane, husband Mike and the lads, Page and Chris, will be representing me at the 60th. . . . **Mary Jane** & I have cremation plots in the local cem, where I have run 20,000 miles or so in the past 25 yrs. . . . I would be happy to have you rep on my participation in the home hospice program. It's wonderful to be home. And, while hospice cannot bring one's appetite back or one's energy, they are absolutely tops in pain mgt and comfort. I am enjoying quality of life, all things considered. Love to you & **Fran**, (signed) Stan."

I put the news on **Dan Richard**'s recorder to inform friends in that area. His **Janey** had introduced her sorority sister, **Mary Jane** (Crowley) to Stan during his cadet days. Also, **Kelley Lemmon** called the news to **Kelsie Reaves** in FL to spread the word. Mem svc and interment were as indicated in Stan's ltr.

In C Co I was privileged to enjoy his friendship, wit and upbeat outlook on life. He came to USMA a bronzed, long-distance swimmer and in Beast Bks stood out from many of us skinny, gangling Beasts. Of course he easily made the Swimming Team. He and his colorful roommate, **Jack Caldwell**, provided many laughs to cheer us up. You will enjoy reading his autobiog in the 25th Reunion Book, if you can find it. It is typically Stan. The 50-yr Book completes the pic with details of his interesting life after grad.

**Bob Gildart** and I received many nice remarks about the 55th. **Randy Hines**—what a great reunion!. . . . A lot of praise and thanks from all of us. Afterwards a gp, the RREBS, Randy, **Robtr Van V, Eubank, Barksdale** and **Sloan** spent a wk at Capon Springs Resort in WV. While there Geo ran into his former Cadet COL (ROTC), later a US senator, who invited them to fish in his stocked lake; they had a ball. "I never caught so many fish at one time in my whole life, but I had a 'good ole boy' who tutored me and the result was fantastic." Randy & **Marge** headed W to visit their daughter in Ft Collins, CO, stopping at the Van V's and Sloans on the way.

**Bob Gildart** received a warm ltr of appreciation from **Bill Black**. He and his family enjoyed being back with classmates at the Reunion. If anyone recorded the Alumni Svc on VHS, he would very much like to get a copy. He also said that he had a really good *career with the CE in his district.*

**Spic Nadal** truly enjoyed the Reunion package that **Bob** sent him. "The day after we returned to Naples I was stricken with an unbearable pain in my left hip that kept me from walking." At the Navy Hosp an X-ray showed the lower disk and cartilage in the hip joint practically consumed—the aging process. He is slowly recovering with some pills and a cane.

Continuing **Bill Lewis**' episode—**Margaret** brought him from the Gloucester, MA Hosp to Wash Airport, where neighbors helped transport him home. He is recuperating slowly but steadily. Spoke to him 11 Aug, and he sounded fine. He lost a lot of weight and needs a few more wks to get back in shape. Margaret, who had put off an opn until Bill's ordeal was over, finally had it in Bethesda Naval Hosp. She is up and about at home and is recovering nicely. They like the fine treatment they get at Navy.

**1937:** Strandberg, Margaret Lewis and O'Malley at the 55th

**Bill Strandberg** was not on our reunion list but managed to get there anyway. I had an opportunity to talk to him at length. He appears to be in good health and looks more like his *Howitzer* pic than any of us, but **Peggy**'s struggle with AD puts him under a terrible strain. He is taking care of her at home.

**1937:** Stromberg, Smith and Dannelly at the 55th

**Stegmaier** informed me that **Ruby** passed away 22 Jun after a long illness with AD. Steggy also took care of her at home. He is off to San Ant to spend some time with his son, Edwin Wallace. He is anxious to get back to his writing and hopefully will lend a hand with our large backlog of obits.

At our 19 Jun luncheon we struggled along without some of our regulars. The **Clarkes** were off to Dartmouth for a grandson's graduation, then to Boston to visit their son and family. They will be at their NJ home until after mid-Sep, interrupted by a Baltic Cruise 6–19 Aug. The **Prentisses** were enjoying their condo at Ocean City. The **Halls** took off to Kennebunk for the summer. **Geo Maliszewski** took **Kathy** on a cruise to Bermuda. With these movers and shakers gone, 14 of us still had a good time. **Finn Unger** gave us a rundown on their trip to the Orient after attending their grandson's grad from USC. They attended various functions as guests of the Japanese govt, participated in the celebration of the 20th anniv of the return of Okinawa to Japan and were entertained by the Empress. Finn attended a symposium of 3 Japanese and 3 US reps incl Kissinger and McNamara. Afterwards they visited Beijing, the Great Wall, Tiannamen Sq, Zian and the funeral army of clay soldiers and mounts, the teeming metropolis of Shanghai, also Hong Kong.

At this luncheon **Bob Gildart** sang, in German, three stanzas of the old German love



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song which provided the tune of our Alma Mater. Not bad! At the Reunion Mem Svc, time did not permit a similar performance after his dissertation on our Alma Mater's creation.

Jim Skeldon called 5 Jul to inform that **Tom Compton** was scheduled for an opn 7 Jul to remove a nodule from his ear. It was to be done at Oak Knoll Naval Hosp, and the prognosis was good. The Navy is taking over from Letterman, which is being phased out. He is still on crutches from an arthroscopic opn on his knee, which kept him from the 55th. He developed an infection from a bacteria they hadn't seen for 30 yrs; he is on antibiotics.

On 12 Jul, **Margaret Green** put on a fabulous cocktail party to celebrate **Marty**'s 80th with his octogenarian friends—who have recently attained this dubious distinction. Margaret demonstrated her culinary expertise by serving the widest assortment of delicious hors d'ouevres I've ever seen. When asked how she managed she merely replied, "A happy woman likes to cook!" All the honored ones recited a poem and sang the Happy Birthday song at the end of each verse.

A couple of days later **McDowell** called to proudly rep that they came in $1,000 under budget. The tape of the reunion banquet that he sent me was copied from VanVliet's. Unfortunately, background noise drowned out most of McD's golden remarks. Recently they attended Laurie Cheal's (**Ray & Edna**'s youngest) wedding. It was a grand affair, and among the guests were **Louise Gray**, the **Grahams, Chester & Mollie Johnson**, the **Ohmans** and **Render Denson** with a charming friend, all looking good. The McDowells and Render and his friend danced until the end. Render has recovered from a recent stroke, and, with chemo holding his cancer at bay, he is enjoying life to the fullest.

An even dozen attended the 17 Jul luncheon and enjoyed the food, drink and camaraderie as always. We were sorry to hear that **Pat Kennedy**'s mother died. She was buried in Arlington with Pat's father, COL Robt Kennedy. She would have been 104 on 1 Sep. **Pat Frazier** talked with **Lonnie** on 11 Aug, and she appeared to be ok. Her daughter Sorrel is taking care of her.

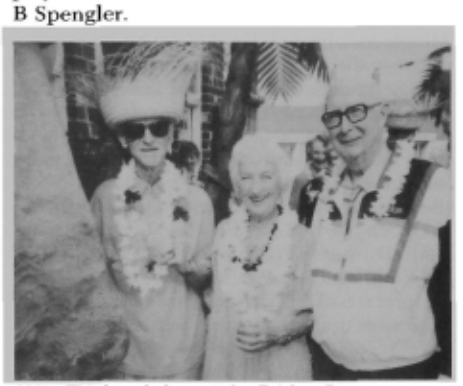
**1937:** Pre-55th Reunion at the Hineses': Oden, Duncan, Bud and Wade

A brief note from **Bud Hines** on 27 Jul rep that he would be in NM for a mo commencing 2 Aug. On 18 Jul the **Prentisses**, Jim Cruise, USNA '37 (Gus's brother-in-law), **Jerrie Stumpf** and he enjoyed dancing under a half-moon on the terrace of the ANCC during a luau.

Carmen Clagett rep that she fell and broke a shoulder bone and had to miss the Carmel reunion of teachers who had taught in Karlsruhe 58–59. Now we'll never know if any of them have had facelifts.

On 8 Aug the **Lemmons** had a lovely luncheon for the Cl at the ANCC. Everyone was there except those on travel or indisposed for one reason or another. **Marge Bailey** looked very well and cheerful as always. A proud **Jerrie Stumpf** rep that her son, Cmdr Robt E, USNA '74, was assigned as lead pilot for the famous Blue Angels. Her son LTC Harry D '72 is IG at Ft McPherson. Jerrie is undoubtedly the most svc-connected lady of our Cl and possibly any other: father was MG Harry Stroh, who was CG of an Inf Div in Eur; her brother, MAJ Harry R Stroh '43, was KIA while providing fighter spt to his father's div; her husband and our classmate **Bob**; and her two sons. Jerrie, we are very proud of you. You have given and are still giving so much.

With the move of her daughter to Gaithersburg, MD, **Hiestand Underwood** is back at the Normandie House in Rosslyn: 1701 N Kent St #605, Arlington, VA 22209. Incidentally, her first husband, LTC Jim Matthews '29, was KIA in Normandy on 14 Jul 44. His obit, which Hiestand finished after several other classmate authors died, is in the May 92 *ASSEMBLY*. **Joe & Vivienne Mitchell** were there. Joe hasn't been well lately but continues his love of writing and history. Vivienne has given up her active participation in archaeological digs around VA but still is interested in the subject. The **Lemmons** have recently been to Canada, where they visited their friends, Canadian LTG & Mrs Gilles. The Fairfax was well represented by **Diercks, Marge Bailey, Duncan, Spengler**, the **Hoskas, Odens** and **Palmers.** Fred Diercks is having the time of his life producing a pair of comedy playlets down at the Fairfax with starlets like B Spengler.



**1937:** Third anniv luau at the Fairfax: Duncan, Spengler and Diercks

In case you have forgotten, **Fred** was pres of the Cadet Players, so his talent continues to pay off. We missed the **Gildarts**, who were with their daughter and family on Lake George; the **Greens** visiting relatives; the **Lewises** still in the recovery mode; **Mickey Powers**, who I understand is ministering to a favorite niece who is quite ill; **Mette Parker**, who was in Phila for the christening of her grandson Nathaniel Hendrikson Parker, born 1 May in Doylestown, PA; and **Wil & Dolly Wilhoyt**, who is recovering from a hip replacement done at WRAMC. On 11 Aug Pat **Frazier** rep that **Dolly** was able to get around the house but was still in pain. **Dottie Preston** was coming but picked up a bug and had to cancel.

Bill McCulla, '29 scribe, sent me a copy of the *Pinecrest Press* featuring **Kelsie & Mary Lou Reaves**, who have recently moved to Pinecrest Place, 1050 Eighth Av SW, #701, Largo, FL 34640. It traces Kelsie's distinguished career and also provides very interesting info about Mary Lou. Kelsie met her on a blind date while in coll, he at U of FL and she at FL State. She was a "Southern belle, an attractive girl with infinite charm, talent and common sense." She was also a mbr of the DAR. In 33 she was crowned Queen of the FL Citrus Festival and made a travelogue of W FL for Grantland Rice. After coll she performed as a singer for CBS Radio in Tampa and later for two yrs in Buffalo. Now you know the rest of the story.

Some time ago **Fred Clarke** received a warm ltr of appreciation from **Bill Lutes**, who lost both his parents in the span of 10 mos. He

**1937:** Shive, Green, Diercks, Lemmon and Oden with other octogenarian friends, excl Margaret



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said he could not "explain adequately how much the spt of classmates meant to my father and me. He spoke endlessly about WP, his svc and his classmates even as he struggled with his body which was giving out. Convey my deepest appreciation to the Cl and the fine gentlemen who were pallbearers." Fred also received a note of thanks from the Intl Lung Foundation for the '37 contribution in memory of **Jo Walker**.

Happy Thanksgiving!

# '38

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On 5 Jul **Bob Sisco** died at Memorial Hosp in Daytona Bch, FL after a long illness. Private cremation burial svcs were held in St Johns County. On 31 Jul **Henry Huglin**, his cadet roommate, informed your scribe. **Junie Lotz** and I then contacted Bob's widow, **Macy**. Son James G lives in St Augustine and daughter Susan Mingle in Arlington, VA. After our mini-reunion cruise to the Bahamas, Henry stopped by Daytona Beach to see Bob & Macy. Bob was already too ill to do more than have coffee and brief conversation with Henry. We deeply sympathize with his family in mourning his passing and regret that yet another classmate has joined the Long Gray Line.

On 21 Jun our son Jim died at age 43 from a fall. During the past 8 yrs he had worked for EPA and lived nearby in Wash, DC. **Miriam** & I appreciated '38'er attendance and the lovely flowers at the funeral svcs. Subsequently, we have received many '38'er visits, ltrs, cards and phone calls. We sincerely appreciate these expressions of spt from our friends.

During 13–20 Jun the **Mrazeks** spent a busy wk at an Elderhostel in Newark, Ohio, attending seminars on Indian mounds, geology and archeology plus a field trip to the recently discovered 11,000-yr-old, well-preserved remains of a mammoth found in a pond being deepened on a golf course. From **Bob Rhine**, "My golf is erratic, but we are out there playing. I'll always miss **Dick Stilwell**. What a man!" Bob plans to attend the 55th. On 16 Jun **Sweeney** informed **Lotz** that he is still trying to recover from his "tumble of a year ago." We hope that Gene will be able to join us at the 55th. On 15 Jun, at a ground-breaking ceremony for the Korean War Memorial (KWM), Pres Bush broke ground. This event was the culmination of 3 yrs of fund raising and of controversy over design of the Memorial. As chm of the KWM Bd, Dick Stilwell provided forceful ldrship, making trips to Korea and within USA obtaining spt and raising funds for this mem. We regret that he did not live to participate in this ceremony, but **Alice** was an honored guest. To many of us this mem, when completed, will be a special tribute to the memory of Dick Stilwell.

On 24 Jun **John Damon** had hip surgery in NVA and was hospitalized until 3 Aug. He is recuperating at home and is restless to get back to work on the bibliography which he has published regularly. On 27 Jun, from **Frank Norrisa**: "**Patsy** & I just completed a most happy and reassuring visit to the **Chesareks**, who are beautifully housed in their new home in Green Valley near Fairfield. Best news is that **Ches** had critical cardiac surgery in late Jan, with a probability of 1 in 10 of survival, but he came through in fine style, with **Joan**'s constant help. He can pitch and putt at his beloved golf, and they are mad at nobody. Ches still has that lovely voice, and they have set their sights on attending the 55th. Locally, **Henry Huglin** continues to be Santa Barbara's favorite bachelor. In great shape, he enjoys a wide variety of hobbies and activities. Patsy & I see him often. We three will be at the 55th." On 3 Jul from **Peggy Miller**: "Our youngest daughter, Polly, was married 27 Jun, with **Frank** on pass from WRAMC to give her away. We do have some children and grandchildren here until mid-Jul. Two of our sons, Frank Jr '62 and Robert '72, ret from the Army in Jun with attendant ceremonies and fanfare. A third son, Brink '64, changed from one Engr Cmd to another. On 7 Jul I am flying to Boston overnight to be there as he assumes command of the New England Engr Div." Later, Peggy informed me that son Bob will enter the Seminary in NVA this fall to become an Episcopal priest. She & Frank will visit relatives briefly on the W coast soon. During May and early Jun **Paul Davis** attended EXPO 92 in Spain and spent some time at his place in southern Spain. His current address is 1101 South Arlington Blvd, Apt 811, Arlington, VA 22202; tel 703-920-5328. From **Jim Taylor**: "**Chuck & Bert** worked up a mini-mini-reunion for the wknd of 9 May. We 3 were cadet roommates and were joined by the **Deans** and **Jean Sundin**. **Dottie** and **Charlotte**, of course, were with us in Charleston.

**1938:** Jackson, Taylor, Harrison and Dean in Charleston, SC, 9 May 92

Saturday we lunched and shopped. That eve we had drinks at Jean's and dinner at the Colony House. Sun, we had lunch at the O Club, Charleston AFB. It was fun, rehashing old memories and renewing old friendships. All is well here—but it is hot!" On 24 Jul from **JB Coleman**: "**Pat** & I visited the **Sturdivants** during a giant 3-day hot air balloon festival in Frank's home town, Greenwood, MS.

**1938:** The Colemans and Sturdivants at hot-air balloon festival

We had a ball! Got up early ea day to help the balloonists inflate their balloons—80 on the field at one time! I was tempted to do the 'bungee' jump but could not get up enough nerve. (Later we found that they were outlawed in FL due to two accidents.) Fleet Landing continues to fill; all manor houses and patio homes (like ours) are gone. The Health Ctr is full. Two '38'er widows may move here in Aug 92. I won't mention names, for they might not move."

**Bob Brown** is chm of the '38 Cl Gift Cmte, with mbrs **Lough, Chesarek, Kelsey** and **Strand**. Their mission is to rep at our 55th business mtg a list of appropriate gifts for funding by the Cl of '38. By 15 Oct the above mbrs are to submit a preliminary list, in order of preference, estimated costs and those not recommended but under consideration. Please contact a mbr of this cmte if you have any comments or input. On 1 Aug, from **Bill Strand**: "The **Singers** enjoyed a delightful 3-wk cruise in the Western Mediterranean 1–21 Jun. They flew to Monte Carlo and, from there, made stops at Genoa, St Tropez, Barcelona, Majorica, Valencia, Gibraltar, Seville and Lisbon. They then flew to NYC for 6 days to see some new shows. In May the **Macombers** visited Phoenix and the Grand Canyon with two of their grandkids. Then they spent a wk in Jun at their condo in Gunnison, where they were joined by their daughter Debbie and her children. Fishing was great—150 trout and salmon. The **Chambers** joined an AOG Western tour in Jul. The 43 WP'ers, wives and widows included the **Machens** and **Sherrards**.

**1938:** Sherrard, Machen and Chambers on AOG Western Tour, Jul 92

They flew to Bozeman to start a 10-day bus tour, with stops at Yellowstone Park, Jackson Hole, Salt Lake, Moab, Utah and Kayenta, AZ for a CO River Float Trip, then to Grand Canyon. **Jack** says he & **Varnell** enjoyed the trip very much, but wished they had taken it about 20 yrs ago.

**1938:** Jack & Varnell Chambers at Grand Teton Natl Park, Jul 92

The **Van Sickles** bought a new 24-ft boat in Seattle. With son Peter, they did some salmon fishing off Vancouver Isl. This summer theyare enjoying cruising and fishing trips on



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nearby Flathead Lake. The Strands flew to Eau Clair, WI last wk in Jun, meeting Bill's sister, Erva Verna, for a mem svc for their mother, who died at 98. **Orleans Batson Strange, Steve Batson**'s widow, accepted my offer of a '38 *Howitzer*. She and **Eleanor Gay Scarano** have made reservations for our 55th next May. Orleans says she was a 'cadet girl' for a yr and mo, so it will be a nostalgic treat for her. I still have '35, '36 and '37 *Howitzers* for any grad or widow who would like one for the cost of mailing."

From **Mrazek** on 1 August: "**Trevor Dupuy** spent part of May and Jun in discussions with top-level mil and other govt officials and business associates in S Korea, Japan, China, Taiwan and HI. While in Japan, he visited his daughter Signe, who lives in Osaka and is studying Japanese.

Our efforts to complete obits for all deceased classmates to be published in *ASSEMBLY* have been hampered by lack of addresses of family mbrs and close friends. This is particularly true for some who have been dead for many yrs, incl **Gerlich, Gillivan, Lipps, Ewing, Laskowsky, Grubb, Rulkoetter** and **Tarver**. If you can provide info or assist by writing any of these obits, please contact **Jim Lewis**.

**Cliff Riordan** plans to run in the annual Marine Marathon in NVA and DC on 25 Oct [see article on fitness in Jul 92 *ASSEMBLY* which highlights him]. Your scribe will be on hand as an observer when Cliff finishes the marathon. He claims that exercise promotes good health, but isn't he overdoing it?

On 2 Aug, from **Hugh Wallace**: "**Beno Bruton** rep a family reunion soon on the Gulf Coast. The **Coiras** are just back from W Palm Beach after a visit with their son there. The **Irvins** are off to Salt Lake City to see their new grandaughter. Babbi is, of course, pleased with this first such feminine addition to their family. **Doug Polhamus** is now getting about, albeit with walker and assistance, enjoying some of San Ant's super-rejuvenating Mexican food. If that won't give a person a jump start, nothing will. He is progressing quite well in his recovery from his stroke and falls. All others contacted rep having led a clean, exemplary life these last couple of mos. Consequently, they have nothing to rep. The **Wallaces** leave 12 Aug on a tour of Wallace, Douglas, McKay (Jan) country in Scotland. We will see if any of our cattle-thieving ancestors left any for the present-day Scots—"Wa' hae wi Wallace bled," quoting Bobbie Burns. We also will be traveling through Wales, Shakespeare country, Coventry and Stonehenge, ending in London with the musical *Saigon*. We will be out of pocket 12–25 Aug."

**Junie Lotz** mailed Newsltrs #1 and #2 to 229 addressees and received 143 replies, as of 1 Jul, either by submittal of the attached questionnaire or by ltr, personal contact or telephone. For further mailings about our 55th Reunion, addressees will be limited to those who have responded to him to date. Others who may not have responded to him to date, or who have not received past mailings but would like to receive future mailings, notify him without delay. Currently, a total of 197 reservations have been made for our 55th by classmates, wives, widows or other guests. The Lotzes plan to attend our local '38'er luncheon 23 Sep. During early Nov they, **Muriale Amick** and others will go to WP to follow up on prep for our 55th. We hope to see you there! Deadline for making firm reservations for our motel and the 55th Reunion is 31 Dec 92. Closing date for these notes was 10 Aug.

## '39

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*55th Reunion, 22–25 May 94*—'39 Standing Cmte decided on the Holidome in Suffern, NY, after considering responses to **George Pickett**'s ltr. By almost 5 to 1, motel solution favored over cruises, and Seasons over Holidome by about 3 to 2; several requested the Thayer; **Jim Knapp** suggested the Tarrytown Marriott. But Thayer does not have enough rooms even if we get every one; we need about 150 but only 60 available. Holidome, much closer than somewhat remote Seasons, has spent over $5M refurbishing since our 50th. Tarrytown most expensive but about equal traveling time as Holidome. We will be principal user of Holidome, whereas we could be smaller of two groups at Tarrytown and suffer accordingly. **Mike Davison** heads Reunion Cmte; as of 15 Jul about 240 expected to attend, with more than half the replies not received. Notify Mike promptly if you're coming!

**Andy Goodpaster**, Distinguished Grad—Of all awards Andy has so deservedly received, this one is quite special since one part of the citation directly involves his alma mater: ". . . the one officer whose ldrship ability and widely respected scholarship could resolve the problems troubling the Mil Acad. . . . His 4 yrs as Supe. . . were marked by a resurgence of the values that ever maintained the USMA premier among univs and mil colls worldwide." To that, we all say "Amen" and "Bravo."

Wk of the Eagles, Sport Parachuting Ctr and **Bob Cole** monument dedication all involved **Harry Kinnard** and others at Ft Campbell in early Jun. The entire wk commemorated the 50th anniv of both the Ft and the 101st Abn Div. Re sport parachuting, prior to 58, active-duty soldiers were banned from this sport until Harry and other pioneers were instrumental in convincing the Army to rescind this ban. Campbell's Sport Parachuting Club, first of its kind in the mil and whose first pres was Harry, set guidelines separating this sport from its "dare-devil" past. Since then the Golden Knights and many other groups have been in high demand. The club's new bldg named for Harry was dedicated. (In his remarks, Harry said that "it had always been my understanding that bldgs were named for people after their death, but I could only suppose that 77 was quite close enough!") Thirdly, the monument honoring our Bob Cole, CMH recipient, was dedicated, with Harry as the speaker in "a very impressive and fitting ceremony in which the current version of Bob's wartime unit provided the honor guard. Bob's widow, **Allie May** (Beall), was present."

**Walt Higgins** wrote that **Frankie Joe & Lydia Kobes**, visiting in Beaufort from their Tucson home, and **Bill Martin**, from Aspen, attending a WWII Bomb Group reunion in Savannah, dropped by Hilton Head. All seemed to be active and enjoying themselves. **Ken Collins**, however, had to have some repair work done—hip replaced after 12 yrs; med term: total hip revision—more difficult but longer lasting. Otherwise, **Allie Lou** & he are both fine; they still plan an Aug visit to NC mtns but without golf clubs (a temporary handicap).

Shane **Reeves** '96, grandson of our **Dick & Gerry**, as rep in Sep *ASSEMBLY*, is the great-grandson of Dick's father, BG JH Reeves 1892, SpW (Cuba) and WWI AEF. May the tradition continue!

**George Zethren** celebrated daughter Christine's wedding in his sartorial splendor amidst 100 guests this summer. Reportedly, he then invited 14 of his liveliest friends to join him in Mexico to continue the marital festivities.

**Tim Simpson** left FL in Jul for another of his remarkable AK and Bering Sea fishing trips. On 4 Jul he helped **Carl Buechner**

**1939:** Dedication of monument (prior to unveiling) at Ft Campbell honoring Bob Cole, CMH recipient; Harry Kinnard, speaker



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celebrate Carl's 79th birthday at a party arranged by friends at Winter Park Towers, where Carl is recuperating from his left leg amputation. He's doing well and undergoes PT and therapy daily.

**1939:** Tim Simpson and Carl Buechner at Carl's birthday party on 4 Jul 92 in Winter Park, FL

Golf enthusiast **Joe Perry** had 38 putters (at last count) in a barrel and is still buying, looking for the perfect feel. Joe re-arranges features of his woods—adding or removing lead from weights, shortening some and lengthening others. How? With a welding system a shipwright would envy. Pay-off? You bet! Joe shoots medium to low 70's and usually beats his age!

In Jun, world travelers **Pappy & Betty Myers** "hugely enjoyed" their cruise on the Aegean with a large group of friends from their VA area. Next venture? *QE-2* for 8 days in early Nov in Caribbean, with stops at several isls; depart from and return to their front door (sortuv).

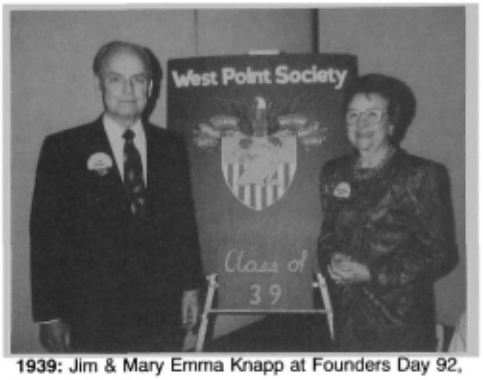
**John Dickerson** spent last winter in CA, where he renewed contacts with many '39'ers, espec in AF Vill W. Back east he visited WP with the local '39'ers, and last spring, with dr's ok, he returned to Vienna until this Dec.

**Curly Edwards** rep a *class*(ical) experience. On 29 Jun he attended the promotion of nephew John Robert Edwards to CPT in AF at Med Ctr, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. Also present were the new CPT's parents, Stephen '46 (Curly's brother) & Mary Clare (Watlington) Edwards (daughter of MG Watlington '27, English P during our cadet days). John Robert was named after his two uncles, Curly and Robert L Edwards, Jan '43. (In the photo, Curly is the one smiling!)

**Jean Higginson**'s ltr described **George**'s several hobbies in spite of MS—genealogy (tracing his family through Ireland and Scottish clans directly to MacBeth), Postal First Day covers (for ea of 6 grandchildren) and numismatics. Jean plans to attend our 55th and offers TX hospitality to '39'ers going through Austin.

Three-star **McCaffrey**—Barry '64, that is—is son of another LTG, our **Bill**. Congrats to all—Barry, of course, parents Bill & **Mary**, aunt **Ann** & uncle **Walt Higgins**—and uncle **Dick Curtin**. Among those present in JCS star-pinning ceremony were **Harvey & Jean Fraser**'s daughter & BG husband. Small world!

**1939:** Curly, nephew John Robert and brother Stephen '46, all Edwardses




**1939:** Jim & Mary Emma Knapp at Founders Day 92, Offutt AFB, NE

Directory changes—**Linc & Rosalind Simon** in late Aug moved from Williamsburg to 3531 Oakton Dr, Minnetonka, MN 55343 (Minneapolis area) and hope to get a place in FL within a yr. **Jim & Katie Roosa** in early Jul moved from CA to 4350 Drycott St, Groveport, OH 43125 (Columbus area).

Final Farewell—On behalf of the Cl, we extend sincere sympathy to family mbrs of **Sam Kail** and **Ralph Hanchin**. Sam Kail died on 7 Jun in Dallas, Texas; interment was at Grove Hill Mem Park with full mil honors. Family mbrs incl **Mary Margaret**, two sons, one daughter and a brother. **Ralph Hanchin** died on 29 Jun in Hampton, VA; body donated to science. Family mbrs incl **Beryl**, two sons, two daughters and a brother.

## '40

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Heard from **Marvin Jacobs** and **John Graf**, the authors and producers of the Nashville mini-reunion this past Jun, before putting these notes to bed. Each seemed fully recovered from the affair, which was rep in the Sep issue of these notes. Marvin was finishing his after-action rep on the joys and problems of gathering and keeping track of 82 classmates, wives and widows of '40 in the massive Opryland Hotel.

One interesting extracurricular activity at the Nashville mini was an opinion survey conducted by **John Burfening** on the subject of mini-reunions. He gave ea attendee a questionnaire with several multiple-choice questions. After the mini, he tabulated the responses, indicating after ea answer the percentage of the total who chose that answer. Here, for the first time, are both the questionnaire and the results:

"I would like to get a more direct sampling of opinion than we've had before to help us in promoting and planning mini-reunions. Your views are solicited on the following:

"1. How often should we try to schedule mini-reunions? a. every yr: 30% b. every two yrs: 52% c. every yr or two: 16% d. every 3 yrs: 2% e. no more minis: 0%.

"2. What are your main interests at these minis? a. seeing different areas of the country: 70% b. visiting with friends: 100% c. playing golf: 23% d. playing tennis: 3% e. bridge tournaments: 0% f. dancing: 10% g. sightseeing: 70% h. what else? Suggested: entertainment, shopping.

"3. At which of these locations would you probably attend a properly scheduled mini? a. Phoenix, AZ area: 53% b. Lake Tahoe, NV: 63% c. Williamsburg, VA: 60% d. Innisbrook, FL: 53% e. Cruise on the lower MS River: 40% f. Bus tour through Canadian Rockies: 30% g. Isl cruise, HI: 17% h. Where else? Suggested: CO Spr, CO; AK inland passage cruise; golf at Ponte Vedra Beach, FL; San Ant, TX; Bermuda cruise (in conjunction with 55th Reunion at WP); New England coast (ME); Albuquerque, NM area; Lake Mackinac Hotel, MI.

"4. The effort required of sponsors (and the cost to attendees) depends on the method used to organize a reunion. Under which of these methods would you be interested in sponsoring or working on a mini? a. Tradition (such as Carmel, where a local Cl cmte made almost all arrangements): 60% b. Professional (engaging a resort hotel or travel agency to do the details): 47% c. Piggy-back (e.g., registering as a gp for a TROA, AOG or USAA tour or convention with special Cl activities): 27%.

"5. Based on conditions right now, would you plan to attend a mini in fall 93 if scheduled? Yes: 70% Fall 94? Yes: 63%."

After reviewing the responses above, **John** thinks he has a consensus, even though this sample is admittedly small. If you don't agree or have other suggestions, drop John or me a line telling us what you think.

Meanwhile, *Tahoe Spree in 93*, the mini-reunion being proposed for S Lake Tahoe, CA on 4–8 Oct 93, seems very likely to take off and fly. **Ned Flanders** will convene his cmte, incl **Bill Porte, Wing Jung** and **Marcus Klunk**, in late Sep to reach a final decision, to be based largely on our responses to their Jul bulletin asking ea of us to indicate interest in attending. In mid-Aug, when these notes went to press, I asked Mark Klunk how his returns were coming. At that time, 4 wks before his deadline, he already had 198 replies from the 350 bulletins he had mailed. These broke down into 32-yes, 42-probable, 50-maybe, and 74-no, which is quite encouraging this far in advance of the event. The cmte continues its planning for the mini: **Bill Shanahan** will honcho golf arrangements and **Sam Webster** the tennis competition. Marcus expects to mail a second bulletin sometime in Oct to announce the decision.

You recall the May issue told that **Ray & Christine Sleeper**'s daughter Jane had some well-trained horses, was competing on the intl 3-day event circuit and was boning the Olympic selection trials. We heard nothing more about Jane, even after the Olympics opened in Barcelona. Then, Jane's ltr in early Aug explained that she had failed to make the team. Her best-trained horse turned up lame just before the US selection trials in KY. She then took two other mounts to try to qualify for the US team in the Canadian selection trials, but they failed to do well enough for a posi-



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tion on the 92 team.

**Art & Dolly McCartan** met in L.A. while he was studying at UCLA for his MS in meteorology; they were married in Apr 42. Fifty yrs later, their 4 daughters and their families assembled at St Louis to give an anniv party for Dolly & Art.

**1940:** Dolly & Art McCartan at their 50th with their first wedding cake; there was no time for wedding cake in Apr 42

Art spoke to 60 family mbrs and friends about the slim odds on "... a boy from Barnesville, MN marrying a girl from L.A.," adding that he liked it that way. Art ret from the USAF in 70, then worked for McDonnell Douglas on mil aircraft projects. Now fully ret, they live in Florissant, MO, just outside St Louis, where they golf, garden and travel.

Classmates, wives and widows of '40 in the Wash area usually meet for lunch twice a yr. Our next luncheon is set for Sun, 6 Dec at a local country club. If any classmates living outside the Wash area happen to be traveling (particularly those with wives) near us then, we hope they'll phone me in advance so I can arrange for them to join us.

Don't forget: there's a *toll-free* no you may call with news items or other matters related to '40 (and it's news when a classmate from out of town wants to join us for lunch!). When you call the 800 no, a phone rings in my study at home. If I'm not there to answer your call, an answering device takes your msg. So, when you next come across something of interest to the Cl, call 800-GRAND-40 and leave your name and the story.

I'm sorry to pass on a msg from Tom McNiel '45 that **Joe Hardin** lost his **Mary** in Dallas early in Jul. Svcs were held there 8 Jul. In addition to Joe, Mary was survived by their son Joe Jr '67 and their daughters Judy Ridlen and Janet Smith.

## '41

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Our profession and our Alma Mater continue to be under political attack by Sam Nunn and his "staffers." Not content with telling cadets enrolled at the acads that they will graduate with Reserve, not Regular, commissions, he continues in a carefully choreographed plan to dilute the motivation and qualification of our profession. He has told the USAFA cadets, half of whom are pilot-qualified on graduation, that only 2 out of 7 will be selected. The latest destructive moves are to restructure the Academic Depts at USMA and USAFA to be half civ (like USNA); to deactivate the Prep Schools and the Bands; and to demote the Supe's job to MG. To make matters worse, this effort is being spted by a ret LT USA, Cl of '47, who, in a *Chicago Tribune* interview said, "I know it's heresy, but you can build a case to not have svc academies." He went on to speak of "mental manipulation" and "a small, elitist gp of traditionalists."

At last, some happy news. **Jack Norton** will marry his cadet days drag, the lovely widow **Leslie** Smith, on 19 Sep in Kensington, MD. It will be a "family wedding;" **Tom & Cathy Cleary** will represent the Cl.

Other wedding bells were described in the Sep notes. Here is a pic of the bride & groom.

**1941:** Our newlyweds, Lyman & Louise Faulkner

**Spec Powell** sent an article on a USMA grad (excerpted in this *ASSEMBLY*). Tam Minh Pham is a Vietnamese who grad with the Cl of '74; he was a Tac at the Vietnamese Natl Mil Acad, and fought valiantly to save his country from the Commies. A tortured POW for 6 yrs, he was finally liberated and brought to the States by his classmates.

Jack W Martin '51 has prepared a full acct of the 11 Jan 92 Key Club Intl mtg in Ft Lauderdale to honor **Sandy Nininger** on the 50th anniv of his having been KIA in the PI. It, too, may appear in the *ASSEMBLY* soon.

**1941:** Paul & MaryLou Root and Doris & Felix Gerace at Founders Day 92, Ft Ord

Cocky Cochran is working on his Australian Odyssey; he really should write a book! A guest of the Aussie Govt, he & **Hope** were wined and dined as they toured the various places his radar outfit was stationed during WWII. On a remote isl, he had the pleasure of snorkeling down to the cockpit of a Betty Bomber which his outfit shot down. At Queenstown, NZ he even tried to talk Hope into a dual Bungee Jump from Hacketts Bridge, but the jumps were called off due to gale-strength winds.

I will have to hold the rep on **John Henschke**'s equally wonderful trip to Australia for the next issue. The Ch of Staff of the Royal Australian AF was host for the returnees of the 380th Bomb Grp which John cmded. The rep of this fabulous experience was an 8-pg publication.

Sadly, I must continue with what is seeming to become the obit section of these writings. Between 22 May-4 Aug, our Cl lost 8 great guys. Eight in just 75 days is reminiscent of WWII at its worst. **Sy Coker, Tom Corbin** and **Dick Travis** were rep in the Aug issue; now I must rep that **Tom Collison** died on 13 Jun (no details at this point), **Billy Mitchell** on 22 Jun, **John Henschke** on 27 Jun, **Joe Myers** on 21 Jul and **Wally Lauterbach** on 4 Aug.

**Lil Mitchell** can be reached at 522 Cumberland Dr, Shreveport, LA 71106; **Billy**, recently inducted into the LA Tech Athletic Hall of Fame, was buried in Shreveport on 25 Jun, and Dr **Jack Thigpen** was a pallbearer. Memorials may be made to the Noel Memorial United Methodist Church. Joan Bouillon, **John Henschke**'s daughter, is at 22594 Treetop Ln, Golden, CO 80401. John was buried beside **Dottie** at Ft Logan with full mil honors. **Ben Spiller** delivered the most beautiful eulogy we classmate pallbearers ever heard. **Fran Myers** is at 320 Wildcat Dr SE, Olympia, WA 98503; **Joe** will be inurned in Arlington later in the yr. **Brenda Lauterbach** is at 906 Plaza Way, Brewster, WA 98812. **Wally**'s ashes were scattered on the Columbia, just like **Doris**'. **Rip Collins** and **Winn Curley** drove from Seattle for the svc.

On 19 Jun, Mary & Bill Gernert '42 celebrated their 50th with a bash that CO Spr will long remember. At least 200 people assembled with classmates from CA and FL in a unique barn full of early Western artifacts. Front and ctr on the guest list were the Hansts, Gates, Garvins and Offleys. Having tried for yrs to "one up" my fellow scribe, I tried again but to no avail. (See pic of two ancient scribes at the Gernert's 50th bash in the '42 col.)

**Ed Rowny** has just returned from another "Mission Accomplished." After overcoming several objections, he escorted the remains of Ignacy Jan Paderewski, the brilliant pianist and statesman, back to his beloved Poland—capping an effort of almost 3 decades. It is a fascinating story; following a very old Polish tradition, Paderewski stipulated that his heart be enshrined in the US, his second home. However, he wanted his body in a free Poland, and Ed Rowny saw to it that he returned now that his country is free.

As many of you know, **Bud Thompson** has perhaps the world's greatest collection of "our kind of music." He has been kind enough to tape some of these concerts and send them to various classmates. When he sent a tape to **Bill Vaughan**, the thank-you note requested two additional numbers as soon as Bud could tape them. One was "Hats Off, Hats Off, Hats Off," recorded by the London Philharmonic; the other was "The Tobyhannah Shuffle," by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Bill is toughing out a bitter battle with the lung problem, but he has not lost his fantastic sense of humor.

POTPOURRI: Bungee jumper **Paul Skowronek** sent a card saying, "I'm starting my look at 'New Capitalist' countries with Romania's Black Sea coast; next is Bulgaria for 'fun in the



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sun.' Back to San Ant in Sep." **Paul Ramee**, who has had a very tough yr with maj surgery and a recurrence of illness, called to say that he is back at Ochsner's Clinic and somewhat better. **Bob Kramer** sent the FD pic and said they would be here for the CO Spr Golf Tourney in Sep.

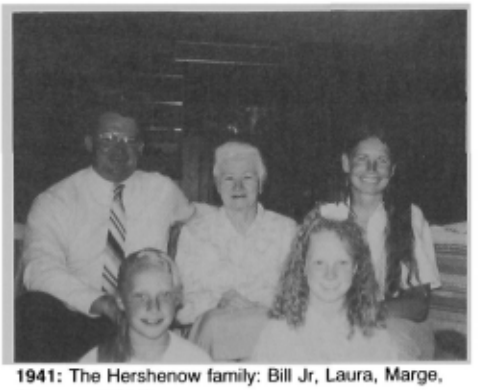
**1941:** Bob & Jo Kramer, John & Lynn Callaway and Buck & Pat Brinson at Founders Day 92, Atl

**Ben McCaffrey** phoned to say that **Jack Harris** had recovered from major surgery, but that **Cuz Dillard** was very ill in a local VA hosp. **Bob Cooper** phoned to correct the poop in *Gold '41*. He did not graduate from USMA—he contracted pneumonia and TB his first cl yr, was sent to Fitzsimmons in Denver and discharged. The VA saw that he got a monthly check of $15! His son Bob USAFA is a most successful plastic surgeon in Seattle. **Rod O'Connor** phoned **Betty McIntyre** to offer his dr son's advice on **George**'s illness. Rod's son Dick is now a COL USAF stationed in Panama.

**1941:** Mary Gauvreau with son, new LTC, USAF Jim and his kids en route to AK

**Mary Gauvreau** entertained son Jim and family en route to his new station in AK. Jim is happily back in a flying job and is a new LTC USAF. Mary said their trip up the AlCan Highway [see book excerpt about AlCan in this issue] in a van with 3 kids, a dog and 4 bicycles was hilarious. They could never manage to break camp before noon. **Zeke Edger** sent photos taken at the Cl luncheon in Jun. He rep that **Hank Bodson** visited Louisville for an Elderhostel trip—good visit. **Marge Hershenow** was in Denver to visit son Bill and family. Bill '72 has a fine job with Martin Denver. **Jack Christensen** rep that **Felix Gerace** and he were at the US Open, where Marshal Gerace was saluted by the fans. **Stan Hays** took me to task over a clip guessing that if "Slick Willie" makes it, Pat Schroeder may be the next SECDEF—ugh.

**Babe & Marge Hendrickson** won another Tennis Tourney in mixed doubles. **Bill Vaughn** called to say that he had an official ltr



**1941:** The Hershenow family: Bill Jr, Laura, Marge, Alison and Kristi

from the AOG's LTC Olejniczak with kudos for "Dances with Area Birds."

Thanks to our impeccable business mgrs, **Mal Troup** (for *Gold '41*—$1240) and **Ralph Upton** (for our Golden video—$380), $1620 has been added to our Cl operating fund.

**Tuck Brown** will do the obit for **Dick Couch**. I got the roster of unwritten obits from the AOG; we have 22 Army and 12 USAF classmates whose obits have not been written. **Linn Lee** kindly agreed to push the Army survivors on this matter, so if you can write one, let us know. I will push the AF.

If you agree that we are in a cultural war in this country, write your congressmen and your newspaper editors, and do not forget to vote. We are clearly in a fight.

## '42

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Another effort to provide youse with news, both good and bad. The good news is that there's been no bad news, and the bad news is that there's been a dearth of good news! Perhaps many are suffering from PRS (Post Reunion Syndrome). I trust that by now the malady has disappeared and that those cards and ltrs will be in abundance soon!

**Barbara** & I came home from the Reunion and DC visit long enough for laundry and repacking before heading to CO Spr to help **Bill & Mary Gernert** celebrate their 50th wedding anniv. Joining all or part of the fun were **Pappy & Julie Garvin**, with him exhibiting the beard cultivated during a just-concluded fishing expedition; **Marie Hennessee** and a gal friend; **Ink & Esther Gates**; **Dick & Dottie Maffry**; **Ray Murphy** "baching" while **Elaine** was still back east; and **Butch & Bobbie Offley**.

**1942:** Ray and Ken remind Bill of that night 50 yrs ago!

A dinner at the Gernerts' liquor-licenseless club featured son and son-in-law bartenders pouring pails of superlative Margaritas and excellent Mexican food—so they told me! Another at "The Barn," a veritable museum of Western artifacts, featured a cast of 200! Introduction of all the kids and grandkids was concrete evidence of the passion Bill & Mary had stored up during their 8-yr courtship! And the younguns were as attractive as they were numerous! The finale was a cookout at the beautiful home of young Bill & his bride in a spectacular setting near Denver. The Maffrys' motor home enabled several who shall remain unidentified to espec enjoy the occasion!

A note from **Jack Deane** to prove that he & **Carolyn** had survived another Castine Clambake. More important, he advised that the tumor on his parotid gland, which had been operated on shortly before the reunion, had proved to be benign, and his recovery has been on schedule.

**Dorothy Deffke** sent the accompanying snap of **Don** living it up on his 75th at the Mather AFB O Club. His sister Joan and daughter Marcella hostessed some 40 celebrants, who no doubt toasted Don excessively!

**1942:** The now-natty Deacon vs the one 5 decades ago!

**Doc Hyde** sent a clip from a local paper about **Bill Guckeyson** and his many achievements. We all knew that B-CC High had named its stadium for him, with lights provided by us to a great extent, thanks to the ldrship of **Chuck Bortell**. News to me was that Bill's grandmother had raised him because his folks were circus performers, that the Wash senators had offered him a contract when he graduated from HS and that he earned All-America honors in football at the U of MD despite the fact that his HS had had no football team for him to play on! How heartwarming to have something to stir memories of our Cl Pres and everyone's valued friend!

**Fran Roberts** celebrated Flag Day on the #3 course at Pinehurst by besting his age by one stroke—quite a feat! Any other dedicated souls out there who have experienced the same pleasure? No, miniature golf doesn't count!

Sad to say that, while the pic sent by **Al Hunter** of the Eastern Shore picnic on 25 Jun was a treat to optically enhanced eyes, it wouldn't transpose well enough for publication. **Nancy & Many Caruthers** again outdid themselves, with the assistance of their built-



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in KP's, no doubt! Beneficiaries were the **Larry Adamses, Allin, Bringham, Dave Claggetts, Elwood Claggetts, Cockrells, Crittenbergers, Dottie Davis, Elys, Farringtons, Fords, Gloria Hamilton, Harrells, Kosters, Lows, Mizells, Ginny Nickodem, Reid, Pet Russells, Terrys, Vogels** and **Wymans**. The Crits hosted cocktails at their pad for a good many of the above the night before, after which all walked over to Gloria's new digs next door for dinner. A few hardy souls lingered for dinner, no host, after the picnic. Al, Nancy and Gloria were to take the AOG tour of Natl Parks in the West in Jul.

Tom Johnston, Jun '43, was thoughtful enough to send a newsltr from the Rappahannock Westminster Canterbury continuing care ret ctr noting that the pres of the Residents Assn is our **John Anderson**. Having tamed the Mainiacs as Mayor of Islesboro, Andy's now in charge of some Northern Neckers!

**Marie Hennessee** rep a safe arrival home from the **Gernert** bash, and reflected on what '42 had meant to **Joe**. I just hope that she is by now equally aware of what Joe meant to '42 and to many others.

**Matt Redlinger** has made a vow not to repeat a 50th Reunion booboo at the 100th! Seems as though the splendid pix he took all ended up on pic #1 when the film failed to advance. Reminds me of the time I took movies of the infamous occasion of the First Cl breaking ranks at Grad Parade. When I opened the camera to change reels, I found nothing but spaghetti inside!

**Dick Miles** sent a couple of snaps showing usage of the Ike Hall Patio during May Wk, proving that we really have a winner. The one herewith is of a bar-pinning ceremony conducted by his son-in-law Rich Ashley '69 for new I-1 2LTs.

**1942:** The Cl patio is a hit on Grad Day!

**Esther Gates** was so distressed at the news that USMA grads will no longer receive RA commissions that, with the help of their Congressman and **Charlie Mizell**, she sent a forceful ltr to every senator but Nunn to protest the legislation which he sponsored and to demand its repeal. Apparently Cl presidents were asked for assistance by an AOG Comm, but I have no word as to any action requested of '42'ers with senatorial contacts.

**Jim Josendale** proudly identifies himself by his MO license plate. I suspect that there are enough others out there to create a sizeable montage.

In the aftermath of the Reunion comes word from **Pete Flor Cruz** that **Roger & Ruth Russell** had a grandson, Saleem Malik, graduate with the Cl of '92! Shame on me for not knowing and on the Cl for not having celebrated the very special occasion. Hope we all get to share a fair number of future reunions

**1942:** Josie's wheels tell the world

with him!

Also, final stats from **Larry Vogel** indicate that 152 of the Cl and a total of 334 attended at least a part of the 50th. Unlike their Federal counterparts, our money mgrs came in $4,433.56 under budget, providing a substantial boost to the operating fund. Congrats to the workers and to all for your spt!

**1942:** Two scribes of long standing (yours truly and Burt Andrus '41) enjoy Willie Vaughan's contribution to the Jul *Pointer*—whoops—*ASSEMBLY*!

Should you by chance know any recalcitrant—a classmate not subscribing to *ASSEMBLY*—give him a shove towards keeping in closer touch with the Cl and with the Acad!

Seems ridiculous, but it's already time to yell BEAT NAVY!

## Jan '43

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**"The Saint"** has finally come home after some 10 yrs as the senior DoD advisor to 6 successive US ambassadors at the MBFR and CFE negotiations and CST in Vienna, Austria.

In presenting the DoD Medal for Distinguished Public Svc (MDPS) to **Adrian St John** in the Pentagon, GEN Colin Powell (Chm JCS) recounted the highlights of his mil career as well as his great accomplishments as a soldier-diplomat. The chm himself read the citation, a portion of which follows: "MG St John's contributions were marked by tenacious determination and unsurpassed technical expertise and culminated in the 22-nation signing of the Treaty on Conventional Forces

**Jan '43:** Colin Powell (Chm JCS) presents the DoD Medal for Distinguished Public Svc to Adrian St John in recognition of his distinguished svc to DoD/JCS from Jun 82-Jul 92

in Europe (CFE), the most comprehensive arms control treaty in history. His sound judgment, unequaled mil insight and impressive negotiating skills ensured that the interests of the US and NATO were well represented and protected during vital multilateral negotiations. His achievements directly enhanced the mil posture and natl security of the US and its allies while greatly reducing the threat of armed conflict around the world." In his response, "The Saint" identifed a number of old friends and associates among those assembled for this ceremony and recalled their svc together. His closing words were: "I've always believed that it's not what my country can do for me, but what I can do for my country." Now, "The Saint" is re-adjusting to life in Arlington and making plans to sell his home so that he will be free to "come and go" as he pleases. Our best to you, **"Saint"**!

Meanwhile, **Bill Knowlton**, honorary COL of the 40th Armor, traveled to Berlin for the 40th's farewell ceremonies, presided at the final parade, chatted with the Russian offs present and was the principal speaker at the Armor Ball. Bill's visit was highlighted in a long article in the 17 Jun 92 ed of *Stars & Stripes* ("Warrior Sees History He Helped Make") and in the local Berlin paper. The *Stars & Stripes* article cites Bill's "linkup with the Russians north of Berlin and east of the Elbe River" (as described in the *Reader's Digest* piece "Your Mission is to Meet the Russians") and his subsequent experiences in Berlin with the occupying forces. Bill's grandfather is also cited in the article as the MA atty gen who "prosecuted Lizzie Borden in 1892." As Bill observes, there are a number of minor errors in the article, but he'd "rather be remembered inaccurately than not at all."

An article entitled "The Lost Hero of Vietnam' then appeared in the 5 Jul 92 ed of *The Wash Post*'s magazine describing the incredible experiences of Tam Minh Pham, the first Vietnamese grad of USMA ('74). He fought in Vietnam, was imprisoned by the N Vietnamese, released and finally returned to the US in 91. As this very interesting article states, it was none other than **Bill Knowlton** who, as Supe, secured Pham's entrance to the Academy in 70 and later, working with GEN John Vessey (the Pres's emissary to Hanoi for POW-MIA affairs), negotiated Pham's return to the US.[See article on Tam Minh Phan elsewhere in this issue.]

A headline article in the 23 Jun 92 ed of the *San Ant Express-News* ("USAA Names New President") and another in the Aug edition of



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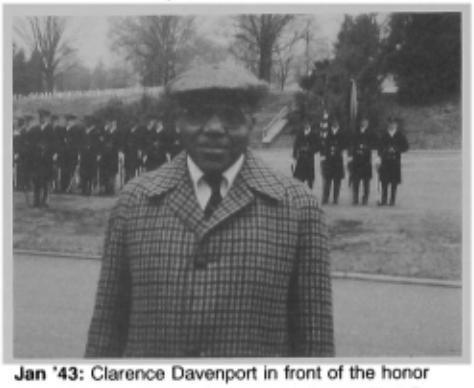
USAA's *Aide* magazine ("Succession Plan Announced") cited **Bob McDermott**'s announcement that Robert Herres (USNA '54 and currently vice-chm and COO for insurance and info svcs at USAA) will become the pres and COO effective 1 Sep 92 while McD remains chm of the bd and CEO. Incidentally, Robert Herres is also chm of the Pres's Blue-Ribbon Commission on assigning women to combat roles. Meanwhile, **Fred King**, who lives near Annapolis, MD, writes in highly complimentary terms about the treatment for prostate cancer he received from Dr David McDermott '69 (McD's son).

Here on the "Wash merry-go-round," **Darrie & Pat Richards** rep they visited WP recently at the invitation of the AOG for purposes of reviewing plans and offering suggestions for the rehab of what was once the "head-mistress's house" on the Ladycliff Coll grounds—now part of USMA's Pershing Ctr beyond the S Gate—using funds bequeathed by Darrie's late father (George Richards '15).

**Jan '43:** Frank & Billie Shaw (from NM), Jim Schofield and Jane & Tote Talbott at the Arlington Natl Cem columbarium for Pappy's interment

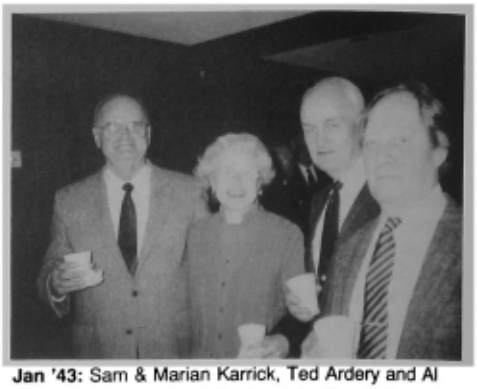
According to Darrie, the Acad would like to utilize the renovated structure as a small adjunct to the USMA Welcome Ctr for Acad alumni, cadets' parents and special friends—particularly until the new Alumni Ctr is completed. Hopefully, the house will be ready for dedication as "the Richards House" before the end of this yr.



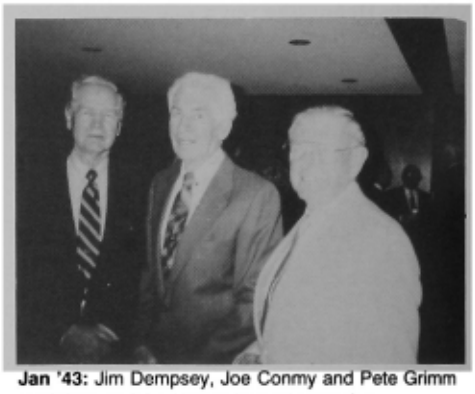
**Jan '43:** Clarence Davenport in front of the honor guard for John Ross's funeral at Arlington Natl Cem, Mar 92

Turning now to our 50th Reunion at the Acad next 23–26 May, **Tote Talbott**, our VP and chm of our Reunion Scheduling Cmte (which includes **Bob Baden, Joe Benson, Frank Camm** and **Fred Spann**) a rep on their recent cmte mtg, courtesy of **Jane** (Tote's wife, secy and courier). The scheduling appears to be "on track," with an info ltr to all classmates/wives/widows due to be dispatched o/a 1 Nov 92 and a ltr with final plans/reservation forms o/a 1 Feb 93.

In this context, **Pat Wardell** (our Cl secy) is urgently in need of info as to the whereabouts of the next-of-kin of the following deceased Army classmates for the purpose of presenting them with a copy of our 50th anniv yearbook when it's published next spr: **Al Bachrach, John Barnes, Willie Brice, Ed Carberry, Turner Chambliss, Wendell Clemenson, Hal Crain, Dave (NL) Davis, Jack Featherston, "Fi" Fiander, Jim Freeman, Clarke Hain, Jack Hine, Dick (RB) Jones, Conrad Koerper, Buck (EC) Lacy, Jack Luther, Hut (TH) Martin, Benny Mills, Max Neumann, Woody (WW) Pratt, Emory Prince, Butch (RJ) Rader, Jim Rumbough, Harry Saunders, Bill (WH) Scott, Boone Seegers, Ralph Truex, Vaughn Taylor, Pat Wheeler, Charlie Wirt** and **Jim Wright**.



**Jan '43:** Sam & Marian Karrick, Ted Ardery and Al Saari at the reception following John Ross's funeral



**Jan '43:** Jim Dempsey, Joe Conmy and Pete Grimm reminisce at John Ross's funeral reception

If you have or know of any info about the next-of-kin of the foregoing classmates, please write or call **Pat** at 2323 Wittington Blvd, Alexandria, VA 22308; tel 703-780-6459 ASAP!

**Jan '43:** George & Kay Sykes visit Jim & Jo Hackler at Myrtle Beach, SC

**Pat** also rep the following changes to addresses of Cl widows for your 1 Jul 92 Roster of Classmates, Wives and Widows:

- Mrs **Frank Boyd** (now Mrs Daniel Winant), 76 Club Course Drive, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928;
- Mrs **Edward Brooks** (now Mrs James Bonham), 4617 Braeburn Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032;
- Mrs **Morton Carmack** (now Mrs Eleanor Kackley), 2640 Tarpon Road, Naples, FL 33962;
- Mrs **John Hatch** (now Mrs Barbara Allen), 1040 S Arroyo Road, Pasadena, CA 91105–2865;
- Mrs **John Hocker** (now Mrs Dorothy Ellithorpe), Box 312, South Fork, CO 81154;
- Mrs **Charles Pinkerton** (now Mrs Jacque

**Jan '43:** Our contingent of honorary pallbearers at Pappy Doyle's interment in Arlington Natl Cem, May 92



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**Jan '43:** Dottie & Ernie Raulin and their "go-go" dog Winnie with visiting Boots Minckler on the patio of their Montecito home overlooking the bay at Santa Barbara

**Jan '43:** Jack & Cecily Wood welcome Boots Minckler to their home at AF Vill W, Riverside, CA

**Jan '43:** Mbrs of our Western contingent celebrating the 49th anniv of our Jun-in-Jan grad: Sue & Russ Herrington, Al Hughes, Bill & Peg Myers, Bill Brady and Shirley & Bob Fishel

White), 6811 Valley Brook Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042;

- Mrs **Berry Skaggs** (now Mrs Clarissee Mangum), 2491 Beechwood Drive, Paso Robles, CA 93446;
- Mrs **Donald Stangle** (now Mrs Catherine Halter), Route #5, Box 72, Vincennes, IN 47591; and
- Mrs **Barton Young** (now Mrs Ed Hagg), who remains at the same address: Box 20, Brownell-Howland Rd, Sante Fe, NM 78501.

Mercy, Cupid seems to be mighty busy!

**Russ Smith** rep from Tuscon, AZ that, for the first time in his golfing experience, he made a hole-in-one at the Saddlebrooke course. In addition, their son Russell Alan & Leslie are the proud parents of a second boy (Tanner Ryce)—and that's even better than a hole-in-one. Russ & **Dorothy** also visited Highland Falls, NY to celebrate the 98th birthday of Dorothy's mother!

In closing, we look forward to a great rep and pix from **Jean Porter** and other classmates/wives/widows who attended the mini-reunion that she organized in Paso Robles, CA and at her nearby Star Farms. Olé!

## Jun '43

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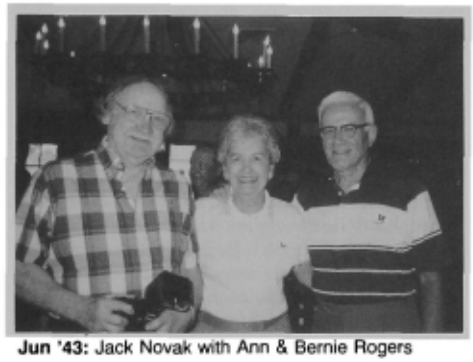
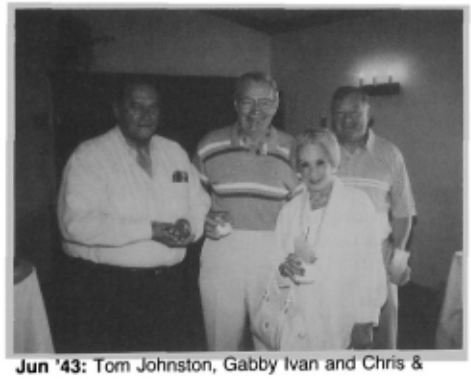
Fifty-six of the faithful turned out for the Jun '43 summer get-together convened by the **Malones** and **Wickert** on 19 Jun at the Chesapeake Golf Club, on the Solomons Isl peninsula. The drive down through this beautiful part of MD is an enjoyable experience in itself, but on this day the lowering skies and gusty winds dissuaded all but the most ardent golfers. Nevertheless, the delicious lunch and genial sociability of old friends made the occasion a summer highlight. **Jane Farley** was there visiting from CA, and it was good to see **Wanda Bell** from Midlothian and others from downstate, plus the **Magathans** from Charleston. Then, the scene was really enlivened by a happy announcement that I will reveal to you in due course!



**Jun '43:** Jack Novak with Ann & Bernie Rogers



**Jun '43:** Tom Johnston, Gabby Ivan and Chris & Sandy Sembach

Many thanks to Quintus, son of **Atkin**, and to **Jack, the Duke of Novak**, for the pix nearby. Those present included **QC & Liz Atkinson, Bettie Baldwin** & Ted MacKechnie, **Wanda Bell, Charlie & Betty Benson, Ned & Nikki Burr, Gordon & Billie Cantlay, Deke & Betty Anne Childs, Bill & Cecile Cover, Dave & Mary Davenport, Jane Farley, Arch & Diana Hamblen, Ruby & Harry Heintzelman, Gabby Ivan, Tom Johnston, Wally & Peggy Magathan, Bill & Nancy Malone, Bob & Vivian Mattox, Dick & Connie McAdam, Hank & Evelyn Morgan, Jack & Vivian Novak, Bud O'Connor** & June Jones, **Nick & Cynthia Parker, Keith & Pat Pigg, Bernie & Ann Rogers, Bill & Miriam Roos, Bud & Nancy Rundell, Bill & Harriet Scott, Sandy & Chris Sembach, Dutch & Ginny Umlauf, Howard T Wickert** & Frances Chandler.

**Jun '43:** Bud Rundell and Wanda Bell

**Jun '43:** Ginny & Dutch Umlauf

**Jun '43:** Dick & Connie McAdam with Arch Hamblen

Now, what about that enlightening announcement? All were anxious to know more about **Bud O'Connor**'s attractive date. After **Bill Malone** had finished his brief remarks, **Nancy** rose to announce that **Bud O'Connor** and June Jones, his neighbor at the Indian River CC, were engaged to be married! After the applause subsided, all present extended good wishes, welcomed June to the Cl and congratulated both of them.

Seven wks later, **Bud & June** were married by the Rt Rev Monsignor John Hannon on 5 Aug 92 in a quiet family ceremony at St Clair's Chapel, Clifton, VA. Tentatively, Bud & June intend to divide their time between northern VA (Fairfax) and Indian River (Melbourne, FL). All the best to these newlyweds! "Marriages are made in heaven."

Last May **Cab Brannon** paid a substantial visit to Russia, Latvia and Estonia. His rep reinf those of all experienced observers of the Eastern European scene: "Having followed Soviet affairs closely out of both prof and personal interest for the better part of the



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**Jun '43:** Engaged! Bud O'Connor and June Jones

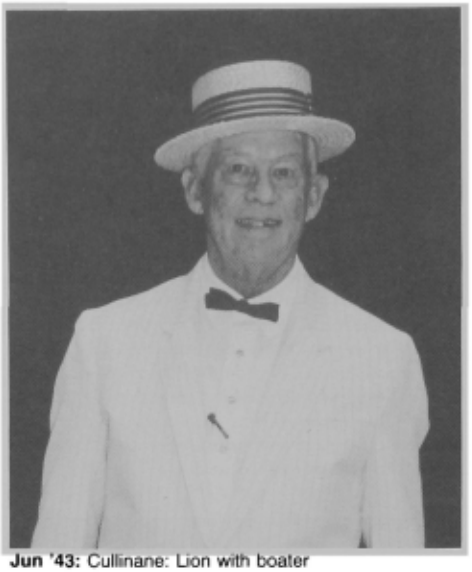
past half-century, I thought nothing in those countries could surprise me. How wrong I was!. . . If I were to give one word for my impressions of the former 'workers paradise,' it would be *depressing*. Three generations of Marxist-Leninist socialism have stripped the people of initiative. . . . The young seem to be without hope. . . . Public transport is rusty, filthy, often broken down, and jam-packed with frustrated people trying to reach 3-block-long lines to buy food. . . . Shortages of food and essentials are everywhere. . . . I predict continuing chaos—but Communism is dead."

A genial note from **Lee Hogan** and a great photo from the Kennedy Space Ctr: "**Ben & Suzie Cassiday** were with us for several pleasant days in Jun. At that time, many of our FL IRCC chaps were gone on summer travels. However, **Bill & Gloria Dudley, Ralph & Tody Hallenbeck, Bob & Helen Hoffman, John & Myla Lou Hudson, Cobe Hurley, Marty & Marion Martin, Knobby & Yvonne Oswald, Art & Barbara Surkamp** and **Jane Walker** helped us welcome the Cassidays."

**Jun '43:** Lee & Anne Hogan and Suzie & Ben Cassiday

Now a ltr from **Diane Chase**, writing from the home she & **Dave** shared at 603 Manatee Dr, Satellite Beach, FL 32937. (In Jul, this col rep the death of **David Chase** on 29 Mar 92 from emphysema.) Diane wrote: "We were married on 23 May 88 at the Melbourne Beach Community Chapel. Despite his ill health, we enjoyed a happy and fulfilling marriage. . . . As Dave requested, he was quietly laid to rest in a family plot at Evergreen Cem in Portland, ME." In closing she added: "My ties to WP remain strong, as I have a niece who grad in '90 and a nephew in '92." Thank you, Diane. We hope these ties will always remain strong, including your ties to the Cl of Jun '43.

In a ltr of mid-May to **QC Atkins, Danny Cullinane** rep that he had sent a grand pic of himself in the Temple, TX Lions' Club Follies of 91, but I had not used it. With fear and trembling (Cullinane claims he still has the power of quill!), I found to my chagrin that he was right. Furthermore, my files even yielded up the pic of Dan doing his soft shoe special at the Follies. (Lucky for Hope and Crosby that Dan stayed in the Army.). . . When he became pres of the Temple Lions about a yr ago, he announced that the young 40- and 50-yr-old whippersnappers of that club would have no trouble getting along with him—so long as they remembered to salute! Now, Dan's term is finished, and both he and the whippersnappers have survived!



**Jun '43:** Cullinane: Lion with boater

**Bob Rooker**, writing from Plymouth, CA in mid-Jun, is now wheelchair-bound but nonetheless is able to care for **Bette**, who has suffered a series of strokes and heart problems. Thank you, Bob for getting in touch again, and best wishes to you & Bette for improved health. . . . **Roger Hilsman** sent a pg-proof copy of his new book, *George Bush vs Saddam Hussein*, to be released by Presidio Press in early Sep 92 [available at the USMA Bookstore]. It is an historical/political analysis of the continuing confrontation of the USA and Iraq.

**Arch Hamblen**'s archives yielded an historic pic from the "branch school" days of Jul '43 at the IOBC, Ft Benning. The course still allowed a little time for horseshoes (was there nostalgia for the Riding Hall?) Anyway, here are **Gabby Ivan, Ed Cleary, Caleb Cole** and **Ned Almond**. We lost Ned on 19 Mar 45, KIA at Wattweiler, Ger, but are glad that the remaining 3 are still around to toss a shoe or two.

**Jun '43:** A break in Inf Off Basic at Ft Benning, Jul 43

Tommy Tomlinson rep that Marietta, GA atty Charles Tanksley is (was?) a Republican candidate for the US Senate. Charles is the son of **Frances & Jep Tanksley**, and many of you will remember him from our 45th Reunion, where he assisted his folks and was present with them at all our functions. By the time you read this, the elections may be over. So, for now, I can only wish good fortune for Charles.

At the end of Jun came a ltr from **Dick Meyer**'s wife **Luciana**: "I am writing with great sorrow to rep the death of my husband of heart disease in the hosp at Reading, PA on 18 Jun 92. . . . Dick was buried at WP under a clear, sunny sky, with Chaplain (MAJ) Terry Dempsey conducting the svc in the Old Cadet Chapel and at graveside, as had been Dick's last wish. We had a wonderful 45 yrs t ogether." Coincidentally, on the day of Dick's death she received a ltr from a gentleman who had served with Dick in Europe in WWII, saying: "In combat, when there was a rough and dangerous task to be done, he was always alongside his men. Time has not dimmed the memory of my good fortune to have been assigned under an officer of LT Meyer's caliber." Luciana can be reached at 1801 Cambridge Ave Apt B-03, Wyomissing, PA 19610.

Next, **Bud Rundell** rep that **Dick Sullivan** died at home of prostate cancer on 23 Jul 92. Cremation was performed, and funeral svcs were thereafter conducted on 25 Jul at Christ's Church in Gordonsville, VA. **Nancy & Bud Rundell** and **Arch Hill** were present. **Ginny Sullivan** resides at St Margarets, Cobham, VA 22929. . . . Then, in a combination of news from **Norm Pehrson, Eddie McCabe** and **Bill Milmore**, came word of the death of **Doug Parham** of diabetic complications at home on 26 Jul 92. He was buried on 29 Jul 92 at Barrancas Natl Cem, Pensacola, FL. Full mil honors were provided from Ft Rucker, AL. **Bill Milmore** was present. **Helen Parham** continues at their home at 2012 N Baylen St, Pensacola, FL 32501.

On the night of 1 Aug came calls from **Norm Pehrson** and **Joe Weyrick** with the sad news that **Kay Galas** died at home on 31 Jul 92 of the cancer that had long assailed her. A rosary svc was conducted at Redondo Beach on 4 Aug, with a funeral mass on 5 Aug at St John's Fisher Church in Rancho Palos Verdes. There, our Cl was well-represented by the **Pehrsons** and the many other classmates in that area. Kay was laid to rest in the WP Cem on 7 Aug by **Dave** and her family after svcs at the Catholic Chapel. We always will remember her friendship and effervescent personality. And it must ever be recalled that it was Kay's imagination and her suggestion that first inspired the new Thayer Gate at Highland Falls, gift of our Cl to USMA. Dave's address is 29504 Whitley Collins Dr, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274. . . . Most sincere sympathy from the Cl goes to the families of **Dick Meyer, Dick Sullivan, Doug Parham** and **Kay Galas.** With that, let me close this sad litany, as we continue to march.

## '44

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Some may remember that I consider 6 issues of *ASSEMBLY* per yr too many; better too seldom than too often! However, this yr I feel constrained to input in Aug because of the drumbeat of losses from the roster of our Cl family:



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• **Mimi**, wife of **Walt Guild**, succumbed at their home in Bowdoinham, ME on 17 Jun 92 to lung cancer after a 6-yr battle, which she fought and endured with the resolute courage and cheer that she brought to her WWII yrs as an American Red Cross rehabilitation dir in 3 mil hosps and to her charitable activities on posts around the world. Burial was at WP on 22 Jun. We offer hereby the sympathy and tributes of all mbrs of the Cl of '44 family.

• **Jim Patterson**, former VP and asst managing ed of the *New York Daily News*, died on 24 Jun 92 of diabetes complications at Sibley Hosp in Wash, DC. After svc in Third Army in Europe and in Japan, Jim left the Army in 49, served as a reporter for the *News*, then was recalled during the Korean war for svc in Ger. Jim & **Dorothy** made their home in Longboat Key, FL. Our condolences go to Dorothy and their family.

• **Ella Mae Hambley**, wife of **Art Hambley**, was claimed by death from a massive heart attack on 29 Jun 92 following their return from an ocean cruise. Her funeral and interment were held on 2 Jul in Muskogee, OK. Sincere sympathy is hereby sent to Art and family from the Cl.

• **Jean**, wife of **Dale Denman**, died on 7 Aug 92 after 4 yrs of suffering. Among Wash area classmates I recall seeing at her Ft Myer mem svc on 13 Aug were **Connell**, the **Coopers, Daniel**, the **Schardts, McAuliffe, Pat O'Donnell** and **Louise Vitullo**. She was laid to rest in Arlington Cem on 13 Aug. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Buck and their handsome family for Jean's gallant fight and loss.

**Roy Marshall** rep that **Bill Graham** had a second heart bypass opn in mid-May and appears to be recovering; **Jeanne** is upbeat about his prospects. To recover from their trip through the eastern Wash wine country, Roy & **Patsy** stopped awhile with **Rod & Beth Lindell** in/near Big Fork, MT. Fishing in the Flathead River, Roy caught an 18–20" Dolly Varden trout! One can understand why the Lindells are hard to pry out of their great log home overlooking Lake Flathead. (I may turn up on his doorstep wunna these days with a .257 Weatherby action to be mounted on a new stock by **Rod**, the "Cl gunsmith." I also would be glad to see **Beth**'s weaving and sample her baking prowess that Roy brags about.)

The **Marshalls** took their first trip to France and Ger to do more ancestor-chasing and found plenty of **Patsy**'s Clapp family, starting at Schloss Klopp at Bingen-am-Rhein. Then on to an Intl Congress of the Brotherhood of Bacchus in Avignon, since Roy's a winemaker in his Portland cellar and a mbr of similar circles of vintners and tasters in the NW.

**Willie Burr** came up to Portland and gave Roy a 3-hr intro to the matter of geneology research, and how to avoid the pitfalls therein. (Help me, too, Willie!) Burr has asked me to acknowledge, on his and AOG's behalf, the essential contributions of **Tommy Moore** and **Al Norton** to the obits of **Bartz** and **McArdle** recently put to press.

We had the annual Cl mtg on 23 Jul 92 at the SecArmy Mess, Pentagon. No fisticuffs, no frauds and no bankruptcies rep, and no cholesterol. Thirty-five attended, the distance prize to **Wally Moulis** from LA. By the way, Mo was the lecturer who presented the historical and mil analysis at the widely-attended re-enactment of the 6 Jun D-Day landings on the shores of Lake Pontchartrain.

It was great to hear from **Al & Joyce McCorkle**, perched on the rim of the Pacific on a little peninsula just N of the mouth of the Columbia River. This is "the end of the road," the spot where Lewis and Clark had their winter camp and turned around to head home. The McCorkles enjoyed having **Bud & Virginia Cabell**, traveling in their luxurious caravan, as recent guests.

**1944:** Joyce & Alfred McCorkle and Bud & Virginia Cabell in Nahcotta, WA, Sep 91

Oh, where is my wandering boy tonight? His last word (17 Jun) from Anchorage, AK: **Bill Miller** had just spent a great wk with **Jack & Millie Irvine**, also balancing on the Pacific rim, who were gracious hosts and fishing guides at and from their cliff-side cabin (eagles in front, moose behind) overlooking Cook Inlet and nearby snow-capped volcanoes. High praise for Millie's cooking, especially seafood, comes from Bill, the guy who is arguably the most avid fisherman in the Cl of '44. "Must rush this to the PO as I leave in the morn for Khabarovsk." That'll check out the flex of AK-Siberian relations!

"In mid-Aug we note, but should celebrate, the 47th anniv of the Japanese surrender and the end of WWII hostilities. **Bill & Mazzie Steger** are in Seattle to join **Bob & Eleanor Sellers** and others in Boeing's commemoration of the 50th anniv of the B-29's entry into the AAF combat force. I count on them to hoist a glass for all of who flew the Super-Fortress as aircrew cmdrs and sometimes brought her home, given her early engine troubles, with 'two a-burnin' and 'two a-turnin,' coming in for a power-off explosion!"

I didn't intend to do this, not even at all. GSOYP,A!

## '45

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At the end of each Apr USMA hosts a centennial celebration of the grad 100 yrs earlier and invites descendants of that graduating Cl to attend. This yr there were two mbrs of '45 present: **Bates Burnell** and **Kenneth Moore**, to represent their grandfathers. Bates's grandfather, COL James Bates Cavanaugh, grad first in the Cl of 1892 and was renowned as an Army engr. Kenneth Moore's grandfather, MAJ James T Moore, was a distinguished infantryman, winning citations for gallantry in action at El Caney, Cuba during the Spanish American War and against hostile Moros in the Battle of Bayan in the Philippines, 2–3 May 1902. This was the second yr in a row for Bates to attend a centennial celebration. Last yr he attended 1891 Day to represent BG James F McIndoe. James P DeSalvo, a mbr of the permanent cmte for Cl centennials, wrote me about these events.

**1945:** Bates Burnell and Kenneth Moore, representing their grandfathers at the Cl of 1892 Centennial, late-Apr 92

On Mem Day **Peggy & John Murphy** placed 34 white carnations on the graves of classmates buried at WP. John observed that the Cl of '42 had a ball at their 50th reunion, and 25–27 Jun was the time for the second annual golf tournament. Playing golf at the event were **Van Cleve, Erickson, Rutledge, Ives** and **Murphy**. **Larry Klima** was there and attended the social events. Cl mbrs didn't win any awards this yr, but all had a lot of fun.

**"DV" Crowe** died in St Paul, MN on 5 Dec 91. We didn't receive word of it until Jul. **Harriet** remains at their home in St Paul. **Joan Jett** died of cancer on 3 Aug. Daughter Jacquelyn wrote that her father **Dick** is managing pretty well and is particularly grateful for good friends. Mem contributions may be made to the American Cancer Soc, Box 327, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. We all extend our sympathy to the families and friends of these mbrs of our Cl family.

**Big Jim Morris** rep some Cl news and also enclosed a ltr he'd received from *another* Jim Morris—**JDM Morris**, who is building an amphibious airplane. JDM enclosed a pic of him & **Moira** during an outing in summer 91 near Hart's Pass in WA. When Moira passes the nurse-practitioner exam, they plan to work as a flying med mission.

**1945:** JDM & Moira Morris in WA state, summer 91

**Big Jim** phoned **Little Jim** one eve. They had a great chat reminiscing and recalled the days when they were both at Sully's prep sch. Another old Sully classmate, **Put Monroe**, visited in May, and he was looking good. Big Jim says he's really upset about the congressional action that denies Regular commissions to svc acad grads until after they have been commissioned for a time. Most of us agree that this is the wrong way to go.

The Cl Bd of Govrs has approved having a 50-yr book. In addition, **Al Neville** and his



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**1945:** Put Monroe visiting Big Jim Morris in Columbus, GA, May 92

cmte are working on a loose-leaf book with biographies of each classmate from the time of entry as a cadet 'til death. **Jim Elkey** wrote that, as of 1 Aug, the Cl has received pledges for the 50th Reunion memorial totaling about $366,000. A good start, but we all need to participate if we're to meet our goal.

**Larry Jones** wrote that **Gerda** & he bought a house on a golf course in Sarasota. They plan to move there in Nov. Rationale: Larry's lived off his golf winnings playing with **Tom Curtis** over the yrs. There's been a significant drop in Larry's living standard since Tom moved, so the only thing to do is to move closer to the Curtis money tree—certainly better than to keep sending a taxi for him to bring money north.

**1945:** Larry & Gerda Jones

Here's a roundup of news that **Orv Post** sent me. **Fran** & Orv attended her 50th Americus, GA HS reunion in May and visited with **Steve & Grace Pace**, who were there for the event. Steve has recovered from a life-threatening fall he suffered a few yrs back. They live in Perry, GA. **Nelle (Preston)** Stevens & her new husband Cliff are spending the hot months at a ME summer place that he owns. **Jack & Annis Bowen** invited the Posts to visit at their south-central TX ranch on the 4th of Jul. They had a delightful time watching a traditional small-town 4th parade, eating real TX barbeque, swimming in the Bowens' ranch house pool and riding their spread in his truck. Jack keeps horses, cattle and pond fish and has one oil well on his place. Since ret from Transco, Jack & Annis are almost as busy as ever. Travels have taken one or both of them to Africa, Europe and around the US on Natl Energy Assoc business this yr. They relax at their places in Durango, Galveston or their ranch and still make the annual trek to Martha's Vineyard. Home base is the Houston high-rise apartment. Jack still maintains his deft touch with the paint brush.

**1945:** Fran Post and Grace & Steve Pace at Americus, GA 50th HS reunion

**1945:** Orv Post and Annis & Jack Bowen at the Bowen Ranch on the 4th of Jul

**1945:** Nelle (Preston) & Cliff Stevens

In Jun **Mary Jane** & I were visiting our daughter and family just north of Carlisle. We got together with **Pet & Wag Wagonhurst** for lunch and delightful conversation one day. **Rocky Tierno** is recovering from his second knee-cap replacement and is now home walking with a cane. It appears to be much more successful than the first opn. **Joe McCarthy** is busy with **Nancy**'s & his home. Now officially ret (for the second time), they plan a trip to Europe this fall. Wag says it reminds him how time is passing when his son Jeff, CO of the 199th Engr Gp, Ft lewis, recently met and compared notes with Ski Saxby, opns off of an Inf bn at Ft Lewis. Both had fun remembering when their paths had crossed at Ft Leavenworth, Heidelberg and the DC area during growing-up days. **Frank & Zella Smith** are sched to be on the *QE II* in Sep. The voyage is from NYC to Nova Scotia and other Canadian ports of interest.

**Hugh Parker** saw **John Sherwood** in early summer. Although John is physically ok, the effects of Alzheimer's are evident. John is at the Grace-Jefferson Home, 115 N Jefferson, Richmond VA 23220. The phone nos are (804) 648-1611 and (800) 736-9701. John's son, also named John, lives in Richmond and can be reached at (804) 360-3335. Visitors are welcome at the Home, but there is some question whether John will recognize you. Hugh also mentioned that **Ted Halligan** has cancer of the mouth but is still working.

**Tom Schwinn** wrote that he had chatted on the phone with **Duncan Gault** recently. They enjoyed talking about those yrs long ago when they were cadets. They also talked about the plan for '45's 50th Reunion memorial at WP and concluded that the cmte had performed an outstanding svc to the Cl in developing an exemplary gift plan.

**Don Henderson** writes that, after 7300 mi and 6 wks on the road, they returned to Sierra Vista in late Jul to find all kinds of tasks that needed to be done. On their trip they had a fine visit with **Joe Hadzima** in St Louis. Don reminds all of us that the big need for mem articles now is for ea of us to write his own and get it in. Get with it, guys!

In May the **Pattersons** and the **Seegers** spent 12 wonderful days on a trip to Ireland. The cliffs of Moher were under rain and fog, but Galway, Donegal, Dublin, Waterford, the ring of Kerry and the Blarney Castle where **Pat** kissed the famous stone were green, sunny and covered with spring flowers.

**1945:** Pat & Liz Patterson and Betty & Chuck Seeger at the Cathernane Hotel, Killarney, Ireland

**Arch Arnold** told me about news from the western end of the A-1 reunion. **Nancy Jarrell** came from Cookeville, TN (**Bill** doesn't travel anymore); **George Jackson** *sans* **Cheli** (she was entertaining grandkids) from Evergreen, CO; and the **Dexters** from Albuquerque. They christened the guest rooms at **Prudence**'s & Arch's home, did the grand tour of the mtns in the area, took care of various tasks around the ranch and had **Bob Zeidner** join them for dinner one night (**Christine** was on sick call). There was a lot of good conversation during these several days, and Arch said he got in a good bit of listening.

More recently, **Arch** and **George Troxell** played in the Salt Lake City CC mbr-guest golf tournament while **Prudence** and **Nancy** played out-of-town. The Troxells are summering in Burnsville, NC.

**Rut Rutledge** died on Sun, 9 Aug. He had been an engr for the Intl Salt Co for 30 yrs until his ret in 90. Burial was in Chatham near his home in Summit, NJ. Our sympathy goes out to **Lois** and his family and many friends.

When you read this it will be time to think about the coming Christmas season. My wish for ea one of you is for a happy holiday season



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**1945:** Jun 92 at the Arnolds' new ranch house: (Back row) Geo Jackson, Arch Arnold, Geo Dexter, Bob Zeidner; (front) Katy Dexter, Prudence Arnold and Nancy Jarrell

together with family and friends. We are all blessed to be mbrs of the Cl of '45 family. Before Christmas, Beat Navy!

# '46

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(191) By now you all are aware of the numerous Cl obits in the "Be Thou at Peace" col of the various issues of *ASSEMBLY* authored by the "'46 Mem Article Project" with the help of family mbrs, etc. We certainly have to thank **Jack McWhorter** for the tremendous effort he has put forth to accomplish this herculean task. Of course, his job is not over. There are articles in the hands of the eds waiting to be published. Jack again would point out the need for ea of us to fill out his contingency outline to help when our own turn comes. So get it in the mail to him, or if lost, write him for a new copy. Incidently, his efforts on the Cl History Book have delayed some action on some obits, but he is getting back on them now.

I received the summer 92 issue of *Bugle Call* published by Army Distaff Foundation (**Cal Benedict**, Ex-Dir), which noted that Mrs **Hal E Hallgren** was elected as a new bd mbr. Our congrats to Chris; Distaff House is certainly a very comforting atmosphere for their residents.

Necrology: We have been advised, by **Minor Lee Kelso**, his roommate, that **Gordon Jacobsen** died in Sarasota, FL on 14 Jun 92. **Roland Kline**, the other roommate, along with Kelso, attended a mem svc. Gordon's ashes were put into the waters of the Caribbean. Gordon's wife **Eleanor** is in Sarasota; they had recently moved from Palo Alto, CA. As noted in Mar 92 *ASSEMBLY*'s Last Roll Call, **John W. Gillespie** passed away on 2 Oct 87 in Aberdeen, MD. To **Eleanor** and to John's family, we wish to extend the heartfelt sympathies of the Cl.

The first photo in the Jul 92 issue ref to **Clint Friend** as "a friend." I apologize to Clint, and have done so by phone. The person behind Clint is Joyce Brewster, his "drag" for the reunion. COL WE Showalter, '39 scribe, mailed a note to tell us that **Steve & Mary Clare Edwards'** son John was recently promoted to CPT in the AF. You might read Showalter's col to get more details. Steve's brother John C (Curly) is Cl of '39. Steve had mailed to me, via **Dick Beckner**, an article from *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* regarding **Carsh & Marilyn Carlisle**. The article was under "Your Home" and is entitled "A garden that will shrink your water bill." The Carlisles have "Xeriscaped" their FL garden to save water, and they expect to recoup the cost in less than two yrs. If you want more info, check with Carsh in Clearwater.

**1946:** C-1 at the 45th Reunion

The C-1 45th Reunion photo shows **John Wiss** (who mailed photo), **George Silides, Jack Whitener, Del Barth, Ben Bellis, Bob Williams, Bob Allen, Bob Strudwick, Jim Loome** and **Ed Houseworth**. It shows most of the C-1 attendees at the reunion.

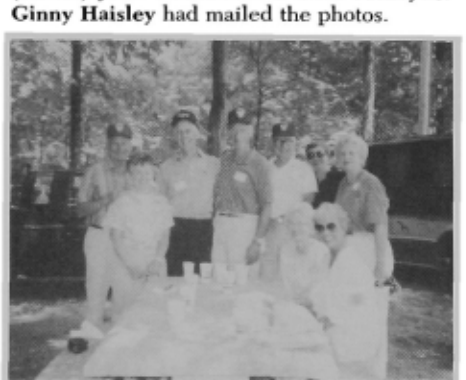
Yet another FD photo, this of **Ralph & Jane LaRock** along with **Harry & Marie Smyth** (who mailed photo). They are the only classmates in the Beaufort, SC area, and, like many others there, the LaRocks go north for the summer. Harry did mention a visit by **Dee & Anne Burnham** last May while the Burnhams were in nearby Hilton Head.

**1946:** Founders Day 92, SC

Several mbrs of the Cl, along with wives, attended the annual reunion of the 11th ABN Div at Ft Campbell. The men had served in the Div Arty as jr offs from shortly after grad until after the Korean War, in some cases. The photo of men only includes **Fred Alderson, Charley Hall, Phil Haisley, Tom McBryde** and **Ben Brown**.

The other photo shows **Charley & Lolita Hall, "Stumpy" Williams, Fred Alderson, Fos & Charlotte Cowey, Barbara Alderson** and (seated) **Joan Williams** and **Babs McBryde**. **Ginny Haisley** had mailed the photos.

**1946:** 11th Airborne Div reunion



**1946:** 11th Airborne Div reunion

On 7 Sep 91 Carole **Friend**, **Clint**'s daughter, married Joseph Gibbs. Classmates who attended the wedding and reception are shown in the photo and include **PJ O'Connor** (who mailed same), **Smiley Ashton, Friend, Don Watson, Bernie Pankowski** and **Ed Houseworth**. On 27 Jun 92 another wedding, this of **Don Watson & Laura Jones**, with reception in Chantilly, Va. In gp photo are Ashton, Friend, **Ming Ashton, Joyce Brewster** (Clint's date), **Margaret Hamilton** (Pat's date) and **O'Connor**. The other photo shows Don and Laura preparing for the toast. Friend mailed these.



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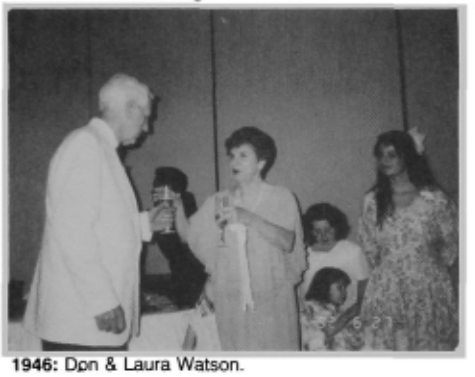
**1946:** Friend wedding

**1946:** Watson wedding



**1946:** Don & Laura Watson.

## '47

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This *ASSEMBLY* col written in Aug will be received by you well after the occurrence of our 45th, in early Sep. . . so the 45th story will be in the next issue.

Most of what I write now you will hear about at Reunion. However, for historical purposes and for those who were not able to attend the 45th, I relate the important info here.

**Lannie & Jack Dunham** (Roswell, NM) rep in Jul that **Ann Force**, wife of **Stu** Force, passed away on 20 Jun at John's Isl, SC after a valiant struggle of 16 yrs with emphysema. Stu says that all of the kids and grandchildren were able to spend the last wk of Ann's life with her on the Isl. Ann & Stu were at the **Dunham** wedding on 28 Jun 47. (Ann and Lannie both grad from Davidson U in '45). And so Stu, as an usher, and Ann, as a bridesmaid, later were married themselves. The Cl sends deepest sympathy to Stu and to all family mbrs. The Dunhams intend to head north to Canada as part of their trip back for the 45th.

Received great input from **Mike Dunham** (Mt Pleasant, SC), which was a "living obit." I commend Mike for being one of the first to submit this very complete, informative sheet. Mike ret from the USAF in 75. Even now, with two artificial steel hips, he wins golf championships (6x local Senior Champ). More later on Mike.

**Ann Heisser** (Knoxville, TN) informed me in Jul that she has submitted an obit for **George** to AOG. It will be published in Mar 93 and, as Ann says (and I thank her), "it is one less thing that someone else will have to do."

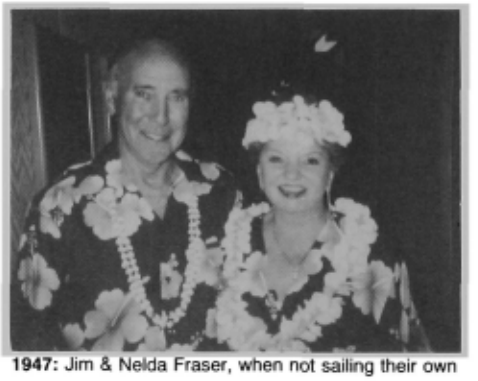
**Pat & Doc Haskin** are complaining about El Paso's 100+ degree heat this summer. Doc and Ashby Foote '48 joined father **Bill** in observing son George Webb change over his bn at Bliss.

**1947:** Doc Haskin, Ashby Foote '48 and Bill Webb at Ft Bliss, TX

*Two '47's are more handsome than one '48.* The preceding statement is made in the same spirit of competitiveness estab by Bob Ward, '48 scribe, in a recent ltr to me. . . . Pat described an interesting "small world" encounter to me. Out in CA, at a grad party for Heather (Kathy's granddaughter) Haskin, they met Jack Blackwell, a "ham" friend and neighbor of mine for the last 22 yrs. Granddaughters are great friends. CPT Blackwell, in 52 in Wash, DC, assigned me to grad schooling at NYU.

The **Burners** indicate that fall might come to MI and the surrounding area sooner than usual because they are receiving freezing temps during Jul! **June** & I are calling each other Jane/Tarzan, after "my" misnomer in last issue. . . . Presumably, **Barb Boerger** hasn't settled down someplace yet. She was in Ann Arbor (to see Tricia and family) in Jun and was entertained by the **Beuhlers** and **Burners**.

The rumor has it that **Muriel Webb**, on her birthday (59?) recently, cooked a gigantic dinner for a large gp! Muriel, I want a chocolate cake baked on my birthday! I had pleasant talks with **Jean Burner** and **Lee & George Lynn** recently. All well, except for George, who is still suffering intestinal problems after a trip to the Galapagos Isls.



**1947:** Jim & Nelda Fraser, when not sailing their own

In early summer, **Nelda & Jim Fraser** completed a great trip to HI. It is unknown if they sailed their "ship" there and back; but upon arrival there, they did board the *Constitution* for a 7-day cruise of the Isls. Apparently, **Meade Wildrick** was able to entertain them at his Outrigger Canoe Club. . . . In correspondence re the 45th that **Bob Rosen** passed to me, **Al Van Petten** (now in Escondido, CA) rep a cadet story: "*An instructor asked a question and then called for an answer from 'William Carpenter.' William A Carpenter stood up and asked 'Is that William S Carpenter, sir?' The instructor said 'yes,' and William A Carpenter said, pointing, 'That's him over there, sir' and sat down.*" Al is now blind from glaucoma.

**1947:** Nelda & Jim Fraser with Meade Wildrick in HI

*Follow-up from last time:* **Barbara & John Gerrity** were married in Trinity Methodist Church in Alexandria, VA.

**1947:** John & Barbara Gerrity, newlyweds

**Mary Burton** called us on 9 Jul to rep the sad news that **Don** had suffered a massive stroke 3 days before and had died the previous eve in a San Ant hosp. A memorial (remembrance) svc was conducted at the Fair Oak Ranch CC several days later, which, I believe, **Virginia & Jake Jacobson** (from Corpus Christi) attended. Don was cremated and will be interred at WP. Mary & Don were in attendance for our (**Bobbi**'s & my) wedding in Osaka in 49. We spoke of old times in Japan; the Salvation Army royally provided for Mary (during the Korean War and Don's combat wound). Mem donations may be made to the Salvation Army, San Ant branch. Mary's new #: (512) 981-4639. Our hearts go out to Mary, their daughters and family. Take care. Vote "right."

## '48

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A 21 May ltr from MG AJ Adams '31, Secy, the American Battle Monuments Commission



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(ABMC), expressed appreciation for the Cl contribution of $3,000 to the Korean War Vets Mem Fund. Everybody take a bow, 'cause all of you contributed. The passing of our check to ABMC Chairman PX Kelly was ably accomplished by **Bill Smith**, under the watchful eye of Prexy **Patch**, with ceremony coordinator **Don Packard** taking pix and rep to the scribe.

**1948:** Patch, Smith, PX Kelly and Adams

Travel rep of interest was **Paul & Marie Weaver**'s, with two daughters and a son-in-law in tow, to Egypt and Greece. Paul issues a Cl alert that Nile cruise ships usually empty their waste into the river, from which they draw water for cooking, after only one pass through the chlorine. Paul has now recovered from meals aboard; talk about Montezuma's revenge—try Tutankhamen's.

**1948:** Marie & Paul Weaver at 50th HS Reunion

About the same time, as the sun rose over the Bosporus, **Sid & Anne Berry** visited Robert College, where Anne's father taught in 21–25 and spent his first yr of marriage with Anne's French mother. On that trip Sid & Anne also did Izmir, Smyrna, Troy and Gallipoli. If you're headed for Turkey, call Sid for tour instructions. Back home, they had a small family mini at Ann Arbor, celebrating son Bryan's PhD in English before his first teaching job at U of CA, Davis. At last count, Sid & Ann have 11 grandchildren.

Still one of the greatest trips of the past yr was the one so many of you made to Naples, FL for the mini. As promised, here are more shots of attendees.

All who participated in **Macklin**'s tape for **Buck Borg** a yr ago and all who sent cards and dropped by to cheer Buck up in a time of real need can now take a bow. Buck asked that I extend his deep appreciation to all who expressed their concern and good wishes.

**1948:** Jim Dingeman between Wally & Nancy Williams at the Naples mini

**1948:** The Youngs and Nancy Pater at the Naples mini

**1948:** The Whitfields at the Naples mini

**1948:** The Caldwells at the Naples mini

**1948:** Jean Doody and the Taylors at the Naples mini

**1948:** The Wursters and Crosbys at the Naples mini

The *Wash Post* never ceases to provide interest to those of us in DC. At the end of Jun a *Post* rep wrote a bio-type article recognizing GEN Jack Galvin's retirement in which he mentioned an incident in Nam, with a less than flattering reference to our own **Stub Clarke**. Most of us who know Stub reacted in amazement, since the description of actions was not the Stub we knew. The next day, after Galvin's staff straightened out the rep, a correction was printed in the *Post*; although Stub was Galvin's bde cmdr, Galvin's bn was attached to another bde when the described incident between Galvin and a bde cmdr occurred. For those who saw the article but not the correction, fear not: Stub Clarke was not the cmdr to whom Galvin referred in his interview.

**1948:** Bob & Greta Mathis at the Naples mini

Speaking of corrections, your scribe had his hand called by **Phil Whitney**, in a call from Honolulu. Would you believe 5 '48'ers from Western HS? Well, Phil objected to the omission of his name from my list rep that great (unusual?) HS Cl two cols (and 50 yrs) ago. Apologies, Phil. I hadn't thought of that as a technique to hear from you guys, but it just might work—a few carefully planned rep errors to get reactions. Phil rep infrequent sightings of **Alfonso** and **Dildy**, our other HI residents, which may not increase in the busy



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**1948:** The Sunders and Van Arsdalls at the Naples mini

days ahead as Phil & **Carolyn** prepare for daughter Laura's wedding in HI in mid-winter.

**Walt Plummer** helped with nuptial info by sending a *New York Times* clip rep **Dick Cudahy**'s daughter Tia's marriage 8 Aug to Philip Deutch. Tia will be a law clerk in the Fed Dist Court in Baltimore while the groom continues as an associate with Williams and Connolly.

With heavy heart, I rep the passing of **Jay Brill** on 24 Jul at Andrews AFB Hosp. Many of the Cl gathered on 31 Jul at Arlington for svcs and interment. The Cl joins in condolences to **Kay** and the children.

Sadly, on 11 Aug, also at Andrews, **Jim Allen** was taken from us after a battle with cancer. Again, classmates gathered at Ft Myer for svcs and interment in Arlington. We extend to **Kitty** and the children our deepest sympathy.

# '49

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**Frances Betts** died of cancer on 28 Jun at the Hershey Med Ctr in Carlisle, PA. Fran was a golfer and had won several tournaments as she & **Craig** moved to various Army posts. She was active in community affairs and was a volunteer at the Cumberland County nursing home. Some of her many friends, including several '49'ers & wives, filled the local United Methodist Church for her mem svc. She & Craig have two children, a daughter in Medina, OH and a son in Carlisle.

**1949:** Two of these fellows were mil pilots

*In the first photo, taken 14 Jul, are two* former mil pilots brought together by the ground-breaking ceremony for the Korean War Vets Mem in Wash. You will recognize former AF pilot **Bob Ennis** on the right, of course. Too bad the pic is not in color, as Bob is wearing a screaming red jacket, the "colors" of his old outfit, the 13th Bomb Sqdn. And two files to his right, you will recognize former Navy pilot, the cmdr-in-chief, George HW Bush. *Two other former sqd mbrs are* shown. On the left is Crew Chief Dick Buchholz, and next to Bob is Navigator Perry Palmer. Bob shook hands and spoke briefly with the Pres. **Wren** was watching all this from the VIP section. Watching also were **Clay & Marjorie Moran**, the Joint Chiefs, and some 5,000 others. Clay, who continues to be our only classmate on active duty, was there representing the Battle Monuments Commission.

From Heidelberg, Ger comes news that **Bernie Greenbaum** was awarded the Army's Outstanding Civ Svc Medal in a surprise ceremony on 21 May. He was recognized for 11 yrs as pres of the USAREUR Retiree Council and 8 yrs as USAREUR rep to the C/S, Army Retiree Council. Bernie's citation had such words as "motivator" and "focal point throughout Europe" for Army-retiree relationships. Bernie says he didn't know anyone had been noticing such unpaid activities, and that it was moving to learn otherwise. He adds that, as a result of the Armed Forces TV Network coverage, he received calls and ltrs of congratulation from lots of folks all over Europe. Way to go, Bernie!

**1949:** At the DC Founders Day 92 dinner

*In the second pic are 4 '49'er couples who* attended the FD bash in DC in Mar: **Wren & Bob Ennis, Mary Jane & Dave Bolte, Cay & Ted Swett** and **Elaine & Wayne Norby**. The Norbys' youngest child (of 3), son Jim, was married on 8 Aug in Vienna, VA. Father and elder brother were best men.

**Bruce & Mary Alice Carswell** were in CO Spr in Jul to visit their son, a 2LT with the 3–29th Arty. After basic, OCS, abn, ranger and arty training, LT Carswell loves Army life. Bruce called **Jack Madison**, who was away climbing a mtn. **Arden** said this is, for him, the 48th of 54 peaks in CO that are above 14,000 ft. Bruce says he's glad people in our Cl can still do things like that. He also tried to call **Bill Moore**, who was away on a family vacation. The Carswells did get in touch with **John & Marguerite Yepsen** on their last day there. Bruce and John had been in the same cos for 4 yrs at WP and last saw each other at Ft Riley in 49. In their "catching up" conversation, Bruce asked John where he got his nickname "Nifty." Best guess: from **Dick Toth**. Dick, any comment?

**Bob Noce** confirmed in a ltr the news from **George Hoffmaster**, *rep in the Jul ASSEMBLY*. Bob's drs thought for about a wk in Feb that he was a goner for sure from peritonitis. He writes, "Later they concluded I'm just a tough old soldier." He got out of the hosp at 160 lbs and is now back to 185 lbs—his weight at grad. He went back to work, then ret and now is a part-time consultant. He feels great and says his only problem is that his artificial heart valve sets off the security alarm at the Detroit airport. Bob adds that **Joe Yeats** will ret from General Dynamics Land Systems Div at the end of Jul.

**Jack Rust** sent a clip from the 14 Jun *Albuquerque Journal* featuring a photo of **Frank Wolak** playing tennis in the Senior Olympics. He won a silver medal at the natls in Syracuse, NY last yr. Frank, at 67, says his opponents "keep retiring, so I have to play younger and younger people." Some opponents have had triple bypasses, but Frank says he has stopped feeling sorry for them; they love to run for an hour and a half. Serious mtn climbing, serious tennis. . . what else out there?

**Tom Crawford** writes from Littleton, CO that he is very active in a Korean War vets group, The "MOSQUITO" Assoc. He's been coordinating with the Korean War X-POW's Assoc for info on his unit's MIA/KIA/POWs. Through this connection he learned that x-'49'er **George P Shedd**, 1LT, 3rd Inf Div, was a POW from 3 Dec 50–26 Aug 53. George now lives at 4120 Ursuline Drive, Mobile, AL 36608. An accompanying info sheet indicates that the Mosquitos were a true UN opn. Personnel from 17 nations were assigned to the 6417 Tac Control gp, Fifth Air Force. A reunion was scheduled for Sep 92 in Sacramento, CA.

**Kirby & Anne Lamar** attended the USMA 92 Awards Convocation on 29 May, held in the Eisenhower Hall theater. Kirby presented the award for excellence in electrical engring. This award, estab in 48, is a Seth Thomas clock, in memory of BG Boyd Wheeler Bartlett. Also presented was the BG **Richard J Tallman** Memorial Award, established in 73. It is a Cross Saber, in the name of Mrs **Evelyn** Tallman, to the cadet with the 4th highest Cl standing.

**Paul Murray** called in mid-Jul to say he was out of the hosp after multiple-bypass heart surgery. He wasn't feeling too well when he called. A later follow-up inquiry to one of his *children rep he was doing well.*

On 20–21 Jul, Chm **George Sylvester** and 6 other mbrs of the 50th Gift Cmte (**John Costa, Harry Griffith, Jack Hammack, Bob Kemble, Duane Smith** and your scribe) met at WP with the Supe and (separately) with the Dean. The objective was to discuss the cmte's ideas for future gift(s) to USMA to mark our 50th anniv of grad. The mtgs went well. Several gift ideas were agreed upon. George Sylvester will inform the Cl by ltr and seek Cl input before a final determination is made.

**John Costa**, using his fluency in Russian, is working several days/mo for the CIA in NYC, interviewing immigrants from the former Soviet Union. John notes that when meeting someone in the US, an early question often is, "What do you do?" But in the former Soviet Union, that was not a question one asked. His job is to get them to "open up." John drove your scribe to Camp Buckner to view the current layout. It's 7.5 mi to Buckner from the flagpole on Trophy Point. John knows because he used to run it—round trip. Part of his marathon training.

**Bob Leisy** called to give the dates for the 93 mini-reunion at Lake Tahoe. It will be 15–19 Sep. Mark your calendars now. Bob & **Betty Jo** have been inspecting the better hotels at the south end of the lake and negotiating prices. He estimates about 180 people will attend. When details are firm, Bob will issue an all-hands ltr for your info.

The AOG rep it has incorrect addresses or



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no addresses for the following classmates: **Thomas H Burt, Robert R Garrett, Robert H Gess, Robert W Howell, John E Ryan** and **James D Prescott**. Please let the scribe know if you have the proper address for any of the missing.

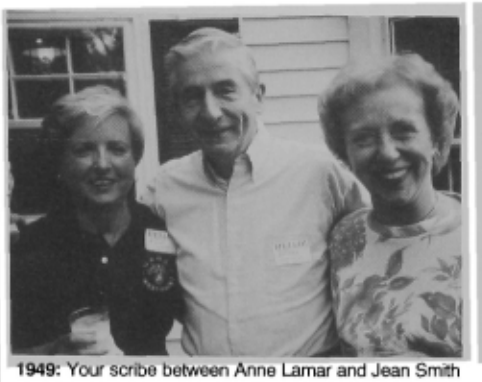
**1949:** Ed Howard, hostess & host Lois & Dick Bowman and Dave Bolte

**1949:** Eunice & Ed Yellman and Larry Ogden

**1949:** Tom Bamford, Mary Lee Bolte and Sue Pfeiffer

**1949:** Gene (Rocky) Marder and Bill & Flo Huber

**Bob Pfeiffer** writes that daughter Sally Fuchs gave birth on 13 Jun to her first child, Liam. That's grandchild #10 for Bob & **Sue**. Bob sent several pix of the 13 Jun '49'er gathering at the home of **Dick & Lois Bowman** in Alexandria, VA. There's room for a few of them in this issue.



**1949:** Your scribe between Anne Lamar and Jean Smith

The last one shows your scribe living life to the fullest—a beverage in one hand and lovely ladies in both arms—I'm thinking of using it for my obit photo.

## '50

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After the last col went to bed, **Eddie Ramos** was inaugurated as Pres of the Philippines. *Time* carried a full pg on his prospects in the 15 Jun issue. Eddie, as he is very good at doing, sent a nice response to our fax of congrats.

Also in the last col I mentioned the D-1 get-together. Both **Tom** and **Otto** since have sent a pic of the gp; attendees incl (standing) **Vern Gatley, Bob & Jan Ruckman, Ruthie Keller, Marge Gatley, Stan & Ann Stanton, Dick Keller, Bob & Janet Gard, George Cannon, Bob & Sue Weber** and **Arch & Jeanne Wood**. Sitting are **Hannah & George Bell, Trudy & Karl Kuckhahn, Tom & Sue Fife, Hank & Bertie Gilbert** and **Clark Duncan**.

When you get this, the San Ant mini-reunion will be history, but it should have been great fun. Now it is on to FL in 93. The gp down there has been hard at planning the affair. You can see how hard from the pic of a gp that checked out one of the cruise ships under consideration for part of the reunion. In front row are **Elaine Dixon, Marilyn & Ken Moll** and **Tom & Jinny Loper**. In the rear are **Malvene & Ben Lewis, Lou Dixon, Ed & Marcie West** and **Bruce & Barbara Petree**.

**1950:** Planning next yr's mini

Of course, that was not the only gp of travelers around. In May **Bill & Sue Davis** joined **Dunc & Patti Joy** for a trip to Bermuda for a change from the DC area.

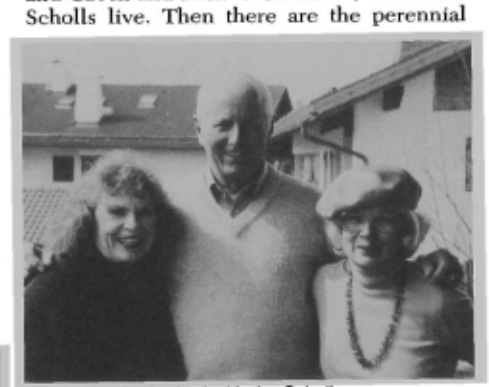
The month before **Drew & Kay Rutherford** took an extensive tour of Europe, visiting Ger, Czech, France and England. Though they ran into cold, rainy, windy, even snowy weather, they had quite a time visiting old friends rather than looking at castles. In England they drove

**1950:** The Davises and Joys in Bermuda

down to North Chard to see **Bill & Alfreda Knapp** in their fabulous Georgian-era home.

**1950:** Bill Knapp and Drew Rutherford

Earlier **Al & Nari Scholl** joined them in Wiesbaden for the drive through eastern Ger and Czech and back to Garmisch, where the Scholls live. Then there are the perennial



**1950:** Kay Rutherford with the Scholls

travelers, **Mel Johnsrud** and his brother Sherman. In Jun they went to a reunion of Mel's WWII regt, which included a cruise to the Bahamas. While in FL they saw Ben & Malvene Lewis. In Jul it was off to Phoenix and then back for a stay at Nags Head with **Jim & June Irons** before heading off to St Thomas and Cancun, Mexico.

**Macon Fooshe** took a great trip through the West this summer with her two young people. Daughter Ann Carter got her master's degree in educ from Univ SC in May and is now adviser for Student Activities at the Univ TN. Son Cabell has his bachelor's degree in poli sci from Hampden-Sydney and is now a project asst at the Wylie, Rein & Fielding law ofc in DC.

Not everyone took such long trips. Some of us met at **Marge Ritter**'s place in Arlington, VA and even took a pic: here's **Lou Genuario, Seymour Fishbein,** your scribe, **Jere Sharp** and **Sandy Oliver**. The others must have been too busy eating all that good food to get in the shot.

The lovely pic of **Jack & Gen Hendry** was



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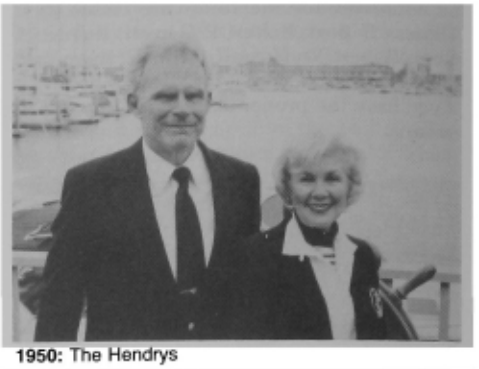
**1950:** The D-1 reunion in Vegas



**1950:** The Hendrys

**1950:** Austin promotion

**1950:** A get-together in VA

taken at the San Diego Yacht Club for the presentation of the America's Cup.

He rep that **Bill Stewart** ret and that he & **Donna** are moving back to Spokane, WA, where they started out 40 yrs ago.

Also moving: **Paul & Carolyn McDaniel** to 7331 East Rose Ln, Scottsdale, AZ 85250; **John & Ann Wickham** to 13950 N Fawnbrook Dr, Tuscon, AZ 85737; and **Carl & Dottie Stone** to 3825 Shenandoah Pl NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111.

A few notes on families: **Tom Austin** sent a pic of son Tom IV '75 being promoted to LTC by his wife Cheri and MG Redden, Com of USAFA. That crowd is **Bill & Ann Read** with their 3 children and 8 grandchildren at their daughter Ann's home in Indianapolis, where husband Andy Weber is with Eli Lilly. Daughter Ginger & Gerry Hopkins '75 are moving to NYC, where Gerry will be PMS&T at St Johns. Daughter Sallie & Hunter Fordice live in Vicksburg, TN, where Hunter runs the family construction business. Bill, by the way, is still with Walk, Haydel and Assoc in New Orleans, while Mary Ann continues vol work and is pres of the United Methodist Women this year.

Just got a phone call from **Andy & Fran Pick**, announcing that their daughter Betsy & Dan Clark had a son, Edward James, on 1 Aug in Hampton, VA. He weighed 9 lbs, 2 oz and joins Cary Frances Clark as the Picks' second grandchild.

That's all for this col. Good chance to get a lot of pix in, since there was not the usual amount of news. Keep sending the info along. Here's to San Ant!

**1950:** The Read clan

## '51

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Cl Activities: **Pat & Godfrey Crowe** again hosted DC area classmates for dinner on 4 Jul. A great time was had by all. Many thanks, Pat & Godfrey.

The mini ski reunion at Steamboat Spr, CO will be 8–14 Feb 93. For details contact **George Stannard** at (703) 659-2280.

Regional Spotlight: The Northeast. Reps are **Pete Foss, All Lichtenberg, Ron Roberge** and **Tom Odderstol**. Dep reps are **Tony Delano, Chuck Satuloff, Sandy Cortner** and **Derrick Samuelson**.

**Ron Roberge** rep **Sandy Cortner** ret from PA Emergency Mgt Agency and has turned his attention to improving his golf game. This spring Sandy & **Nancy** celebrated 20 yrs of marriage with a cruise through the Panama Canal. **D'Arcy Charney** is working with son Doug on the accounts Ted and Doug handled at Dean Witter Reynolds. Doug and daughter Christine are both Natl Guard CPTs. D'Arcy



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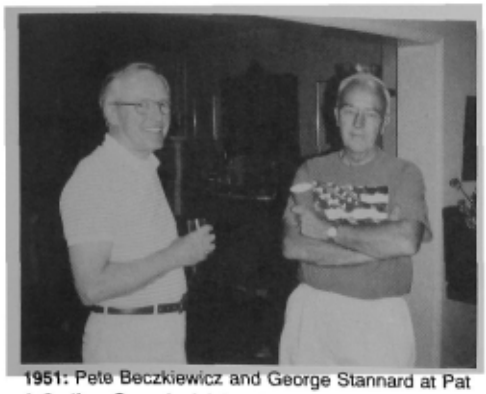


1951: Pete Beczkiewicz and George Stannard at Pat & Godfrey Crowe's Jul 4 party

1951: Pat Crowe takes a call during their Jul 4 party

1951: Dick Ryan and Ralph Auer with Helene and Mary Ann at CO Mini last fall. It was the first time the roommates had seen ea other since grad

is very active in local civic and club activities and is a freelance rep. In Oct she was scheduled to visit Japan. **John Gardiner** ret from AMP 3 yrs ago after 25 yrs in their publications dept. Now he spends 3 hrs a day on his computer, two hrs walking, two hrs napping and the remainder on yard work. He & **Chris** have two kids home from coll and job hunting. Chris is still a part-time secretary at the Milton Hershey Sch. In Jun **Howie Snyder** hung it up from teaching at Valley Forge Mil Acad. He & **Gloria** now live in Collegeville, PA, 13 mi from Valley Forge, where they had qtrs on post.

**Frank Hodgkins** gets up early, goes to bed early and plays the stock mkt in between. He fulfills his civic responsibility by serving on the local Salvation Army advisory bd. **Frank Fischl** ret from PA PUC in May after 7 yrs. Since **Anne** still runs her interior design/ofc layout business, Frank gets to do the grocery shopping and house work, but it doesn't keep him off the golf course. In Mar Frank flew space A to Frankfurt, Ger and Mildenhall, GB but could not get to Sicily. He was bumped by dependent students.

**Bruno Giordano** is now the proud owner of a racehorse—a first and second at Pimilico so far, with plans for future races at Laurel. For

1951: Jim & Judy Guyer in the Keys before sailing to the Bahamas

you horse players, sorry I don't have the horse's name. I'll try to get it for the next *ASSEMBLY*. Bruno still works, and, between working and the track, he & **Susan** enjoy second grandchild Caitlyn Alexandria, born in early Dec 91.

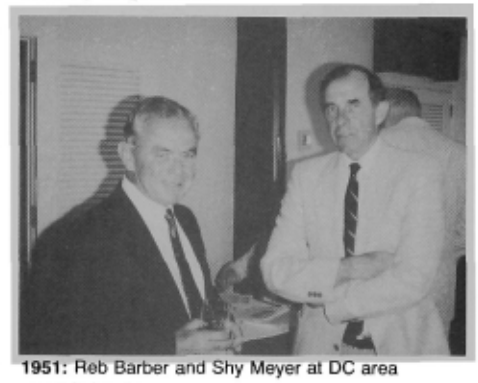
1951: Ron & Scotty Roberge in Limburg, GE

**Ron & Scotty Roberge** visited daughter Cathy in Bonn, Ger last Apr. She is an Army CPT assigned to the TACOM Ln Ofc. Ron & Scotty also visited Holland and Luxembourg and took a 10-day trip to Berlin, Warsaw and Prague; they did a lot of walking in each city. Ron has been appointed to the Carlisle, PA Regional Sewer Authority and is active in the Rotary Intl Youth Exchange Program. Ron & Scotty play a lot of golf and some tennis, and when Ron is not involved in all of these activities he can be found swimming laps in the pool or working out on Nautilus. Ron says he hasn't done a lick of consulting work since Aug 91 and likes it that way.

1951: Clyde Cocke, Rita Henderson and Dan Barnes in Southhampton, Long Isl

**Clyde Cocke** rep that he & **Rita** were visited by **Dan Barnes** last Jun in Southhampton, Long Isl, NY. Clyde is dividing his time between NY and Roanoke, VA, his original home. In May Clyde and Glenn Davis '47 ("Mr. Outside") were on the team that placed second in the Heisman Football Award 4th Annual Golf Tournament at Hilton Head, SC.

**Derrick Samuelson** rep from Smoke Rise, NJ that **Tom Odderstol** ret in Jun, but **Barbara** still has two more yrs of teaching until ret. Then they will start looking for a ret home. Last Jan Tom & Barbara welcomed a new grandson, Jimmy. Derrick also rep that **Joan Anderson**, who has earned a master's degree, is teaching math at Rahway HS. **George & Joan Filchak** now have 9 grandchildren. George is still working in construction. **Peggy McIntosh** has a new grandaughter, Margaret. Peggy has a full-time job trying to sell one or more of her properties in FL, NJ, W VA and elsewhere, but so far without success. Derrick & **Diana** enjoyed a cruise to Spitzbergen in Jul and look forward to a visit to Oxford and Yorkshire, England in Oct. Derrick is Asst Gen Counsel of ITT in NY. He works mostly on intl transactions, and this past yr he traveled extensively to New Zealand on a major forestry acquisition.



1951: Reb Barber and Shy Meyer at DC area monthly luncheon

1951: Bob Hyatt, Jack Graham and Andy Remson at DC area monthly luncheon

*From Here and There*: **George Meighen** rep that, as part of his "therapy," he travels almost every wknd. In May he visited **Del & Bill Bradley** at their mtn home near Waynesville, NC and rep both looked well and relaxed. In Jan George visited the **Pattillos** at their lake home on Lake Smith near Arley, AL and was joined by his daughter Garrison for one night. The Pattillos' daughter is doing well in Melbourne, Australia and their son is a petroleum engineer with UNOCOL in TX.

**Bruce Robertson** rep from Austin, TX that, in a wooded area above Kerhonkson, NY, about an hr from WP, he found the "lost" gravesites of his great-grandparents, his great-great-grandparents and his great-great-great-grandmother. He & **Suzanne** then plunged into some other nearby woods and found the gravesites of his other great- and great-great-grandparents.

**Elmer Pendleton** rep that the Unofficial



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**1951:** Pat Pattillo and Sam the Bassett

**1951:** Mrs Pat Pattillo and Sam the Bassett

**1952:** I-1 at Reunion: Tom & Doris McClung, Brisman, Mary Tanguy, Oliphant, Tanguy, Willie Oliphant, Vonnie & Dick Stanier, Wanda & Jim McDonnell and (in front) Anita & Ralph Leonard

Assoc of the Abn selected **Roscoe Robinson** as Abn Trooper of the yr at their Apr mtg. Congrats, Roscoe.

**Howie Steele** rep that **Jack Craigie** is the new dep rep for CA. Welcome aboard, Jack. Jack replaces **Loyd Johnson**, who has joined the growing number of Ex-Californians. Loyd & **Jamie**'s new home is in Charleston, SC. Howie also rep seeing **Ed & Dottie Markham** in the DC area. Ed was attending a course at St Paul's Coll in conjunction with his position with the Diocese of the Catholic Church headquartered in Lubbock, TX.

*Farewell*: **Jo-Anne Ryan** died 14 Jun after a lengthy illness. The mem svc was at Ft Belvoir, VA and **Sam Dickers, Howie & Dotsy Steele** and **Red & Jean Leffler** were among the classmates & wives who attended. Pat, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Thanks for your spt. Keep those cards and ltrs coming.

# '52

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The reunion atmosphere made the various Cl accts more robust, particularly the Gift Acct, which now stands at better than $38,000. Appeals to fatten the Admin Acct have brought it to $12,000, a level that appears to be healthy for the foreseeable future. Gift Acct emphasis now will shift to our 50th Reunion effort. In this regard, several of you made substantial contributions at the reunion, concluding that starting early is the preferred approach to raising substantial funds. The Exec Cmte has taken initial steps to organize the effort, both in the matter of determining an appropriate project and the raising of funds to spt it. **Don Lasher** will head up the latter effort. The recent Cl newsltr provided details on these matters.

**Vince Bailey** asked that the following be published here in response to the appreciation given him & **Ruth** at the reunion. "To the Cl of 52: Ruth & I wish to thank you for the tribute paid to us for looking after **Timothy Metz Seebach** over the yrs. For those of you who were not at the 40th Reunion, we were both surprised and emotionally moved by the Cl's expression and ovation. The Steubenware you presented us is very beautiful, your words of praise very humbling; we are sure that our reaction was evident to all present. Metz is doing very well at Sleepy Hollow Manor in Annandale, VA. We shall continue to look out for his welfare as long as we are able and will arrange for continued care should it be necessary. Sincere thanks."[See article on classmate loyalty elsewhere in this issue.]

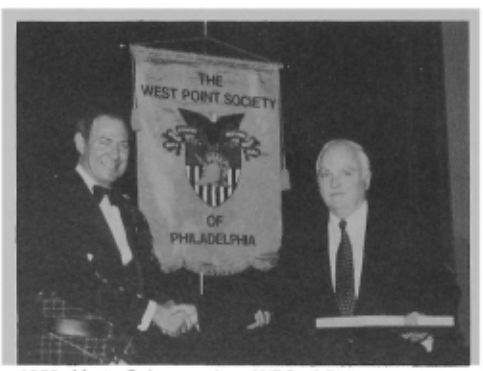
**Tom McClung** sent a reunion photo of the I-1 gp and gave a rep on the itinerary for his return trip to Tacoma through VA Beach to revisit the site of our amphibious training during CAMID. He found it is vastly improved over what it was back in 50.

Received a welcome ltr from **Lew Henderson** as a reward for tracking him down. He & **Ramona** have settled in Dothan, AL. They have raised 4 children, 3 of whom have doctorate-level degrees, with the 4th still in the running. Daughter Kathleen graduated with the Cl of '80 at USNA. Ramona is into vol work, and Lew is occupied with woodworking and gardening.

**Harry Baird** called to tell me of his efforts to locate **Kelso Carroll** and **Art Custis**. Custis was last known in Hillside, AZ, but calls to the local sheriff and the Triangle-Bar-Triangle Ranch revealed that he has left and no one knows where. The Bairds attended Kelso's second wedding but then lost track of him. After a career in the Orlando area and Cape Canaveral, Harry & **Virginia** now live in Jackson Hole, WY. Harry has taken on an engraving business there and welcomes all tourists and skiers.

**Marty Celec** was honored by the WPS of Phila, receiving its Distinguished Svc Award for his many yrs of contributing to the soc as an officer and bd mbr.

Here are some more pix taken by **Dick Wiles** and others at the reunion.




**1952:** Marty Celec receives WPS of Phila award from Rod Vitty '55

**1952:** Hodgskin, Ulmer and Wilson at the banquet



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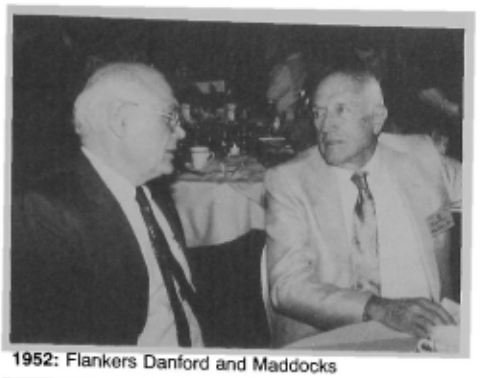
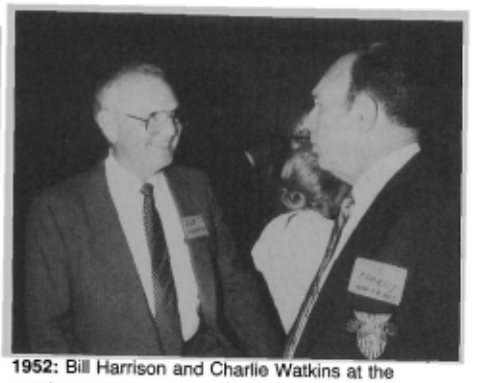
**1952:** Mosely, Bill & Jackie Moore and Moran at the reunion



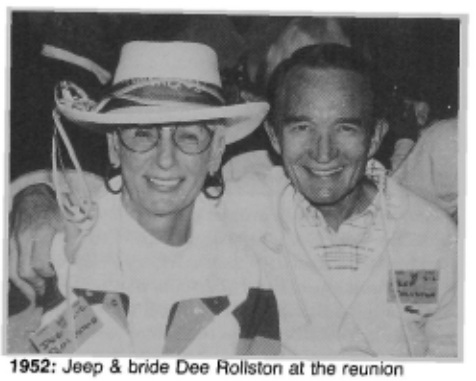
**1952:** Flankers Danford and Maddocks

**1952:** Ashton and the Duncans with 48 Prep Sch Yearbook (Stewart Field)



**1952:** Bill Harrison and Charlie Watkins at the reunion

**1952:** D-1 contingent: (front) Derbes, King, Reeves; (standing) Craig, McGowan, Hoenstine, Humble and Stokes



**1952:** Jeep & bride Dee Rolliston at the reunion

**1952:** Bob McGowan with Leona Good Spiedel and Lori Good Dill, daughters of Ken Good, at the reunion

**1952:** Ralph Leonard addresses Cl at business mtg

The effort to write obituaries is gathering headway, with volunteers from most cadet cos finding people to write them. I have copies of AOG guidance for those involved.

# '53

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The Cl annual business mtg was held on 23 Jun after a "with wives" luncheon at Potowmack Landing, in Alexandria, VA. The dining room has an open porch adjacent to it, where the bar's set up, and there's plenty of room to circulate and socialize. The weather was better for this one than it has been before—moderate temp and not so humid—so it was very pleasant. We had good attendance, around 55, with some guests: **Jack Yale** brought a longtime family friend, Eva Hill, and **Wally & Mutt Parker**'s guests were Willard & Doris Wenrich of Consumer Buy-Line Inc. Before calling for the Nominating Cmte, **Norm Delbridge** thanked the offs for the past yr of svc, the project offs for arranging the lunches, the Reunion Cmte, and the other cmtes and individuals who have helped in Cl interests. He also thanked the ladies, who have probably done more than their men who were being thanked. He led a round of applause for **Bob Blastos**, the outgoing treas, who has been doing a great job in that position since 85. Finally, he thanked **Whitey Miller** for all the work he has been doing this yr in getting the names, addresses and vital stats on all the classmates and families. The rosters he has produced are as near to being complete and correct as we have been able to print for a long time, due in no small measure to the willingness of you all to respond to his questions, and are critical in arranging for this 40th Reunion.

The Nominating Cmte, otherwise known as the 3 BB's—**Bob Barton, Bob Bartlett** and **Bob Breckenridge**, Chm—presented a slate and also recommended that the company focal points for the 40th be formalized as a permanent part of the Cl structure, as co reps; and that these reps perform the dual roles of gathering info and/or putting out the word under the direction of the Cl pres and acting as assts to the scribe in collecting news for the *ASSEMBLY* "Cl notes." So now I am my own asst! The slate was elected unanimously on the first ballot. Norm enjoyed the vote so much that he had us do it again; it came out the same. I listed the new offs in the previous issue, by putting in the names on the basis of rumor. I had to phone in one change after the election, but the AOG staff, in particular, Linda Berman, is always patient and helpful. One might well expect to be met with some uptightness and tension when talking to the hardworking staff of a large publ. I have never felt that, but have been made to feel that my call was very welcome and that everything was under control—as it obviously is. The new boss, LTC (Ret) Julian M Olejniczak, has picked up the reins without losing a step. It is subtle, but you may notice changes and improvements made each issue. [Thank you for the kind words.]

**1953:** Hello from Tucson: Patricia Reed, Pat Hosmer and Jeane Jolin at Founders Day 92

Re: The 40th Reunion. The decision has just been made (mid-Aug) to drop the idea of a cruise and ship/hotel. The cruise line had to have a firm commitment by 1 Sep and, since we had only 300 spaces reserved, we couldn't handle it. The Reunion Cmte tried hard, with



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some innovative ideas, but it just wasn't in the cards. By the time you read this, you will probably have read further news from the Cmte on plans. The selected hotel is The Seasons, in Great Gorge, NJ. This was formerly the Playboy Clubs resort hotel and is plush.

**Bud Tardiff**, our cmte chm is—as someone said—a dynamo. He has formed a number of sub-cmtes and has them riding off in all directions, while he spurs them on and pulls it all together. **Bill Harris** is chm of a subcmte to come up with a memento for the reunion. He could not attend the luncheon, but one of his cmte—probably the one doing the work—**Cliff Landry**, brought a brass paperweight for us to see. After these many yrs, we all have the standard assortment of mementos, so it is difficult for someone to find a fresh approach. This paperweight is nice looking—about 1/2" thick by about 3" across, a hexagon as I recall, with the '53 crest engraved on the top. There is no decision yet, so if you have an idea, pass it on to someone who can do something with it—Bud or one of the offs, for instance. **Bob Bartlett** had a new—to me—idea: that we have a video made of the whole reunion. If that were available at a reasonable price, I sure would get one. With that, who would need MTV?

Now to news of the outside world: **Si Nerone**, with **Anne** and Charmaine, will be moving from Rome to Madrid—to be settled in time for Charmaine to start second grade. He has no address yet. Maybe he will put out the welcome mat there. Brush up on your Spanish, folks, and let's pay him a visit.

**1953:** Jo & Bill Horton and their children, Diane, Will and Lisa

**Bill Horton** sent me a newsy ltr from Albuquerque, as he does every yr or so. Faithful readers may recall that his daughters are both published authors. Lisa won a Redbook short story contest and Diane was published locally in earning her MA. Lisa now has 3 children and has kept up her writing, with two books of poetry and 3 of short stories to her credit. Diane has had 3 essays published. In Jul, Bill & **Jo** attended a reception at the Governor's mansion in Denver for the winners of the CO Writers' Competition, at which the govr presented Diane a check for $4,000. Bill says he & Jo are looking forward to the 40th next yr.

**Bob Bartlett** tells me that **Glenn Schweitzer** is to be dir of a new Inst for Scientific Research in Moscow. He also passéd on some news that is dated, but good news is never too old: **Rick Gilmartin**'s wife **Joyce** was, in Jul, recovering nicely from recent surgery.

**Cliff Landry** tells me he has had a surprise party that was really a surprise. He & **Jan** went down to Warrenton where his son Dave has a home with Joan and children Chris and Katie. When they arrived, they found **Jan & Ed Andrews, Wanda & Keith Born, Nancy & Jim Bowen, Frankie & Chuck Lowman, Mutt & Wally Parker** and **Sarah & Don Shaw**, all gathered to celebrate Jan & Cliff's 39th wedding anniv. Dave told him that he thought no one would suspect a surprise party for a 39th, and he was right.

I just got back from a wk's trip to TX with **Sanelma**. It was mostly family business, but I quickly looked up some old landmarks, like grammar schools and houses. It was Sanelma's first time in TX, so we had to take time to indoctrinate her. She has now been to Cowtown, Big D and San Ant and is a card-carrying Texan. I could not take the time to look up the many friends in the vicinity—too many friends, too much vicinity. I did, however, allow myself the pleasure of an eve's visit with **Joan & Sam Fisher**. After, all, I did say it was family business—and Joan is my godmother. She & Sam have a real *House Beautiful* home, in a newer area north of the city. Most of the time we were with my daughter Melissa, her daughter Lauren (10) and her husband Thomas. Their home is near Sam & Joan, and they are close friends. The trip was a great success, and I came back tired but in a rosy glow. It's been several yrs since we have made a long trip.

You all have happy holidays and be careful! While you're doing all those cards and ltrs at Christmastime, send some news and pix to me for this col.

## '54

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On 8 Jul, **John Broumas** phoned that **Ramon Aguillar-Sanchez**, our Aggie, died that morn in Houston after by-pass surgery. His classmates paid their final respects at the funeral home svc in Springfield, VA on the 10th and at the interment the next day at Fairfax Mem Park. The sympathy of the Cl goes out to **Victoria** and their family. Aggie had a very distinguished career with the Venezuelan Armed Forces. He attended the Venez C&GSC and Inter-American Defense Coll. He was on the staff and faculty of the Engr Sch; G-3, Ven 1st Cav Div; CO Engr Bn; Ch, Army Hq Doctrine Sec; Ops Ch, Ministry of Def; and Mil Advisor to the Venez UN Del. Aggie retired in 84 as a BG. We shall sorely miss his happy company.

On 15 Jun in the Pentagon a ret ceremony was held for MG **Doug O'Connor**, MOBDES Dir, Info Systems for Cmd, Control, Computers and Communications. LTG Jerome B Hilmes '59 presented Doug with the LofM.

**1954:** MG Doug O'Connor (ctr) receives the Legion of Merit from LTG Jerome Hilmes '59, as Mary Alice approves, at his Pentagon ret on 15 Jun

Present were **Mary Alice**, 4-yr roommate **Dan Tobin & Judy, Larry & Nancy Skibbie, Ron Lee** and **Mark Reese**.

**John Shelter** must not have had a real Plebe yr, so has returned to reside at WP in the restored train depot, overlooking the Hudson and rent. John's researching the lives of grad luminaries, which should include him. John claims to be the sole Cl representative at the '92 grad review. That long line must be getting grayer.

We include a late photo of the Cl gp that

**1954:** Jack Sulik, John Chesbro, Hal Stout, Rose Mologne, Dick Renfro, Larry Skibbie, Andy Maloney, John Klein and Jim Burris at the dedication of Mologne Cadet Health Ctr at WP on 24 Apr 92



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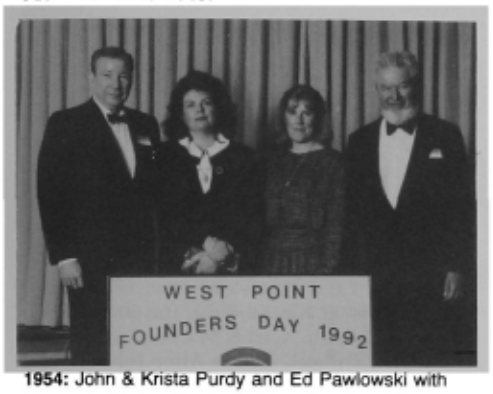
attended the dedication of the MG **Lewis A Mologne** Cadet Health Ctr at WP in Apr.

Our troops have not been not busy. **Ron & Nancy Lee** have a new daughter, born in Dec 91. They live in DC. **Bruce Bidwell** met **Jay** Fredman at the Australian Embassy and learned that **Christine Fredman** gave birth to Peter J on 30 Jan 92. Jay & Chris live in Bethesda, MD and both are lawyers with MCI. Bruce is a principal analyst for Security Systems with Analytics Inc in McLean, VA. He & **Liese** live in Reston, VA. Congrats to all responsible.

**Ed Pawlowski** observed FD in Heidelberg with **John & Krista Purdy**. John is Post Facilities off in Stuttgart. Ed's guest Diane Purdy (no relation) is with the State Dept at the Munich Consulate.




**1954:** John & Krista Purdy and Ed Pawlowski with his guest, Dianne Purdy, at Founders Day 92, Heidelberg

Ed has a water-cooled Rolodex, his latest venue being DPLA, Unit 24718, APO AE 09178.

**Doug & Emmy Stuart** were in San Ant for a unit reunion and were guests of **John & Betty Lohman**, who hosted the area's renowned covered dish dinner. **Tex McVeigh** made the ice cream, I swear, without **Martha**'s help.

Also present were **Bill & Nancy Dean, John & Bernice Gilboux, Lee & Ludi Gilbreath, Bill & Eddice Jessee, Don & Carole Old, Joe & Gretchen Peisinger, Craig & Mary Jane Spence, Dave & Jo Sugg** and **Bill & Joyce Thomas**.

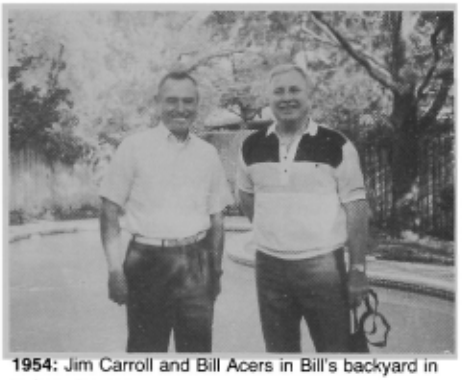
**1954:** Martha McVeigh, Jo Sugg, Betty Lohman, Bill Thomas, Lee Gilbreath and Joyce Thomas at the Lohmans', San Ant, 12 Jul 92

**1954:** Gretchen Peisinger, Eddice Jessee, Carole Old and Tex McVeigh at John & Betty Lohman's, San Ant, 12 Jul 92

Doug wanted to baggy some Texan pesetas, but the attendant wouldn't let them on the plane without a cage. Hey, do Texans have a sense of Yuma or what?

**Jim & Susannah Carroll** write that they now make their home at 612 Basswood, Victoria, TX 77904; (512) 578-2694. They were guests of **Bill & Marge Acers** in Apr. Bill is pres of Hallmark Tax Consultants in Dallas.

**1954:** Ludi Gilbreath, Nancy Dean, Mary Jane Spence, Joe Peisinger and Bill Jessee at the Lohmans', San Ant, 12 Jul 92



**1954:** Jim Carroll and Bill Acers in Bill's backyard in Dallas, Apr 92

**Dick Sugg** rep that the initial response to the poll on the Reunion Book was overwhelmingly favorable, with a few patrons also identifying themselves. If you have not yet replied, send the flyer or your comments to Richard H Sugg, 7119 Marine Dr, Alexandria, VA 22307, phone (res) (703) 765-6712; (ofc) (202) 646-9151.

The AOG is requesting all Cl to submit nominations for the 93 Thayer Award. Send your nomination with a strong written justification explaining why the candidate deserves the award to Larry Skibbie, 2309 S Queen St, Arlington, VA 22202. Also, if you have a nominee for the 93 Distinguished Graduate Award, submit it to your local WPS, which will make the appropriate nomination. These should be submitted by 1 Nov 92.

Just learned, from Bobe Noce '49, the really big news that **John Pappageorge** won the Republican primary election for MI's 12th District seat in the US Congress. John & **Helen** live in Troy [See "Election Watch 92"].

Highlights of the 40th Reunion Cmte mtg in Arlington on 18 Jun: 133 pledges for $98.6K have been received for the Cl gift, half of which is cash—the best way. As the goal is $270K, it's too early to lean on our shovels. Larry Skibbie is determining the feasibility of a Hudson River dinner cruise; **Dick Littlefield** has narrowed the billeting sites to 4, all in north NJ; and the Reunion info packet will be mailed in mid-fall and request your intitial attendance commitment.

On 30 Jun at Ft Myer, in a most impressive ret ceremony hosted by Army C/S Gordon Sullivan and viewed by hundreds of guests incl family, classmates & spouses, friends

**1954:** Craig Spence, Lee Gilbreath, Doug Stuart, Tex McVeigh, Bill Thomas, Dave Sugg, Bill Jessee, Bill Dean, John Gilboux, John Lohman and Don Old



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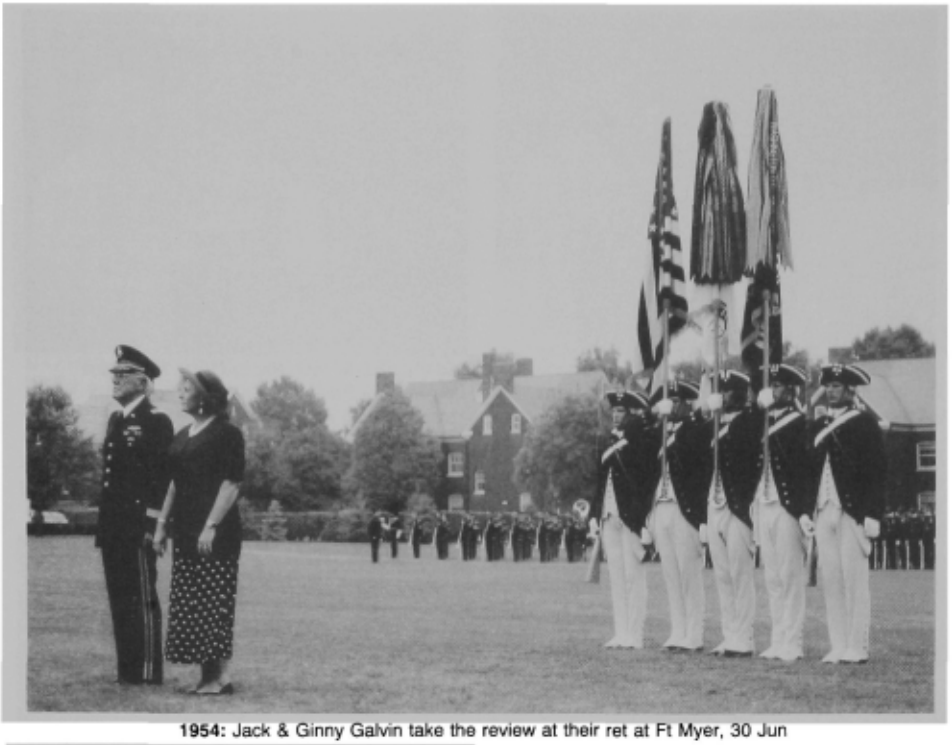

**1954:** Jack & Ginny Galvin take the review at their ret at Ft Myer, 30 Jun

**1954:** Jim Hays and John Pappageorge at WPS of MI luncheon, 6 Aug

and active-duty mbrs of the 3 svcs, GEN **John R Galvin** closed out his illustrious mil career. Jack was awarded an OLC to the Defense DSM by SECDEF Richard Cheney as SECARMY Michael Stone observed. **Ginny** also received an award for her dedicated efforts in uplifting the Army family community. At the OOM Reception that followed, hundreds of guests passed through the receiving line, each one photographed with Jack & Ginny, a process that took 2 1/2 hours. Among the happy throng could be perceived John Eisenhower '44, William Richardson '51, John Seigle '53, Jack Munsey '56 and Bill Burton, late of the English Dept. Among our 75 classmates & wives were **Bill & Marie Weafer** of Leavenworth, visiting after a vacation in HI; **George Storck**, Athletic Dir at William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA, from vacationing in ME; and **Jerry & Gayle North** from East Berlin, PA. Jack's last post was the SACEUR in Belgium. Jack & Ginny live at WP, where he is the John M Olin Distinguished Prof of Natl Security Studies. When asked what Jack will teach, one wag replied, "Anything he wants." New address: 31 Thayer Road, USMA, WP, NY 10996. Jack was our last classmate on active duty.

Let's hear it from y'all out there. Keep breathing.

## '55

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Here in mid-Aug, I must start this rep with the sad news of the unexpected passing of a very wonderful lady, **Marylin Doyle**, wife of **Jack Doyle**, on 6 Aug here in the N VA area. Friends, colleagues and classmates were shocked and surprised to learn of this tragedy for Jack and their children and grandchildren. Many of us were fortunate enough to meet Lynn when she and Jack were dragging at USMA; the K-2 files will remember well how much of a super couple Lynn & Jack were then and continued to be across the many yrs. Mem svcs were held on Mon, 10 Aug at Ft Myer Chapel and were attended by a large gp of family, friends and classmates. Our deepest sympathies go to Jack and his family for this great loss of a dear and gracious wife, mother, grandmother and Cl friend. Be thou at peace, Lynn.

In that same wk that saw the loss of Lynn Doyle, K-2 mbrs gathered at WP to attend mem and interment ceremonies for **Al Cini**, who passed away earlier this yr in San Jose, CA. Attending were **Vern Pace, Dick Trout, Bob Strati, Ted Gay, Bruce Wilburn** and **Bob Sherman**. Al's wife **Kathy** and son Richard hosted the mem svc and a luncheon at the Thayer following. It was a rich tribute and farewell to a great friend who showed us all the measure of handling adversity. Well done, Al; be thou at peace.

From down in the heart of the VA midlands, a nice ltr from **Pat & Jim Ryan**, who write to invite one and all to a historic wedding re-enactment this coming 28 Nov of the marriage of William Henry Fitzhugh Lee to Mary Tabb Bolling of Petersburg, which originally took place on that date in 1867. All this by way of a church fund-raiser and historic celebration that the Ryans are spting. If you're motoring through the very beautiful city of Petersburg around Thanksgiving, you may want to stop and see this interesting re-enactment, spt a good cause, say hello to old classmates and participate in the hospitality of the St Paul's Episcopal Church on Union Street. Thanks for the kind invitation, Pat & Jim, much success to your program.

In the middle of what has been a really lovely summer here in the Wash area, several of the local Cl contingent gathered together to host a mid-summer check-in and luncheon. With the gracious hosting of **Dick & Greta Masson**, who provided the venue at their very lovely N Arlington home, **Al & Val Bundren, George & Mary Monahan, Hugh and Ann Quinn**, and **Vicki** & your scribe pooled our various talents and preparatory skills to stage the event. It proved to be a great success in spite of rather warm weather, and falling both in the heart of vacation time and on a very lazy Sunday.

As the pix below display, in the very pleasant shade of the back patio of chez **Masson**, we were pleased to count among the attendees **Bill & Anita Anderson**, who came up from Charlottesville, **Norm & Barb Blahuta, Bud & Dotty Goldstein**, fresh from a HI trip, **Bob &Nancy Meisenheimer, John & Anita Rudzki, Bob & Linda Newton, Pete & Ruthann Walton, Tom & Elaine West, Jim Bergen, Jim & Nancy Cutchin, Carl & Marcia Cathey, Don & Chickie Hilbert, Bob & Alice Johnson** and a recently-arrived addition to the classmate population here in no VA, **Ken Wilson**, who has been posted here by his parent company. Wife **Helen** was visiting her home country of Nicaragua at the time of the luncheon, but we welcome them to the fold—great to see old friends again.

**1955:** Blahuta, Quinn and Hilbert

**1955:** Bill & Anita Anderson and Ken Wilson

The great success of this luncheon gathering was really due in the main to the fine, polished hospitality of **Dick & Greta Masson**, who really know how to make folks comfortable and welcome.

**Don Hilbert** took the opportunity during the luncheon to rep that two planning activ-



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**1955:** Hosts for Jul Cl lunch: the Massons, Quinns, Monahans, Roadeses, Bundrens with Marcia Cathey and Edie Edwards

**1955:** Jim Bergen and Pete & Ruthann Walton

**1955:** Bob Johnson feeds Tom West as only a true friend would do

ities relative to reunions are well underway. First, the strong efforts by **Rich Cardillo** and the "Rocky Mtn Gang" to prepare for an Aug 93 gathering in CO Spr. Good responses so far, but we'd sure like to see more East Coast folks head out for that. To that end, by the time you read this, you may have gotten a ltr or query to determine if you'd be interested in a charter flight from the DC area to CO Spr and return as a way of cutting down the travel hassle. More to follow.

**1955:** Dotty Goldstein, Mary Monahan and Bob Meisenheimer

Additionally, Don indicated that responses are going very well for the **Rod Vitty** initiative to look ahead to the 40th in 95 and plan for a reunion-cruise package. You will have seen a mailing on that, and if you need encouraging to participate, consider it done. This promises to be a great program, really has all the conveniences of a moving hotel, and adds a neat Bermuda finale to a monumental reunion. (40 yrs! Naw, can't be!) Much more to follow on that theme.

**1955:** Your scribe with John & Anita Rudzki and Marcia Cathey

Finally, while we were attending the luncheon above, **John Sloan** was on the trip of an historian's lifetime in the former Soviet Union. With the complete openness found there now, John has contacted and resonated with a number of Russian historians, both civ and mil, who are excitedly making up for yrs of being bottled up from the outside. On a trip that stretched across all of Jul, John and the gp he organized moved across a massive expanse of what is generally called European Russia to more than 15 cities, with all their unique and wonderful sights and deeply historic structures and locations. As John says in his ltr, "... words like wonderful, marvelous, extraordinary, unprecedented or fantastic are hardly descriptive of this trip." Having really whet his appetite, John plans to return to Russia and the newly-established republics in the future. He wants to organize and lead similar trips, including one he says he would like to design for our interested classmates to consider joining. Having done a little traveling there myself, I can share the euphoria John feels; it is a wonderfully beautiful place. We'll hear more from John and his plans, and I appreciate the very thorough ltr describing the trip.

As a last and somewhat personal note, Jul saw me shifting my work place as dep dir of the Defense Attache System to become dep dir of a new thing called the Natl Human Intell Rqmts Tasking Ctr, with place of duty just 8 mins down the pike from the **Roades'** residence at the (shh!) CIA. Different challenges, lots of great new people to work with and having fun doing it.

I realize you're all probably worn out from gardening, watching the Olympics and contemplating the political scene, but take a moment and drop a card, a line, or use the TOLL-FREE to keep your ole' scribe up to speed. Send pix too! Meantime, take care.

## '56

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A first-ever ltr from **Al Thelin** rep that he has recently completed an oil painting of WP which he will release in limited edition prints. Look for his ad in *ASSEMBLY*. Not only will '56'ers get a price break, but part of the proceeds will be donated to the Cl Fund. Al writes, "It is an opportunity for me to contribute to the Cl and get some of my work out to those who have asked me over the yrs, 'what is it you really do?' " From his home in Placerville, CA, Al also teaches gliding and soaring; his next project is to publish a book on the sport.

**Jack & Marianne Polickowski**'s ltr advises that he and **Don Sheehan** are representing '56 on the Catholic Chapel's Cmte for the centennial celebration in the yr 2000. As a result of **Mike Conrad**'s Nov 91 ltr, approx 20 classmates donated/pledged $5K over 3 yrs. Remember that the Catholic Chapel is not subsidized by the USG. Those wishing to donate and need more info, contact Jack at (919) 855-8451 or Don at (508) 851-4687. The Polickowski family (Greensboro, NC) finds son Robert & Allyson in Fredericksburg, VA with two granddaughters; daughter Patricia & Andrew in Greensboro, NC with two grandsons and a granddaughter and son James as a first classman at USNA. Jack & Marianne were recently honored as the Greensboro "Family of the Year" for their many volunteer efforts.

Another literary first was a ltr from **Joe &**



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**1956:** Jack & Marianne Polickowski and family

**Shirley Dougherty** in Lexington, KY. Since Apr of this yr, Joe & Shirley have been on a 9000-mi auto odyssey which incl visits with **Bob & Ginny Sorley, Tom & Jane Griffin** and **Roger & Derrie Blunt**. Joe also made the Apr DC Cl luncheon when **Pete Verfurth** presented **Ward LeHardy** the GPS navigational aid on behalf of all the Cl.

**1956:** Ginny Sorley, Jane & Tom Griffin, Roger Blunt, Shirley Dougherty, Bob Sorley and Derrie Blunt

Going from DC to CA, they visited **Jerry & Sammie Kay Skatvold** (I-2 roommate), **Les & Monty McChristian** and **Dick & Marilyn Hansen**. The Hansens hosted a dinner that incl **Ren & Barbara Hart** and **Bob & Dee Barrett**. From CA back to the E Coast, they saw **Ben & Becca Tindall**, Germantown, MD and **John & Suzanne Wall**, Stratford Hall, Montross, VA. As a side trip, they and granddaughter Kathleen Breeden visited 8 natl parks. As Joe stated, "We have never had a more delightful and enjoyable trip; and seeing old friends made it that way!"

The 3rd first-ever ltr came from **Moose & Sylbie Yon**, Lake Oconee, GA, who rep that he is recovering in "Abn style" from his recent cancer surgery. He & Sylbie, who were married in Helen, GA in Dec 86, both share a great love of the "wilderness." They are rebuilding his grandfather's 80-yr-old log cabin on a remote 5-acre isl in NW Ontario, Canada. It is a real frontier life-style—no

**1956:** Pete Verfurth presents GPS to Ward LeHardy at DC Cl luncheon!

phone, kerosene lamps, wood stoves and one person per 1000 square mi!

**1956:** Gerry & Sammie Kay Skatvold, San Marino, CA

**Betty & Stan Wilker** forwarded info on **Art Evan**'s '56 gathering at their Redondo Beach, CA home. Notables planning on attending incl **Ren & Barbara Hart**, who will fly in on their private plane, along with **Bob & Dee Barrett**. **John Gromek**'s plans to attend were put on hold after his check-up at Brooks AFB recommended by-pass surgery instead.

**Jack Nicholson** and **Bob Sorley** both forwarded notes: Jack on enjoying seeing the pix in the col of '56 in yrs past, and Bob's on the formal announcement of the publication of *Thunderbolt*, the Gen Abrams biography published by Simon & Schuster on 15 Sep 92.

I had a great phonecon with **Scott & Wendy Smith** in Laramie, WY, where they live with their son. Scott commutes between home and his job with Coors in Denver. Wendy runs the ranch and takes care of the animals and crops!

**Jack & Pat Woodmansee** of Plano, TX are enjoying life to the fullest. Jack splits his time working for both the Defense and Army Science Bds and his consulting business.

**Steve & Margaret Boylan**'s ltr from Ger rep that they surprised **Pat & Charlie Poole** by showing up in Zwickau in Saxony (old DDR) to see the Pooles, who were shepherding a choir for a 30-day European tour. After a mini-reunion, Charlie was last seen leading the charge directing the bus driver on to Prague, and Pat was waving goodbye from the back window!

Two brief notes on our departed classmates: A mem scholarship fund has been set up in honor of **Joe Sanders** at Cullman HS, 510 13th St NE, Cullman, AL 35055; **Greg Wold** wrote a very touching poem, entitled *Mourning Mist*, for **Mike Esposito**'s funeral at WP. I want to share two paragraphs with you:

Ice flows in the Black River
Cold silence shrouds the Plain
Recall that promise of life
The boundless vision of June.
The Long Line is a presence
The chill of their gain takes hold
Fold the Flag of our Country
The cloak of svc he wore.

Good News!! **Jim Anderson** rep that the Cl has reached its goal of $75K for a perpetual-care maintenance fund for our Cl room. Congrats—and thanks to all of you who donated!

**1956:** Bob & Kay Sullivan and Lynell & George Stapleton at the Cloister, Sea Isl, GA

Early Aug found **Bob & Kay Sullivan** vacationing at the Cloister, Sea Isl, GA, where **Lynell** & I joined them for a Sun eve of great food and fond memories. Bob stays busy with his envir consulting business in Alexandria, VA.

**LeHardy**'s Log: The longest passage without seeing land is over—after 22 days and 5000 mi of ocean since Panama, **Ward & Judy** docked at Tahiti in French Polynesia. During the voyage, their main sail fitting broke and they sailed the final 1500 mi using the jib only, traveling at 5–6 knots speed. Despite 20–30-knot winds and ocean waves sometimes as high as two-story bldgs, the *Cormorant* proved to be an able sailing vessel. Ward writes, "Note the revised 93 schedule—great opportunities for classmates to join us on an unforgettable adventure." Jan-Apr 93: Mooloolaba (near Brisbane); work on boat and travel around Australia. May-Jun 93: sail-



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ing from Brisbane to Darwin (Great Barrier Reef—daily cruises only—good time for landlubbers to join for a wk or so). Jul 93: sail from Darwin to Bali, Indonesia; Aug-Sep 93: Bali to Singapore; Oct 93: Singapore to Phuket, Thailand around Malay Peninsula and through Straits of Malacca; Nov-Dec 93: Phuket (Fly to Hong Kong and Vietnam—prepare to cross Indian Ocean). Tentative 94 schedule will be in next issue!

That's it!! A key date is 8 Nov 92 (Sun) for the 6th Annual Cl visit to the Vietnam Memorial, with the ceremony at 1000 hrs followed by brunch at the A-N Club. Call **Bill Schrage** (804-560-4644) or **Pete Verfurth** for additional info. Keep those ltrs and pix coming and BEAT NAVY!

# '57

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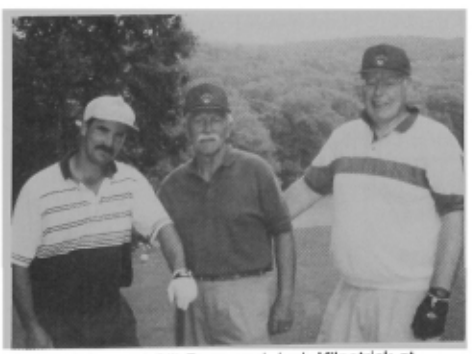
By the time you read this our 35th reunion will be history, and those who attended will have pleasant memories. Expect pix in the next *ASSEMBLY*. Speaking of history, **Bill Cudmore** sent me a note about the Cl party at **Joe & Alida Shimek**'s house in Aug—which you may find historic. The hit of the party was young Henry Shimek, aged two mos. The party attendees unanimously agreed that Henry must be the youngest Cl son and we should have a special cup for him. However, with '57 you can never tell. This could go on for another 10 yrs. Do we have any new offspring on the way? Stake your claim.

Notes that were misplaced and never rep. At the party at **Hank Hatch**'s house last Feb **Don Sadler** told me his son got married in Jan. Unfortunately, that's all he said. **Bob Leard** told us about a trip he took to Bulgaria for the Atlantic Council to help their MOD set up a PPBES. He was treated like royalty, and recommends visiting Bulgaria, although you probably won't get the same treatment. Bob said Bulgaria wants to be the NE frontier of NATO, and that the US is "in" while the Russians are "out."

Got a ltr from **Bill Golden**, who spent 16 mos as an independent contractor to the Pebble Beach Co to help make the 92 US Open golf championship happen. His message to **Ted Voorhees** is "eat your heart out." As this yr's chm of volunteer opns for the 92 US Open he recruited, organized, uniformed, trained and supervised the operations of 3,129 volunteers on 36 cmtes and subcmtes. He said it's a bit like bde cmd, without the UCMJ and much of a chain of cmd. I had no idea it takes that many people to put on one tournament or that you could get that many volunteers. He was one of 3 principal administrators working directly for the Championship Dir, but (and Ted will love this) he didn't see one stroke of golf during the tournament. Concurrently with the US Open preparations, he was vice-chair and financial off of the 9th annual Great Monterey Squid Festival, which raised $60K for Kiwanis charities. At the beginning of Jul he became pres of the Monterey Peninsula United Way and is faced with the challenge of overcoming the negative publicity engendered by natl HQ. He also is working on the Hogan Invitational Pro-Am golf tournament, which happens in late Dec and of which he has been the asst dir for the last 8 yrs. While he was commiserating (hard to believe he has the time to even think) over having missed the mini-reunion at CS, not being invited to the CA party at **Wally Summers**' vineyard, and not knowing about a Cl gathering in Monterey, he came across some memorabilia. It is inscribed "Best Sqd, Buckner Stakes, 54" (ancient history). He remembers that **Jack Weigner, Mink Newman** and **Spoony Adams** were mbrs of the sqd, but can't remember the others. Bill and his new spouse, **Rhonda Miller**, plan on being at the reunion, and maybe he'll find some of the old sqd. Thanks for the ltr. **John Holland** confirms that he will coord the writing of obits for the *ASSEMBLY*, but he & **Isabel** are going to need a better response than they got when they were trying to put together a 30th Reunion book. We'll get organized at the reunion, I hope, and I'll put some guidance in a future col. John also had some good ideas for a book for the 35th, but they'll have to be done post-reunion. For those who can't make it, how about sending a recent pic and a 300-word narrative that we can put in the book? That's what John suggested for all the people who attend, and we might as well make it as complete as possible. Thanks for the ideas, John, and I hope your move to Boston goes well.

George Stapleton, '56 scribe, sent me a clip from the *Tampa Bay Tribune* about **Sue House**. It was an "Upscale Profile" and listed her activities as "92 Campaign co-chm, United Way of Greater Tampa; exec bd, Mayor's Beautification Program; chm, 'Silver Soons and Sandcastles' sports council, Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce; bd of dirs, Tampa Bay Spoons chapter of the American Red Cross; past pres, Ted Cross Angels; mbr: The chiselers, Friends of the Arts of Tampa Museum of Art and Village Garden Circle." A few other items I'd like to quote are from her "Best Advice: Take time for your children; never be too busy to listen" and "Quote: Bloom where you're planted." Sue is certainly blooming in Tampa and apparently listening to a lot of people's children. **Carolyn & Jack Kilpatrick** wrote in Jun and included their Holiday ltr from last yr. They are now grandparents, their daughter Cindy having given birth to Bryan Albert Kilts in Dec 91. Son Kevin & his wife bought a 70-yr-old house in Lexington, MA and are finding out that old houses need lots of work. Daughter Lynne & her spouse live in Nashua, NH; both work for DEC. Carolyn is still at Sentry Insurance, where she managed well enough to earn them an all-expense-paid 4-day mini-vacation (3rd in 3 yrs). Jack is consulting in the used laser mkt at Laser Resale, Inc, dealing in scientific, machine tool, light show, med, etc lasers. Anyone need one? He also plays lots of golf and likes to ski. To attest to the golf part, he sent me a pic taken at the second Annual WP Golf Tournament in Jun.



**1957:** John and Bill Page and Jack Kilpatrick at second annual Alumni Golf Tour at WP, 26–27 Jun 92

The pic includes **Bill Page**, who won "Best of the 50's Decade," and John Page, who won 4th place overall. Jack provided moral support. They slept in the 36th Div and say the place is not in good shape—"very bad bathrooms and showers; extremely bad/soft/short bed." Jack plans on being at the 35th, but daughter Lynne is expecting in mid-Sep and that may cause a change in plans. Jack also suggested two contests for the reunion; a blood pressure and a cholesterol reading with everyone eligible except astronaut types on recent active duty. No verbal results accepted, even with an All Right, and weight is not to be considered. I'll have to find out if we're going for the highest or lowest and whether you take the readings before or after taking medication.

I promised you more on the **Koehlers** in the last col, and here it is. Before joining Varian, **Fred** entered into a joint venture with Dick Leavitt '50 and several others developing a proprietary bladeless compressor for natural gas under the sponsorship of a local utility. The venture is high-risk, high-return and very exciting, but there was no immediate money in it, so Fred took the job with Varian. Since the job is in the San Fran area and **Bunny** & Fred want to keep their home in the L.A. area, they are now living like two-city jet setters and commuting on wknds from the apt they have set up in San Fran. I won't go into their 91 holidy ltr.

Got a card and holiday ltr from **Marsha & Sam Morthland** back in Dec, and somehow misplaced it - along with about 5 other ltrs. Sam said the 34th was great but too short to really get to see everyone. He did corner **Frank Knight**, whom he has yet to meet in the Houston area even tho they live/work only 5 mi apart. **Jeff Amacker** wrote Sam a note after seeing an article about him in NASA TQM newsltr, but the secy destroyed the envelope and all Sam remembers is that Jeff works for Teledyne—someplace. Sam got a $.5B extension to the current Paramax (formerly Unisys Def Sys) contract with NASA, which should last until the turn of the century. That's what I call job security. I had a hard time reading the holiday ltr, but I did note two important items. Marsha is still in the real estate business but has cut back on her workload. Son Patrick, an Army CPT, was in Desert Storm and returned in mid-Dec, just in time for the holidays. Must have been a real treat.

Along with **Sam**'s ltr I found a few others. Back in Nov **Jack Murphy** sent me a list of 36 classmates for whom obits have not been published, according to AOG records. Thanks for the spadework. I will try to identify roommates at the reunion and turn it over to **John Holland** to start the process of getting them written. **Wayne & Sally Nicoll** sent a holiday greeting from the "slopes of Ragged Mtn" which, as you all know, is near Potter Place, NH. They had a busy 91, to incl celebrating the 85th birthday of Sally's dad. Wayne is still working as an official with the Athletic Congress and competed in two racewalking events at the Natl Sr Games in Syracuse. He & Sally worked part-time with a local footrace svcs co—measuring, timing and scoring road races. There also was some travel involved, with Wayne going to Memphis, TN; Huntsville, AL; and Portland, OR. Both were involved in the prep for the men's and women's Olympic Marathon Trials, Sally in Houston and Wayne in Columbus, OH. They both were officials at the men's trials in Columbus



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in Apr. When they're not on the road, Wayne maintains the trails and builds bridges on the trails around Ragged Mtn and drives for Meals on Wheels, while Sally keeps busy as the curator of the Andover Historical Soc museum, as VP of the Andover Svc Club and as a bd mbr of the Ragged Mtn Fish and Game Club. I often wonder how people find the time to do so many interesting things and am sorely tempted to quit working. It's too bad I'm addicted to eating.

Got a ltr from **Ed & Lola Olsmith** shortly after they had dinner with **Carol & Steve Glick**. At the dinner, Steve gave Ed his prize for IDing the people in the photo contest I ran for Steve last yr. The prize was a handsome Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun with engraved name. Wow! I bet the next time I run a contest there'll be more than one entry. Congrats to you, Ed, and thank you, Steve, for being so generous. Ed also mentioned that both Carol & Steve looked great and were off to the E Coast on business and to visit kids. Got another ltr from Ed a week later in response to my inquiry about **Jesse James**, but he doesn't get any reward because, like everyone else I've spoken to, he last saw Jesse in 83 before Jesse returned to Japan. Ed did suggest that the next time a classmate visits Japan he should check with the American Embassy in Tokyo. Anybody going? Thanks for the info, Ed. **Ann & Tom Olson** wrote from Greensboro, NC, where they have lived for the last 4 1/2 yrs, and sent the latest family pic.

**1957:** The Tom Olson family

Tom is the engr maint mgr of the Miller plant in Eden, NC. Son David is attending UNC; son Evan graduated from UNC and is now the lead singer in a successful band which recently won as the best new band at the USA Music Challenge in L.A. in Jun; daughter Lee Ann is an engr with the FAA in DC; Tom A is an engr for ABCO Corp in Greensboro; and Eric is a computer whiz for Virtur Corp in Cary, NC. Clearly, a handsome family of engrs with a singer in their midst. **Jim Pocock** sent a ltr and a pic of **Hank Hatch** and **Gloria** & him taken at the annual dinner for the 70th Training Div, which he cmds. Jim invited Hank to their professional devel conf, and Hank was the featured speaker at the dinner. The 70th is HQ'd in Livonia, MI, has units in Inf and MI, and its mobilization mission is to move to Ft Benning and operate the Inf Trng Ctr. Aprox 1500 soldiers of the Div were mobilized during Desert Storm. Jim and **Gary Stemley** both have a couple of yrs left in the USAR, and then only **Gerry Galloway** will be left. I do have one complaint about Jim's ltr, and I must say it reflects badly on his trng—he spelled my name wrong.

**1957:** Hank Hatch with Gloria & Jim Pocock

Got a holiday card and ltr from **Priscilla & Charles Quinn** from their new home in Williamsburg, VA. They live in Kingsmill, a resort community next door to Busch Gardens, and their house borders the golf course. Kathy Stevens, daughter of **Nancy & Frank Stevens**, got married in Aug at Ft Myer. Kathy is an AF pilot, as is her husband, and she was in Desert Storm. Between the sale of their old house last Aug and their move into the new house in Nov, Priscilla & Charles went to Japan on a two-wk gift trip, courtesy of some very dear Japanese friends, and they were treated like royalty—many parties, side trips and visits with old friends. Sounds great, but I bet they didn't try to look up **Jesse James**. Oh well, maybe they can contact friends. They do extend an invite to friends passing through Williamsburg and can be reached at (804) 220-3044. **Stuart Wright** wrote from Tijeras, NM with a two-yr update and a pic. He & **Julie** had their second child, Isabeau, in Dec 90 and, as you can see from the pic, now have two daughters. Stu is the DoE rep to the Army's nuclear weapon safety community and is expecting to be put out of business in the not-too-distant future. He's gone back to coll to spin-up in a new area, envir protection, and thinks his nuclear physics background will be a plus. DoE has been trying to reassure him that his current job is secure, but he thinks the envir is the wave of the future. Good thinking. His last line is a classic, and I quote, "Anyhow, I find it interesting to be starting over in almost all aspects of my life: fathering, taking freshman-level coll classes, and wondering what I'm going to do when I grow up." With that, I bid you *adieu*. P.S. I am saddened to rep that **Darrold Erickson** died Thur morn, 27 Aug, at MacDill AFB. I will provide more info in the next col. On behalf of the Cl, I extend our condolences to **Patty**.

## '58

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72d col. With the news to be rep, we could almost pretend that it is 59 or 60 and that **Frank Wascowicz** is still our scribe: two marriages and an imminent birth!

Welcome to **Karen Reidy**, who joined **Dick** and the Cl, moving from Seattle, WA to northern VA after their marriage on/about 11 Jul. The happy couple drove two cars cross country (one without air conditioning, wonder who got to drive it), sold and moved Karen's household, and even made it to the DC Cl Happy Hour on Fri, 17 Jul at Ft Myer O Club!

And welcome to **Nancy Yates Prime**, who officially joined us as **Lou**'s bride in time to make the Thailand 92 mini their honeymoon! A number of us met Nancy at the Palm Springs mini in Sep 89. It gave Nancy a chance to check out the Cl to see just what she might be getting into with Lou. She came back again for a second look at South Padre Isl in Oct 91. Nancy enjoyed minis so much that she signed on for the Bangkok trip.

FLASH REPORT: **Jack** just called (1545 Sat afternoon, 8 Aug) to announce the arrival of Winston Augustus May, born 27 Jul. Winston weighed in at 6 lbs, 4 oz and measured some 19 3/4", with "not a hair on his head" according to father Jack; mother **Lee** is doing well. Congrats to Jack, Lee and Winston's older brothers, Campbell (26 in HI) and Geoffrey (22, an archeology student at U of FL). Jack planned to fax the Thailand gathering to reinforce his puny b-ache for not attending.

Some other children never rep because **Barry Zwick** is too shy are daughter Katie (7) and son Jonathan (3+). Belated congrats to mother **Betsy** and proud but shy father Barry.

Congrats as well to **Tony Smith**'s father, MG Clerin Rodney Smith '26, who celebrated his 90th birthday. Tony helped arrange the affair which was attended by family, friends and 4 other stalwarts of '26.

Time now for old news: First, **Chuck Toftoy** is the author of a best-selling business school textbook, *How CEOs Set Strategic Direction for Their Orgns*. Chuck is a professor at George Wash U B-School. Some time ago, Chuck was privileged to pin jump wings on his son Eric, who went on to the 82nd Abn Div.

**1958:** Toftoy pins son Eric at Ft Benning

**Dave Turner** rep that TWA is still alive (aside: not sure it will be by the time you read this). Dave writes, "On a recent trip to Salt Lake City I had dinner with **Tom Davies**. I invited Tom for a VIP tour of a Lockheed L-1011, *if* he could get up at 0650. Much to my surprise, he met me at the jetway the next morn and we proceeded to show him everything. It was a great visit." And a great card; thanks for sharing, Dave.

From **Bill Clary** on 9 Jul: "Writing to rep a new address and phone no prompted by one of life's less fortunate events. Recently **Ann** & I elected to end our 32-yr marriage. We remain in touch and will always be friends. For anyone interested in contacting Ann, her address is 8106 Country Meadows Cir, An-



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**1958:** Toftoy, third place at Colonial Beach Triathlon

chorage, AK 99502."

**Bill** continues, "I am living in the Buckhead area of Atl. Beyond that I'm still flying as CPT on Dash 7 for Atlantic SE Airlines (ASA), a still-healthy Delta regional partner. When I'm lucky, I get to do some fishing in AK in the summers and skiing in UT in the winters—certainly no room for complaints. Please pass along my unlisted tel no (404-728-1589)."

Another ltr about moving is from **Roger & Laurelei Waddell** (912-786-6616). Their purpose was to get a smaller house and move from Savannah to Tybee Isl: mission accomplished with trials of selling (two contingent contracts, then a mortgage assumption) and moving to a new house: "Rented a truck and filled a 5'x12' U-Haul storage unit. . . hyperextended my left thumb. . . no cast, but black and blue from my watch to the second joint on my middle finger. In spite of two yard sales, sending things home with kids and filling the storage unit, we still have too much stuff." Roger ended with a PS which is an example for all: "I've notified my CCQ of my new address."

**Mike Davall** announced a "career change," leaving the mil-industrial complex for water purification. He works for Natl Safety Assn and advocates the purifier because "it makes the gin taste better—no chlorine." If others want to bail out, Mike asserts the "water is fine;" give him a call at 301-469-3604.

Son David rep an interesting news item on TV about some MAJ whistle-blower in Orlando, FL. Your scribe figured any MAJ would be too young for us. Wrong. **Billy Mathews** (one T in AZ, not **Ed Matthews** with two Ts in Atl) called Chm **Lawton** to rep item on CBS Eve News concerning **Kelly Robinson**'s whistle-blowing, and the IRS being after "MAJ Robinson" of Anchorage, AK. Kelly could call Billy (602-867-3044) if help with IRS is needed 'cause Billy works for the Feds. Another note says that **Mary Robinson** in Anchorage is very supportive of Kelly, and someone called the news report a "hatchet-job." Perhaps some of you saw it on 9 or 10 Jul.

"Please let me know how I can contact **Bob Regut**. Thanks— **Mike**" on a yellow "post-it" note attached to a self-addressed, postage-paid return envelope was all I got from Mike **Daley**. Called **Lawton**, got Regut's address, sent it to Mike with note: "Next time, no news, no address. Thanks for stamped/addressed envelope." And that goes for you, too! However, must applaud Mike Daley and **Bob Huskinson**, both of I2, who have made life easy with return envelopes—much more likely to get a reply that way.

Some sad news to rep: **Tom Sands**' father died recently (reason Tom & **Barbara** dropped off Thailand trip section). **Jim & Gail Chapman** were in VA early Aug because Jim's mother died. She had been living at the Fairfax, at Ft Belvoir. Jim was spotted by **Lawton** while the latter was visiting his parents at the Fairfax. Chapman rep that **Linda Mellin**'s brother died. Also learned that **Tom Conti**'s father died recently. To all of these classmates and their families, we send our condolences.

Kudos for my CCQ, **Phil Pryor**. No doubt many expect me to commend Phil for all his good work on the Thailand 92 mini, which is deserved, but is not the subject of the moment. The kudos are for his recent ltr to H2 informing all of us about **Bob Baker**'s passing on 6 Feb and providing us with a current mailing list of co-mates. Phil also provided a progress rep on H2 obits.

I know that other CCQs are writing their cos because two have sent me copies of ltrs (rep in earlier cols): **Ed Weckel** D1 and **Dick Schonberger** B2, plus **Pat Donovan** G2. My plea is two-fold: (1) CCQs, please stay in touch with your co and (2) please send your ltrs/news to your scribe.

Over the yrs, different scribes have had different networks by virtue of their cadet cos, branches, asgmts, locations, etc.

Much of what I hear from former engrs or those in DC doesn't appear because (1) you would—probably do—get sick of reading about the same classmates over and over *ad nauseum* and (2) space. This is one of the reasons for my category of *First Ltrs*: there is little better than hearing from a new source. An excellent way to hear about classmates whose names have not appeared here often is for the CCQs to (1) stay in touch with cos and (2) share it with your scribe. End of sermon.

**Ed Matthews** (note the double t) called from Atl on 11 Jul. He does volunteer work for an intl adoption agency which tries to get food and clothing to children overseas whose adoptions are pending. Ed's idea was to have classmates en route to Thailand check an extra box provided by the agency. Gave him numbers for **Bob Pointer**, OIC Thailand 92 from the US side and **Phil Pryor**, XO for the Thailand Opn, again from the US side—obviously this is a joint and combined opn under CINCOPTHAI **Pete Kullavanijaya** and COMLANDFOROPTHAI **Sammy Sookmak**. Do not know what happened with respect to Ed's plan—may have been mission impossible. Anyway, Ed is teaching chem part-time at Ogelthorpe U and should make the 35th next yr.

**Gene Scales** writes, "Sad note. I just screwed my head around and found **Joe Scherffius**. Joe was with us through first semester of Cow Yr and served 12 yrs in the AF. He has had a stroke. I talked to his wife, **Mary Ann**, and then to Joe. He cannot eat, drink, or swallow. He has no short-term memory, but does have long-term memory. He was working for USAA when this occurred (about 3 yrs ago). He has no insurance or ret, and is now on Social Sec long-term disability."

**Gene** continues, "**Mary Ann** had to leave her job to take care of him, as he cannot be left alone. As I mentioned, Joe can talk and he remembers his M1 classmates. They have two sons, one in CA who is seriously trying to break into the entertainment business and another who works for TX in the Bureau of Pardons and Paroles. Their address is 4818 Clemson, San Ant, TX 78249." M1 files might call Joe for a morale boost. Thanks for the info, Gene.

Another from TX, **Buck Griffin**, writes, "There is no BJ Butler in town, but **Lawton (Buzz) Butler**, a former classmate and B1 file, does live in San Ant. I had contacted Buzz several mos before the S Padre Isl mini but couldn't interest him in attending. I should have followed up later, but didn't. Your adroit ldrship (**Lawton**'s, not scribe's) got me off my butt, and I've contacted Buzz again. I promised him we wouldn't ask for any contribs before 1 Aug and he agreed to add his name to the Cl mailing list."

Griffin does yeoman svc for the local WPS, for USMA recruiting, and was **Jack Tierney**'s mainstay for the S Padre Isl mini. Buck rep **Hugh Fisher** ex-L2 was recently added to the WPSST roster.

After the recent "Big One" in CA, **Tom Forman** rep **Peter Shunk** called to check on him and offer him shelter. Tom fortunately rep that "my home received nothing more than a severe shaking and rattling even though the epicenter was only about 15 mi N of me." He did describe the destruction and sadness associated with loss of life; he has dear friends whose grandson was crushed by falling stone. Tom is expecting the arrival of grandchild #5 in Nov, and he plans to travel east to SC for the event; he's contemplating moving to SC permanently to be near his two sons/families/grandchildren.

"You are the *last* person in the Cl I want to bug, but if you could drop me a note and let me know how close you are to completing the mem article on **Bob Stinson**, I'd really appreciate it. Thanks, old friend, best regards, **Tom**"—as in Tom **Claffey**. The reminder to me serves as a reminder to others from CINC Obits Claffey.

And **Chuck Densford** sent $25 for a reunion book ordered for **Gene Wentworth**. Chuck & **Patsy** recently went to Lake McQueeney to visit his sister & brother-in-law. While there they saw **Chuck & Karen Teeter**, whose "brokerage ofc is beginning to grow." Densford rep **Butch Saint** was the "guest speaker at III Corps O Club on 30 Jul" but Chuck missed the affair. He does write that "**Glenn Hall** has been a big help to me in finding financing to buy Kittie Hill Airport. Glenn also took me and **Stan Bacon** to lunch." The rest of the ltr was Thailand trip plans to spend last night (7 Aug) with Stan & **Jill Bacon** in Austin before leaving at 0615 on the 8th.

A ltr from **Herb Johnson** was filled with travel plans for the mini: "**Carma** & I opted for **Andrea Jasaitis**' tour that starts in Bali. **Frank Harlem** and I will be leaving out of LA. We plan to visit **Bob Bunker**, my firstie roommate, in Singapore." Later had occasion to call Herb, and learned that he also saw **Tony Forster**. Their plans were to depart 28 Jul from CA to Bali, then 7 Aug in Singapore, on to Thailand 8–15 Aug, then 16–24 Aug in Hong Kong, and then taper off with a few days in CA en route home to Denver.

Active Duty. Down to one in USA: COL (CH) **Ted Hepner**, who is to ret in summer 94. "**Leo Smith II** was a young AF off working in a new Minuteman missile silo when the US stared down the Soviet Union during the 62 Cuban missile crisis. Today, after 3 decades



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spent around the nuclear trigger at SAC, LT Gen Smith, now a SAC vice-cmdr, is ret. That's also the day SAC ceases to exist—without ever firing a missile or other nuclear arms." So read the AP article on 1 Jun 92 in which Leo was quoted as follows: "Of all the memories that I will have, it's the sense of satisfaction that we left without having to use those weapons." Leo was our last AF file. **Butch Saint** turned over cmd of USAREUR in mid-Jul and was our last Army GEN. His ret luncheon at Myer was on 25 Aug. One chaplain and two 4-stars in the Royal Thai Army, 3 and counting.

**1958:** Leo & Mary Jo Smith and Martha & Fritz Nuffer

Last bit from **Mark Sigurski**, whose daughter Christie is a natlly-ranked tennis player. She is now beyond Mark's ability to coach, so he got our tennis team CPT **Don Williams** to take over. Coach Don and player Christie were off to Indianapolis for the Western Open, where she was seeded in the round of 32 18-yr-olds (Christie will be 15 in Sep). Don recently took Mark for a ride in his 37-replica Jaguar.

Just received ltrs from **Don Palladino**, our Mem Fund Raising Chm—spt Don, spt the Cl, contribute to the '58 Mem Fund (mail checks to AOG, WP, NY 10996).

Off to Dulles Airport for 2055 departure to London, my puny b-ache for missing Thailand! **Chuck Densford** will rep on Thailand in the next col. Will end with **Buck Griffin**'s line: Keep in touch!

## '59

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**Marv & Marion Thomas** were surprise attendees at the annual summer party of the DC contingent, the bash held this yr on 21 Jun at the home of **Bob & Ann Rizzi** in Potomac, MD. The Thomases have taken up full-time residence in what was their second home in Rehoboth Beach, DE, and, we hope, will become frequent participants in our local doings.

**Fred & Marlene Malek** were there, so there were discussions of presidential politics, and **Zee Knebel**, who had **Jack** in tow, remained in charge of volunteers and probably lined up future hosts for this summer bash for yrs to come. **Gerry & Marsha Stadler** were with us for the last time for awhile (he ret this summer—more later), and were looking forward to their next phase in Lawton, OK, which Gerry has identified as a regional financial ctr in need of his presence.

Filling out the roster of attendees were **Lou Beard, Randy & Maryann Bell; Ray Beurket** and his fiancée Jan Hebert; **Tom Boyle** and

**1959:** '59'ers at the summer party

**1959:** Yeats and Griffin

Anne Haulsee; **Frank & Pat Campbell; Mike & Judy Duggan; Dave Fried; Phil & Rosa Gibbs; Art & Joyce Griffin; Tory & Carolyn Harle; Darel & Mary Jane Johnson; George & Beth Kleb; Fred & Sue Manzo; Chuck & Carol Millick; John & Margaret McNerney; Jack & Barbara O'Brien; Ed & Pat Robinson; Gil & Ina Roesler; Jim & Phyl Walsh; Carl & Ann Weaver; Bob & Elaine Weekley; Dick & Margaret Welsh;** and **Phil Yeats**.

**1959:** Welch, Weaver, Boyle, Griffin, Fried and Campbell

**Bill & Louella Buell** are in San Ant, where Bill has been teaching Latin at a private HS for the last 10 yrs. He is also dean of academics, vice principal and tennis coach. For recreation he has become a serious genealogical researcher, mostly for his family, but he also answers queries. The 3 Buell children are Johanna (32), mother of the first Buell grandson, who lives in E Ger where her husband is employed; Bill VI (30), who is working as a mortgage banker in San Fran; and Sara (28) who is married, living in Alexandria and mother of the first Buell granddaughter.

The A-1 mini-reunion at **Jim & Phyllis Walsh**'s house in Boonsboro, MD on 26 Jul was a great success. **Bill & Butch Rowe, Monk & Betsy Hilliard, Tom & Marty Roberts, Charlie & Nancy Hayes, Ray Beurket, Rody Conway** and **Polly** & I picked up conversa-

**1959:** Bill Buell

tions where they had left off yrs before, or so it seemed, and tel calls from **Fred Wilmoth** in Seattle and **T V Borlund** in Clarksville, TN made the day even more complete.

Jan Hebert, Ray's fiancée, was warmly welcomed into the gp, and the barbecue dinner prepared by Phyl's parents, whom we all called Oma and Opa, left us fat, happy and planning a repeat. Jim is threatening to make it an annual event, and none of us is objecting.

**Bill Zaldo** is the Southern VA rep for the Cl and rep that there are at least 16 of us down there. Bill & **Ellen**, along with **Lou & Betty Anne Hightower, Bob & Pat Letchworth, Tex & Caroline Turner** and **Skip & Nancy Tyler**, attended **Fred & Denise Franks'** cocktail party before the FD dinner last Mar and had a hard time tearing themselves away for the main event at the Langley O Club.

**1959:** Rowe & Beurket at the Walsh picnic

There was no camera, but Bill is able to share the following news: **Lou Hightower** works at CSC down the street from Bill in Newport News, so Bill sees him every so often, at least at the AUSA golf tournaments at Ft Eustis.

**Bill & Marlene Burleson** recently moved back to the Williamsburg area and are busy fixing up a house that had been rented. They are enjoying being back in CONUS after several yrs in Heidelberg, where Bill was Butch Saint's C/S.

The **Zaldos** have been trying to get **Fred & Denise Franks** to VA Beach for some golf and power shopping (respectively), but Fred's schedule is quite hectic, with him out of the country as much as in. Fred & Denise's daughter Margie visited 6 mos ago or so.

Bill has seen the **Letchworths** only at FD,



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**1959:** A-1 files at the Walsh picnic

**1959:** Conway, Coreth and Hayes at the Walsh picnic

even though they live nearby in Yorktown. **Pat McLaughlin** he sees more often, and they get together for dinner now and again. Pat has a boat, needful of maintenance, on which he promises to take friends fishing.

**Tex Turner** has not yet run out of father-of-the-bride stories from his daughter's wedding last yr. Bill had lunch with him and **Tom Russell**, who was down from WP, several mos back. **Skip Tyler** is teaching at a local private sch and enjoying it immensely. **Nancy Tyler** used to work for the co Bill is with (EER Systems), but left to teach also.

Others in Southern VA are **Irv & Phyllis Broocke** (Richmond), **Bob & Jennie Howe** (Gloucester Point), **Gene & Judy Oliver** (King George), **Roger & Barbara Paquette** (Norfolk), **Ron & Judy Recher** (Hopewell), **Hugh & Nancy Renalds** (Richmond), **Don & Hazel Tillar** (Charlottesville) and **Nancy (Warren) Burnett** (Richmond).

The **Zaldos** had a big family reunion in Jun to mark the coll grad of the 3rd and final child. Bill's brother Martin '61, his son and daughter, and 80-yr-old mother flew in from L.A.; mother-in-law came down from Bronxville, NY; daughter Jackie Hampton came from St Cloud, MN, with econ professor husband Eric, who had just gotten tenure at St Cloud State, and with 2–1/2-yr-old grandson Nathan; son Mike, the bachelor Baltimore architect, came down with girlfriend; and daughter Ragan, the recent grad in psychology from WV U, was there as the excuse for the party. Cousins Mickey & Vincent Ruehl were down from Bethesda, MD. Their daughter, Mercedes Ruehl, who won the Oscar for best spting actress in *The Fisher King*, planned to attend but had to cancel. Many thanks to Bill for the rundown, which he says is his first ltr to your scribe in 33 yrs.

**Gerry Stadler**'s ret was rep by **Hank Larsen, Clay Abrams** and sundry others. The 30 Jul event was at Ft Sill, where Gerry had cmded III Corps Arty from May 86-Jul 87 and had served in several other asgmts. Classmates in attendance included **Hank**, who is ITT's project mgr for DOL opns at Sill (ITT won the big contract in early Aug); Clay, who ret from civil svc last Nov and began vol work at the Legal Aid of W OK; and **Tony Pokorny**, who is building additional ofc space for his consulting firm, LB&M.

**Dorsey Baker** still works at his law practice but has relocated from Chicago to Lubbock, TX. He says they are enjoying the serenity of W TX, which is broken only by an avg of 5 days of dust storms per yr. Dorsey & **Char**'s younger daughter Kari is pursuing a master's in accting at N IL, and the older, Stacey, is getting a master's in agricultural economics, I think at TX Tech, and helping with the wknd farming. Char did a magnificent job, says Dorsey, rebuilding an older home and has a full life looking after her mother, playing tennis and making a home.

Dorsey rep that our other classmate in Lubbock, **Don Davis**, stopped by with **Maddy** for a pre-FD drink in Mar. They have lived there since 80, and Don is occupied now as a job developer for Job Source Plus, a gp that takes laid-off employees and helps with trng and placement. Dorsey says he knows that a lot of individuals are most thankful for Don's help in this tough job mkt.

A note from **Gil Roesler** rep that this yr's $2,000 Cl of '59 Scholarship was awarded to Ann Amoret Ivey to continue her studies at Old Dominion U. In his ltr to Ann, Gil noted that the selection panel was impressed by the excellence of her achievements and her long-range goals.

Some short takes: Since last issue classmates have rep seeing **Fred Malek** on "Larry King Live" and **Jack Knebel** on "Prime Time Live." A note on Prodigy rep that **Bill Lehrfeld** is shooting in the low 80s and beating **JJ O'Brien** regularly.

# '60

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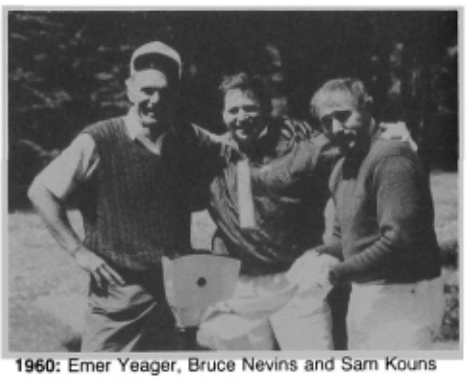
**Dick Carnaghi** rep that his son-in-law, Stephen Ingalls '82, has recently joined the Civ and Mech Engring Dept. Ingalls hosted 3 new cadets on their first day out during Beast. Besides eating, their primary subjects were Beast Bks Detail change and their experiences. Needless to say, the subject of the "Man in the Red Sash" and "R Day" came up.

**Dick** remembered **Ross Cullins**, at our 30th Reunion, relating what Dick considered one of the most humorous stories of cadet life he'd ever heard. Dick questioned whether Ross' presentation about our first day of Beast was recorded or if there's a written transcript. If not, perhaps Ross could do one or the other. Dick believes many grads and cadets would like to hear it. (Your scribe thinks it might even be appreciated by the civ world as well.)



**1960:** Emer Yeager, Bruce Nevins and Sam Kouns at AUSA Golf Tourney in Apr

**Sam Kouns** send along a pic of **Emer Yeager, Bruce Nevins** and himself at AUSA Golf Tourney in Apr at the Presidio of San Fran golf course. Final team score is "classified;" however, they finished in the *top 20*.

**Bruce & Cindy** just had their second child, Grace Kaitlin, born 11 May. Bruce is still with UMBRO soccer equipment co. **Emer** is doing great with Redwood Resources as exec VP for Fuel Mgt and Supply. Sam loves ret in CA.

**Chris Gigicos** wrote that, after reading all the dire news in *ASSEMBLY*, he realized that things aren't so bad in FL for **Bob Mason** and himself. The pic [next page] was taken as Bob and Chris were completing a 3-day cruise up the coast on Bob's 43-ft sailboat. There are still smiling and looking forward to many more pleasant cruises to exotic places. As far as health goes, Chris is fine, back to cadet weight and walking more than he ever did in the Inf.

On 14 Aug **Jane** & I attended the change of cmd ceremony in DC for the Natl Defense Univ. LTG **Paul G Cerjan**, US Army, was



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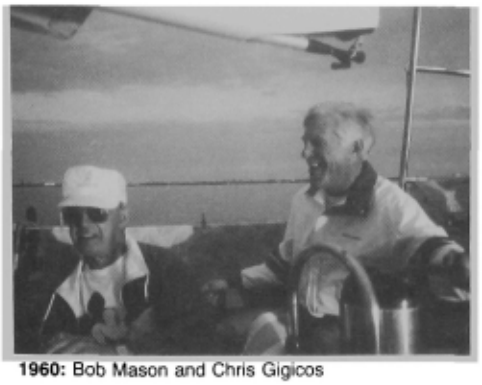

**1960:** Bob Mason and Chris Gigicos

installed as 7th pres, Natl Defense Univ. Also in attendance were **Randy Perkins** & his wife.

Harry Walters '59 advises that he saw **Bruce Nevins** recently; Bruce and family are doing fine. Harry also saw **Tony Baker** within the last yr; Tony & wife are the parents of a toddler and 1 1/2–2 1/2-yr-old. Congrats!

# '61

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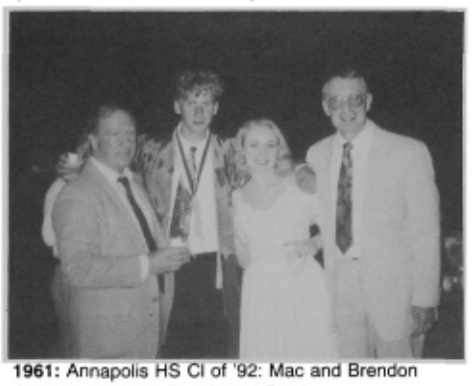
Hooray for **Lucy & Joe Paone**!! The Cl pool party at their massive Manassas manse was a splashing success, thanks to everything they did to make the arrangements easy and fun for us and the "DC gang" (**Buckner, Glass, Kremer** and co, who helped Dick put together the photo collage that you'll see in these pages). Thanks to Joe's dad, too, who had a few stories which kept us laughing. Despite the cool temps, Joe's pool was a ctr of action that even the "rock squaders" found to be plungingly invigorating. The crowd incl **John Neiger; Jenny & Pete Offringa** (Pete's delightfully upbeat about the role of the Corps of Engrs in the smaller Army); **Joan & Frank Rauch** (Frank passed on a great photo that included **Mac Greeley**), **Bob Glass** and **Bob McConnell** (their brides were TDY).



**1961:** Annapolis HS Cl of '92: Mac and Brendon Greeley and Nina Rauch and Frank

In **Georgia Witherspoon**'s case, it was **Gene** who was TDY; **Barbara & Bob Rosenkranz**, Barb has just embarked on a new job, as has Bob who will be the new CG of the Operational and Testing Cmd down I-395 from the Pentagon. **Kathy & Will Conley** made the march from Richmond and combined that with an RON at the Buckners; **George Kopscak** did a few cannonball dives that were memorable and regaled us with his tales of challenging the white-water rapids of Idaho trying to test the mettle of his bride **Michele. Emmy & Reggie Brown** were there, beaming proudly, celebrating the arrival of their first grandchild. Reg is now the Middle East dir for AID. **Bobbie & Jim Blesse** just returned from trips to NY and FL; as a youngster Bobbie lived near Greenwhich Vill and kept us intrigued with her stories of "how things have changed." **Connie & Larry Budge** just ret a few days before at Ft Myer—in fact, his spit-shined shoes still sparkled. The **Busdieckers, Lilienthals** and Magnesses were there, too, along with the **Fishburnes** (**Joe** is in private practice as a psychologist and does some absorbing consulting work with the State Dept). **Karen & Charlie Hansell** are in Fairfax for a while until he completes his business degree. . . then it's off to make zillions, billions and trillions.

**Okja & Bill Mackie** are back in the DC area after 6 yrs in Finland as the Defense and Air attache (*really, 6 yrs*). *Our Supe ret* Bill at Trophy Point as beaming daughter Sophia, Okja and mom Lydia Mackie, 85 yrs young, proud and spry, from Spencer, NY stood by his side.

**1961:** Our Supe and the Mackies; where's the USAF flag, Bill?

The Supe, while lauding Bill's svc, apologized for the Army flag being displayed vice the AF banner. In truest diplomatic style and character, Bill graciously responded that beneath his AF blues beats the heart of an ardent Army warrior.

**1961:** Melinda Tilton '92, dad Frank and his classmate

In May, **Liz & Frank Tilton**'s daughter Melinda Kathryn grad with the Cl of '92. **Todd Counts** was there, along with **Al Vanderbush** and **Bill Sullivan** and, afterwards, at the **Heimdahls**' where the Supe presented her with a gift from the Cl. Melinda is headed to Abn Sch and then to Huachuca. Son Paul, a SF sgt at Ft Devens, was married in May; the **Sciples** joined Liz & Frank for that celebration. More news from New England: **Pat & Harry Woodward** motored from CT to FL during Jun to visit daughter Shari in Coconut Grove. While in the AO they hopped over to Sarasota to spend time with **Carole & Bob Dunning** (fellow L2er and Falls Church HS mate) who has gained a reputation as a "chef extraordinaire."

**1961:** Bob Dunning and Harry Woodward. . . "slaying the fatted calf"

Pat & Harry will be on the road again to visit son Steven as he settles in at the U of AL (we'll look forward to the news of that adventure). And, from Houston, **Frenchie Hebert** sent this portrait of C2 happiness *a la* our 30th.

He is predicting that the Republican convention will bring a few of our mates to town. (Perhaps we'll get an after-action rep). Frenchie also wanted all of us to know that. . . "Houston has an excellent networking system for those looking around for new opportunies. . . . (They) would be happy to act as contact. . . ."

Dateline LaJolla, CA: **Joyce & Brian (Bo) Schultz** have been there "TDY" since Feb 91 from their home in Hoorestown, NJ. Their 3-mo asgmt with Stone and Webster Engr Corp has turned into a CA-styled furnished condo overlooking the Pacific and enjoying the company of classmates in the AO. **Jerry & Ed Jones** were by for lunch.

The small talk turned to Bo's work on the design for the Dept of Energy of a modular, high-temp, gas-cooled reactor that will be capable of producing electrical power as well as making tritium for weapons. (Remember when the most complex bull session involved "the merits of field stripping an M1?") Ed has been busy with his work involving the acquisition of a former E Ger co; Jerri by now should have completed her 3-wk tour of China (maybe we'll see some photos).

From SE Asia: **Chan & Mike Eiland** are en route from Bangkok to Jakarta. So if you missed them in Thailand, there's still time and opportunity to visit these exotic isles of the Pacific. In a delightful and exciting phone conv, Chan described the new horizons of this archipelago that a few of us may even remember as the Netherlands E Indies, the locale of Bali, Java and Sumatra.

From another exotic place, this time Kuwait, the *Wash Post* explains that our own **Bob Frix** has declared "that US forces in the area are enough to deal with any probable threat to Kuwait at this time." From all other reps



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**1961:** At Joe & Lucy Paone's, 18 Jul 92

**1961:** The Charlie Deuce clan at our 30th

**1961:** Ed & Jerri Jones and Joyce & Brian Schultz—"guarding the Pacific frontier"

# '62

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Received a number of photos but little text, so this will be a bit short. Everyone must be saving up their news for our 30th Reunion in Nov.

**Sammy Steele** ran into his old roommate, **Charlie Merriam**, while attending a track meet in Newport News, VA. Charlie coaches and teaches at Norfolk Acad and Sammy was in attendance to watch his son run for Woodson HS from Fairfax. Sammy's son Lindsey graduated from HS and is now at William & Mary. Sammy saw **Mac Howard** in May, as they both had daughters graduating from Wake Forrest.

Bob's doing a spectacular job of which we can all be proud.

Some other important Cl business: **Ron Hannon** is following up on the Cl gift campaign. He had a very fruitful mtg with the DC area Cl cmte and expects to have an interim rep, probably for the next issue. . . . In the meantime, let's BEAT NAVY!



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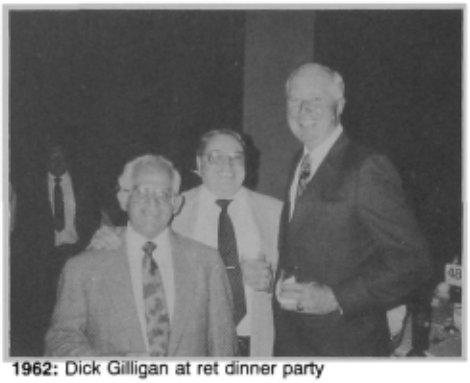
**1961:** Merriam and Steele at track meet in Newport News, VA

**1962:** Bill Mogan at a typical bikers' 4-star dining establishment

**1962:** Div Cmdrs Conf attendees Ted Stroup, Gail & Bob Ord, Susan & Steve Arnold and Chuck Dominy

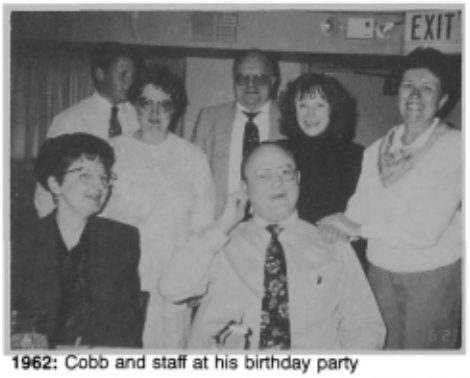
**1962:** Gross, Slater, Lape, Mennie, Mogan, Voss and Baltes



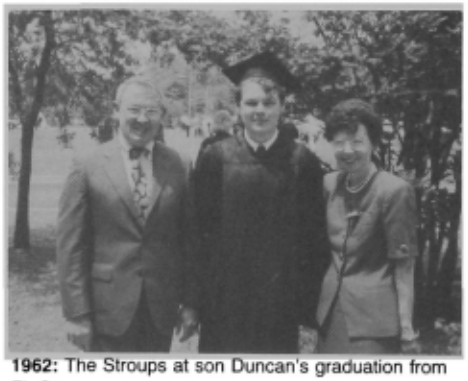
**1962:** Dick Gilligan at ret dinner party

**Tom Faley** wrote a short note and sent along a pic taken at his ret at Ft Monroe. Tom said the rain started halfway through, so the speeches were short and the activities quickened. It seems like just the other day we were neighbors of the Faleys at Ft Benning in 66. Tom & **Sue** have built a home 5 mi outside Carlisle Bks.

**1962:** Tom Faley at his ret, Ft Monroe




**1962:** Cobb and staff at his birthday party



**1962:** The Stroups at son Duncan's graduation from FL State

**Bill Mogan** sent along photos and a note about his latest motorcycle trip. He and his fiancée Loretta used the 4th of Jul wk to bike 1750 mi from Scottsdale to Dutch John, UT and return. They stopped in Panguitch, UT for lunch (see photo). In Bill's words, bikers will eat anywhere. Bill & Loretta are building a new home in Scottsdale.

Bill sent along a photo of **Ty Cobb** on the occasion of his birthday party. Ty manages the Office of the Comptroller, Picatinny Arsenal. With his wife, Ty also owns a sporting goods store in Sparta, NJ. Also from Picatinny comes the news that **Dick Gilligan** ret. His last asgmt was as the C/S, Armament Research and Devel Ctr. Dick plans on taking it easy for a few wks before looking for civ employment.

**Ted & Harriet Stroup** traveled to FL State for the grad of son Duncan, who majored in finance and economics. Ted also rep that we all are off active duty except **Jim Kays** at WP and those serving as GOs. **Denny Reimer** ret **Dave MacLaughlin** and **Al Robb** at the Pentagon, and **Sonny Sloan, Johnny Nau** and **Jerry Comello** at the AWC. Finally, Ted sent along a pic of classmates at the Div Cmdrs Conf, Apr 92, Ft Leavenworth.

That's it for now—see you at our reunion.

# '63

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Since my last writing, I have been informed of the deaths of two classmates: **Larry L Spohn** and **Russell S Simonetta Jr.** Unfortunately, I don't have many details on Larry—he died on 2 Jun 92, was buried in Bennington, KS and lists his next of kin as Larry L Spohn Jr (son), c/o Mr Charles Hoffhaus, 4th Floor, 2 Crown Ctr, 2420 Pershing Road, Kansas City, KS 64108–2574. Russ was med ret (he had been nominated to be our mil attaché in India) and eventually succumbed to cancer on 25 Jun 92 in Grafton, VA. His lovely **Phyllis (Phil)** was by his side, and she took him to WP for a grave-side svc on 30 Jun. As a fellow member of K1, I have fond memories of Russ trying to explain two-fingered poi to GEN Westmoreland when Russ was CAO at Buckner. We will surely miss them.

**1963:** '63 sons and daughters in the Cl of '92: Steve Ehrenberg, Brian McCarver, Terry Alger, Scott Stanley, Beth Ballard and Dave Capps

**1963:** Bob & Mary Lou Brown, Dave & Connie Cole, Mike & Sandy Simmons and Dan & Bonnie Struble



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**1963:** '63'ers gather to salute Bob Foley as he becomes USMA's 63rd Com of Cadets: (Back row) Farris, Willson, O'Donnell, Wilson, Foley, Rolfe, Kelly, Arbogast, Jackson, Beatty; (front row) Higgins, Ahern, Tyler, O'Connor, White

# '64

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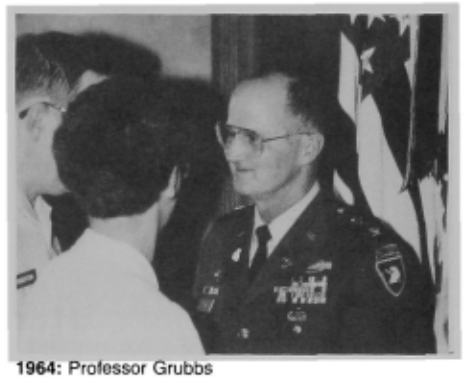
Greetings! Our gp continues to excel at our old alma mater. This time the one in which we can take great pride is **Jack Grubbs**, who on 10 Apr was formally installed as Prof USMA of what we called ES&GS and I think is now Geography and Environmental Engineering. Jack joins **Frank Giordano** and **Fletch Lamkin** as '64 permanent profs. On making the appt the Supe noted that it's easier to get to be a 4-star than to be selected Prof USMA.



**1964:** Professor Grubbs

On 22 Jun, **Bob Foley** was sworn in as the 63rd Com of Cadets. **Dan Willson** (now working at AOG) initiated an effort to get former co mates (A1) and basketball teammates up to WP to attend the ceremony. The gp gathered at the Thayer for dinner on the 21st and presented Bob & **Julie** with books about WP. Dan pledged our spt to Bob (here, here) and noted how fortunate the cadets were in getting such a superb ldr for their new boss. Classmates attending incl **John Ahern, Gordy Arbogast** (all the way from CA), **Agnes & Norm Beatty, Tom Carney, Jeanne & Bob Farris, Dick Higgins, Dave Jackson, Karen & Pete M Kelly, Ed Lee, Jim O'Connor, Vi & Jack O'Donnell, Buzz Rolfe, Ty Tyler, Sandy White, Barbara & Will Wilson** and Dan Willson. **Lyndol Cook** sent a ltr to Bob, on behalf of the Cl, offering congrats and best wishes.

**Dick James** hosted a '63 Golf outing at the Mt Vernon Country Club, Alexandria, VA. Dick & **Dee** were great hosts, and some good golf was played (**Dave Sallee**: 76, Dick James: 81). A Mexican buffet in the clubhouse concluded a very full day for **Jean & George DeGraff, Brenda & Dean Dowling, Chauncey Drewry, John Dunn, Jean & Bob Farris, Doug Hartman** and Dave Sallee.

**Mike Vopatek** has initiated qtrly Cl luncheons in DC—The first one was 30 Jun at Ft Myer—**Tom Carney** gave an interesting talk about the many challenges facing a DCSPER in a downsizing Army. The second luncheon was scheduled for Sep; call me if you want to try to attend any in the future.

Sons and daughters of '63 grad in the Cl of '92 were presented gifts (pens) from the Cl. The graduating cadets were: Steve **Ehrenberg**, Brian **McCarver**, Terry **Alger**, Scott **Stanley**, Beth **Ballard**, Dave **Capps** and Brad **Mock**.

Nice note from **Dan & Bonnie Struble** (36882 Kimberwick Lane, Wadsworth, IL 60083). Dan invited some of the L2 gang to his digs for tests of strength and skills in the '92 OLD-LIMP-ICS.' **Bob Brown, Dave Cole** and **Mike Simmons** and their brides took up the challenge. Tel contact was made with **Frank Mataranglo, Dan Demchuk** and **Tommy Thompson**. An L2 gathering is being planned for the A-N game in Dec.

On a personal note, I plan to ret soon and have accepted a position with Austin Powder Co, Cleveland, OH. **Mike Summers** will assume the duties as scribe. Mike is also pulling together plans for our 30th Reunion (29–31 Oct 93) and will send a ltr to all classmates with more details this fall. Mike's address is 1401 Eye St, NW, Suite 600, Wash, DC 20005; tel 202-336-7427.

More good news. We still are producing GEN offs! On 24 Apr, **John Weber**, who is city atty for Alamagordo, NM, was promoted to BG and assumed cmd of the NM State Defense Force. For you history buffs, a former regt cmdr of this orgn was LTC Christopher "Kit" Carson, and units later served with the Rough Riders in Cuba. Congrats, John.

**Jeff Kleb** is hard at work on his project to insure that obits are written for all our deceased classmates. He has written NOK requesting input and solicits your spt as well.

**1964:** Jeff Louis, Mike Conway, Bill Murdy, Frank Giordano, Dave Bramlett, Jed Brown, Dick Williams, Seth Hudgins, Kevin Kelley, Norm Anderson and Fletch Lamkin



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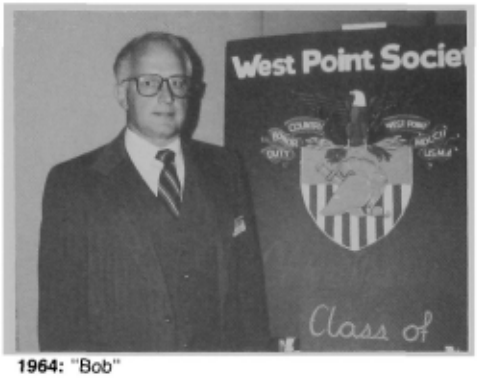
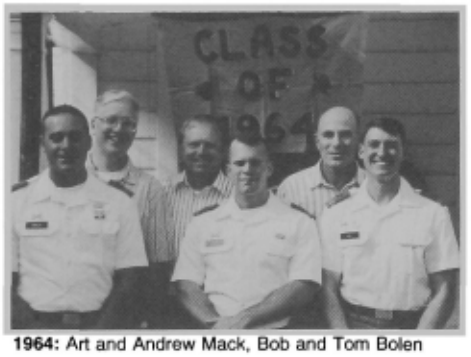
**1964:** Joy Hudgins and Dave Bramlett at the '64 gathering to say farewell to the Bramletts




**1964:** "Bob"




**1964:** Art and Andrew Mack, Bob and Tom Bolen and Norm and Skip Gill

**1964:** The Boys. . .

**1964:** . . . and the Girls

Anyone wishing to contribute or assist in writing should contact Jeff. (I am not including addresses anymore because the **John Ward** Cl Directory is in your hands). Mem articles are outstanding for **Arrington, Bischoff, Black, Fishback, Graham, Hayward, Higbee, Kiley, Kindeleborger, Kotrc, Little, McKinley, McKittrick, Miller, Mozden, O'Brien, Ponzol, Powers, Serio, Stone** and **West.**

**Cris Stone** is doing the article on **Gerry Palma** and solicits any comments or contribs you would care to make.

**Bill Reynolds** rep that he & **Ann** are enjoying life in the Pacific NW. What Bill misses most about his former position at USMA is the sabbatical every few yrs.

FD photo dept: **Bob Hillyer** at the function in Omaha—another solo attendee.

My handicap is fast approaching single digits. . . .

Three ltrs from **Seth Hudgins** this past two mos! I've always held Seth in high regard; however, with this effort he is fast moving up on the list of my most favorite people!

Recent functions held by the WP contingent included the now-traditional gathering to honor grad Cl offspring. As you may recall, trays are presented to ea, and the words penned by **Earl Kelton** on the occasion of the grad of our first Cl son are reread. **Frank & Judy Giordano** hosted this function at Round Pond.

**Seth & Joy** gathered the Cl at their digs in Cornwall to say farewell to **Dave & Judi Bramlett**, who are heading to AK where Dave will take over the 6th Inf Div. Dave is obviously still in the payback period for his tour in HI. **Tony Hartle**, en route from a yr's sabbatical in England, took pen in hand to craft a Cl resolution honoring Dave & Judi. Seth also presented Dave with a framed Ogden print provided anonymously by one of our classmates on behalf of the Cl.

**Seth** also passed on a ltr from **Mark Galton**'s folks written after a recent visit to WP, expressing their appreciation for the many kindnesses shown them by mbrs of the Cl and describing the interest with which they have followed our progress through the yrs.

**Mike Cook** provided a brief rep on a Cl lunch held on 31 May at the Ft Myer O Club for DC area classmates. He provided a list of attendees which I shall not reproduce here. Suffice it to say, with 78 present, the Cl in Wash has got its act together! Worthy of note was the attendance of **Marsh Arrington** and **Pat (O'Brien) Broyles**.



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# '65

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Greetings once again from Chicago. We've some great news and great pix, espec of several weddings. As you can see in the first pic, our good friend the Deputy Dean & wife, **Jim & Julie McEliece**, beam very proudly as their daughter Annabet walks out of the Cadet Chapel with husband Tom Pettit '91.

**1965:** The McEliece wedding

We're not sure which of the two young ladies is the prettier, the mother of the bride or the bride! A great reception was held at the Thayer, with both Jim & Julie leading the way with fancy dance steps.

On that same Sat morn, **John & Addrienne Wattendorf** saw their son Danny marry Nicole Trotter.

**1965:** The Wattendorf wedding

Both are Cornell grads serving in the USAF. Danny will start med sch at George Wash shortly. Nicole has her master's in aerospace engring and will be going to DC to get another master's in public health. Also in attendance at the wedding (see pic) were the **Vanns**, the **Doughtys** and the **Csokas**.

At the grad ceremonies for '92, our Cl was ably represented by new 2LT Pat **Howell** (who graduated high enough in his Cl to be in the first row of the cadets receiving their diplomas) and Chip **O'Donnell**, shown with his parents.

**Skip** called it a tearjerker because it brought back memories of Jun 65. Also in attendance were **Rich Osgood** and **Dave & Stosh Vann**. Future **Coll** daughter-in-law Carolina Rodriguez-Rey was also amongst the 92 grads and was looking forward to her wedding to Brian in Aug 92 in Reading, PA.

As '92 joins the Long Gray Line, '96 starts Beast, led by our own off-spring: Mark **DeLaar**, Matt **Gnau**, Ivan **Konermann** and Justin **Leozinski** (can you believe it?)

**1965:** O'Donnell's graduation

**Bob Wolff** sent along the pic of the Cl engrs who attended the SAME conf in New Orleans in May. Pictured are **Frank Skidmore** (who's with Berger and Associates in Gaithersburg, MD), **Ralph Locurcio** (Pacific Ocean div cmdr), **Chuck McCloskey** (see later), **Clare Gill** (DCS USAREUR) and **Stan Genega** (S Atlantic Div).

**1965:** Skidmore, Locurcio, McCloskey, Wolff, Gill and Genega

Bob has a new job as ch of engring at a Baltimore district, which causes him to commute from Potomac to Baltimore each day. His daughter Dina (23) is at The Sch of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and son Allen (20) is at U of MI. **Phyllis** is doing well in her interior design business. Speaking of the SAME mtg, **Loco** was presented the Wheeler medal, an award presented annually to civ and mil mbrs for outstanding contribs to mil engring. In Loco's case, he received the medal for his work in rebuilding Kuwait.

Speaking of **McCloskey**, he is now VP of Gas Energy, Inc a subsidiary of Brooklyn Union Gas, the nation's 5th largest gas distribution co. Within Gas Energy, he is the pres of Energy Pro Construction Partners and directs the engring, procurement and construction opn of a natural gas-fired, 90 megawatt generation power plant at JFK Intl Airport. The $240 mil project is scheduled to be on-line within two yrs and will provide all the electrical power for the airport as well as the central heating and cooling for 9 passenger terminals. They have their house in Little Rock up for sale and will be relocating to Long Isl shortly. Since he's been back, Chuck has renewed ties with **Russ Campbell, Jim Harmon** and **Mark Sheridan**.

Our old friend Max Thurman was in town with the Pres' Commission on Women in the Mil, and we were fortunate to be invited to a private dinner that the CG, USAREC had for him. Max looks, acts and feels great and is back up to his normal cruising speed of 150%. Miracles do happen and certainly not to a nicer guy. Max also accepted an honorary '65 mbrship and said he was proud to do it (as long as it didn't cost him any money).

**1965:** Denny & Judy Coll and Max Thurman

**John Alger** is now with Prudential Realtors in Fayetteville, NC. John will be working for his first co XO who runs this real estate opn. He & **Linda** will be moving as soon as they sell their home in VA.

The new two-star list came out in Jun, and, of the 28 nominated, several were '65. **Dick Tragemann** is currently at Leavenworth. **John Thompson** is also on the list and is the ADC, 5th Inf at Ft Polk. **Stan Genega** and **John Pickler** round out the list. Our congrats to all 4 of our deserving classmates. **Jimmie Wood** wrote from AK that he & **Lee** will be leaving after 4 long but enjoyable yrs. He cmded a bde and then was C/S for the 6th ID. They are going to Norfolk where he will be dir of Joint Doctrine, trying to take the lessons from Desert Storm and turn them into doctrine.

**Betsy Reed** wrote that **Howie** has accepted a new position with OH State at Lima as associate dir (fiscal responsibility) for the campus. She planned to join him after daughter Debbie finishes teaching swimming this summer. After that, Debbie will head back to Rhodes Coll in Memphis for her sr yr, and Andy will be staying at NYC, where he is in the mgt trng program with Consolidated Edison.

I saw **Joe & Lynn DeFrancisco** in Apr in DC, and we had a great dinner together. My notes indicate "Joe will buy Lynn a Jaguar," but the context of same was not transcribed by your scribe. Lynn, call me when you get the car, and we'll go for a ride. G2 reps from USMA indicate that **Kim Olmstead** Jr is going to be part of the sr cadet ldrship (deputy bde cmdr) for 93. I received late questionnaires, which will be added to our master roster, from **Mike Hudson**, who's an atty in Marina Del Rey, CA; **Jim Stephenson**, still in Minneapolis; and **Duncun MacVicar**, still in Los Altos, CA. If you still have your questionnaire, send it in and it will go into the master roster. If you need a copy of the printed roster, send $25 made payable to the Cl Fund.

And finally, don't forget the Cl party at the Cherry Hill Hyatt Hotel on Friday, 4 Dec and Saturday, 5 Dec immediately following the A/N game. Call **Joe Sanchez** for reservations. Thanks for the ltrs and pix—I was a little afraid that the last article was indicative of decline, but not so! Beat Navy!

# '66

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Greetings again. Summer's over, but it's been great here in the Baltimore, DC, Annapolis area. The DC area Cl picnic was kind of



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a bust. Seems like summer is a bad time to try to get together. We did get to see **Bob & Beverly Ramsey** and two of their daughters, Lynn and Melissa. As mentioned last time, Bob is new to DC. **Rick & Linda Gorski** were in the DC area in mid-Jul and just missed the picnic. They are new grandparents—as of 11 May 92 to Jacob Stuart Ledyard. Linda says he already looks like a hockey player. We have a new location for future DC Cl lunches for all DC visitors. We now will be meeting in the heart of DC at another Hunan's. Call **Norm Cooney** for details at 202-637-4072 or **Tim Daly** at 202-646-6856. This should make it more convenient for everyone and, after 6 yrs, I'm ready for a change.

I heard from **Harry Wise** in Aug. He & **Lorelle** are fine and have a daughter at the Med Univ of SC and one entering U of GA. Harry is still with Phoenix Specialty Mfg Co in Bamberg, SC. Harry found a long-lost classmate, **Abney (Skip) Smith**. Skip & wife **Mary Bell** live in Columbia, SC. They have a daughter at Clemson and one in HS. Skip is with SC Electric and is a project engr in construction. Harry rep that "Skip is currently project mgr of a power plant being built 15 mi from Bamberg—not bad for a guy turned out in CE." Harry, **Don Scoggin** and Skip got together at Skip's home. Scoggin was down for his son's orientation at U of SC. Don & **Becky** live in Doylestown, PA. Don works for Unisys.

**1966:** Wise, Scoggin and Smith

**Steve & Barb Ohotnicky** sent a pic of themselves with son Pete USAF '92 at his grad. Pete was #1 in engring mechanics, distinguished grad and 17th in his Cl at USAF out of 1081. He is now at flight trng, Lubbock, TX.

**1966:** Barb, Pete and Steve Ohotnicky at USAF grad, Jun 92

**Duke & Alice Parker** wrote from Topsfield, MA, where Duke is corp treas for CR Bard, Inc a Fortune 500 corp. Their son Brad is a freshman at Notre Dame, and son John is in Paris. Their daughter Anne is an acct. Duke believes they may have the first-born daughter in the Cl—14 Mar 67. Anyone earlier? The Parkers keep in touch with **Mark & Carole Scureman**. Mark recently ret and moved to Louisville, KY. **Chuck & Dianne Hoffman** and State Senator **Robbie Robbins & Cindy** attended his ret ceremony. Good job on sending me the pix, Robbie! **Wil & Barb Kone** wrote to update me on some classmates and their own activities. Wil is still at Cornell U working as sr admin for the Div of Nutritional Science. They live very close to Cornell and Ithaca (20 min) and invite anyone visiting to call 607-539-7996 and stay with them. Wil has taken a break from his position as town supervisor (like mayor), which he did for two terms. After a break, he intends to run again for public ofc. Last Mem Day wknd the Kones drove to MI for the wedding of one of **Mike & Barb Wynne**'s daughters. **Jim Suhay** (controller with Ford Parts and Svc Div) also attended. Mike & Barb live in Delmar, CA, where he is gen mgr of the General Dynamics Space Systems Div. Two daughters married, two to go. This summer the Dones visited **Doc & Shirley Crants** in Nashville, TN. Wil rep Doc is an excellent tour guide and has even picked up a bit of an accent. I think he got that yrs ago from Beasley. The Kones' youngest son enters HS this fall. He's 13 and already 6'2', 190 lbs with a size 13 shoe. The Kones now have five in HS, two srs, two sophomores and a freshman. Their oldest daughter has been married for 3 yrs and the oldest son engaged. I count 7. Can anyone match or beat that? Barb is active in teaching and writing a book on the history of Brooktondale, NY. **John Boyd** is proj mgr for construction of a small machine shop in Warri, Nigeria. He rep it will take about 9 mos to finish there, about 4 in the states. He asks any classmates visiting Nigeria to stop by. He'll give you an imported beer, since the local beer is laced with arsenic to cut the aging time. Gee, thanks, John—I think I'll try the local stuff. I'm always up for something different. His local phone is 052-232565. Good luck, John! **Al Sirutus** sent some news clips on articles written about Perot's trying to block the Vietnam Mem. One was written by **Jack Wheeler**. I have copies for anyone interested. **John Dubia** will become dir, Officer Personnel Mgt Directorate, US Total Army Personnel Cmd in Alexandria, VA. **Wes Clark** has a second star and is now CG 1st Cav. I don't have any details at this time. **Jan Van Prooyen** is to be DCG of Space and Strat Def.

Few pix this issue, but here's one of the D4 contingent that made it to the 30th.

**1966:** Sands, Rees, Brown, Hartline, Hiller, Pappas and Haines (D-4 at the 30th)

**Bill & Susan Hughes** wrote to announce the grad of their daughter, Carolyn Michelle '92, and the entry of their son John Robert into the Cl of '96 (Co D-3). Bill is cmd surgeon of the US Special Opns Cmd, jumping and running with Seals, Rangers and SF. The Hugheses reside in Valrico, FL.

**1966:** The Hughes family at USMA Graduation 92

**Mike Mewhinney** came to Baltimore this summer when the Orioles played the Rangers. Mike is part-owner of the Rangers (who won), but who cared—going to the game with an owner was an entirely unique and enjoyable experience. Mike loved our new stadium, and I hope we see him here again.

Thanks to all who sent info. If you have never sent a pic or a ltr before, please do it soon; your old roommates want to know what you are doing, what your kids are like, and where you are. It's BEAT NAVY time—**Kes**.

# '67

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*17 Jun 92*: Today is **Suzi**'s & my 25th anniv. An auspicious occasion to be sure. Last wk, in a feeble attempt to make idle conversation with my wife, I foolishly asked, "And what do you want for your anniv present, dearest?" It was really a rhetorical question, because I had already decided on something nice—not ostentatious or expensive, but nice—and was fully expecting something non-committal in reply. It's amazing how much we really don't know about people, even after having lived with them for a qtr-century. Without even pausing for breath, Suzi says, "I want a gold ring surrounded with 25 diamonds." I beg your pardon, I say. You're kidding, of course. "No, blockhead, I'm not kidding. I've been married to you for 25 yrs, and I'm worth it." End of discussion. There certainly wasn't any equivocation in her reply. Those of you who know Suzi can picture in your mind's eye the look on her face and the tone of her voice. Well, I may have spent most of 4 yrs wallowing in various and sundry last sections, with the like of **Bob Rettig** and **John Hart**, but I'm no idiot. This morn Suzi got her ring. After all, she really is worth it. "But I was only kidding!" she gushed. Sure, I said.

*21 Jun*: Tomorrow we start the vacation from hell. Suzi, me, the 3 boys and Suzi's mom will pile into the car and head for Disney World and San Ant. What fun it will be. Today I made an extra stop at the Class 6 store. **Suzi** keeps asking why I need two suitcases, and why one of them sounds like it's full of glass.

*2 Jul*: We are in San Ant now. Disney World was fun, espec when the kids disappeared and we didn't know where they were. Or care. I had planned on stopping in Houston on the way to San Ant and bonding with **Randy Pais** for a day or so, but we were having so much fun in the car **Suzi** suggested that we just keep



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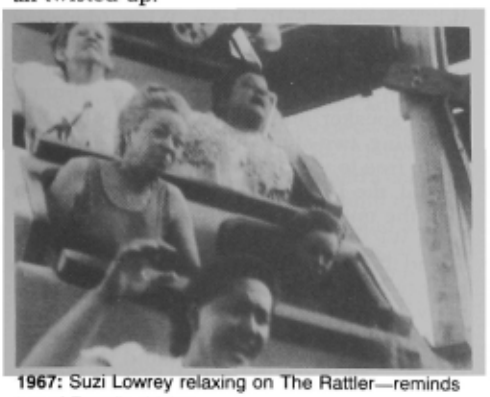
driving. Today we all rode the world's highest, fastest, steepest wooden roller coaster, appropriately called The Rattler. It took awhile to get Suzi cleaned up afterwards, but I don't know how long her face is going to stay all twisted up.



**1967:** Suzi Lowrey relaxing on The Rattler—reminds her of Freed's driving

*6 Jul*: We are home. Thank goodness. I had gone through the contents of my second suitcase several days ago, so the last few days were a bit testy, especially the 750-mi day. Colin, aka Dr Doom, was not blessed with a really strong bladder. Anyway, I found lots of mail waiting for me. The first ltr I picked up was from **John Murrell**, the corporate jet and used Edsel salesman in Houston, who sent along the photo from this yr's Houston FD blowout. You'd think they could have at least airbrushed some hair on **Parr** and **Spincic**, and gotten a stool for **Pais** to stand on so he could be in the pic.

In addition to the Houston crowd, BG **Walt Mather** came down from Ft Hood for the party. He & **Linda** departed for Belgium on 15 Jun, where Walt will be the XO to the SACEUR. According to **Murrell**, there was another party in Houston recently—**Tom & Joanie Parr** celebrated their 25th anniv with a little do for about 650 of Tom's closest friends. Dr Parr does well.

The second ltr I found, stuck in between the pgs of my latest *Victoria's Secret* catalog, was from **Dave Peixotto**. Dave is in Kuwait where, as CO of the Kuwait Emergency Recovery Ofc, he's heading the Corps of Engrs effort to assist in rebuilding Kuwait's war-damaged public infrastructure (water, electricity, roads, etc). He says that last Nov he was sitting around his ofc in Louisville, where he was the district engr, trying to think of something constructive to do, when the phone rang and he was given 10 days to be in Kuwait. Good to see that the Army is still as compassionate as ever. Dave sent along a spiffy photo of him enjoying a gourmet MRE meal in one of Kuwait's many charming outdoor bistros.

**1967:** Dave Peixotto enjoying a luncheon at one of Kuwait's charming outdoor cafés

The 3rd ltr was from **Pam Dials**. Poor **George** has had to change jobs yet again—this Aug he & Pam are moving to Idaho Falls, ID, where George will be at the ID Falls Natl Lab. Pam didn't specify in what capacity George would be—my guess is that he will be the object of some rather intense study effort. As in guinea pig. The real news in the Dial household, though, is the continued success of daughter Heather's operatic career. Heather, a 4th yr voice/opera student at the Curtis Institute of Music, made her debut at Lincoln Ctr's Alice Tully Hall this past May. She was the winner of the Young Developing Artist Div of the Rosa Ponselle Intl Competition for the Vocal Arts. She will make her European debut as "Michelo" in *Carmen* in Ghent and Prague with the European Opera Ctr and also will sing in the US with the WV Symphony, the Baltimore Symphony and the Savannah Symphony. That's a pretty impressive list of credits. The Dials' son Bill received his master's from U of PA this past May; he will be moving to Gainesville, FL, where he intends to work on his PhD in clinical psych.

*8 Jul*: (Expletive deleted) A handwritten ltr from **Randy Pais** today. Damn, I know he's got a computer. He just does this to aggravate me. If I get it deciphered before my deadline, I'll let you know what he has to say, if anything. One of these days I'm going to psychoanalyze that guy with an axe.

*11 Jul*: The hot news in today's mail was the recent marriage of **Ed Marion** to the former Miss **Susan** Mizneco.

**1967:** Ed Marion with his bride Susan Mizneco, Jun 90

Well, maybe not so recent—according to Ed, the blessed event occurred in Jun 90; he just now realized that this was news worthy of sharing with his Cl. What I really suspect is that it suddenly dawned on him that the reunion is nigh, and it wouldn't be in good form to show up with a strange woman on his arm. In order to spoil the fun of all the scandal mongers amongst you, he decided to spill the beans. Of course, the fact that this issue probably won't reach anyone until after the reunion never registered with Ed. Sue is a sr tax analyst for COSMAIR, Inc—the same co Ed works for. COSMAIR is the US licensee for L'Oreal—the outfit that makes smelly things like Polo, Polo Chrest, Lauren, Safari, Picasso, Armani and Drakkar products. Ed is the asst VP of Opns for the designer fragrance div. I'm sure that if you were to drop him a self-addressed, stamped footlocker he'd be happy to provide you all with some free samples. Give it a try. Tell him **Freed** sent you. (**Dewey**, I would definitely suggest you do it. I suspect your last bath wore off long ago.) Sue has all the brains in the family, as evidenced by her MBA in finance from Farleigh Dickinson and pending MBA in taxation from Seton Hall.

*13 Jul*: Short note from **Joe Terry**, along with the pic of himself, **Dave Hale, John Kuspa** and **Harry Rothmann**, taken at the Cl mem svc in DC on 7 Jun.

According to Joe, BG Hale had him braced up against the wall of the Pentagon one day last wk, making him spout poop. Not being able to remember what was being served for lunch in the GO's mess, Joe offered to show him a nasty pic. Upon seeing the photo, Hale replied, "This makes me look good. Send it to **Lowrey**." Joe replied with a hearty "yes, sir" and scurried on his way to the boodlers or

**1967:** The Murrell, Parrs, Spincics, Matherses, Walkers and Paises at Houston Founders Day bash 92



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**1967:** Rabble at the Wood-Viney wedding: the Frankiewiczes, Walkers, Blanchards, Woods, Vineys and Clarks

**1967:** Dave Hale, Joe Terry, John Kuspa and Harry Rothmann at the Cl Mem Svc in DC, 7 Jun 92

wherever one goes in the Five-sided Wind Tunnel to escape from capricious jr gen offs. Joe ret on 1 Aug; he will stay in the DC area and works for the American Red Cross as dir in Disaster Opns. Well, anyone who has spent more than a wk working in The Bldg ought to be well-qualified for that job.

*23 Jul*: Finally, the long-promised photo of the big event in this yr's social season at WP arrived in today's post, courtesy of **Steve Frankiewicz**. I am speaking, of course, of the Apr nuptials between Kim **Wood** (**Jack & Judy**'s daughter) and Mark **Viney** '91 (**Sue & Steve**'s son). You will notice that neither of the newlyweds are in the photo. They obviously had better things to do.

*10 Aug*: I have spent the last mo trying to decipher the hieroglyphics that **Randy Pais** calls handwriting. As best I can determine, he still has a job, is still short and his daughter Lisa is a Firstie this yr and CPT of the women's soccer team. It is good to see that someone in the family is an achiever.

Reunion is coming up. See you there. Bring your best gossip with you—you've had a couple of mos to decide whom you really want to smear. Have fun, kiddies, and God bless. BEAT NAVY.

# '68

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Lots of news—some good and some bad.

The great event after attending **Fred Johnson**'s oldest son's Ranger grad was for Fred to witness the birth of his youngest son, Gerardt Martin Hugh (Jake), on 10 Jul. Jake has so many names because **Linda** has put a stop to Fred's rabbit-like tendencies while there were still a number of relatives to be honored. Since Fred is about the second oldest in the Cl, behind **Bob Hunt** (wherever he may be), I know that this is a Cl record of sorts—but one that not many want to compete for. Anyway, Linda and Jake are doing fine.

**1968:** Fred, Linda and Jake (hardly showing) Johnson on a cruise to HI in late winter last yr

**Dave Ohle, Dan Kaufman** and I met with a good friend of the Cl in the CSA's ofc to set the framework for next yr's (yes, our 25th is in 93) reunion. Later on, **Tom Burnette**, the XO to the Secy of the Army, also sat in. Since about half of the Cl subscribes to *ASSEMBLY*, we need your—espec guys like **Joe Henry** in CO, **John Keane** in DC, **Dickie Bowers** in GA and **John Dallen** in CA—help in getting the word out. Anyone else who wants to volunteer as a regional POC is welcome. Official reunion activities will begin on the eve of Thur, 9 Sep at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in the heart of the theater district in NYC, hosted by Marriott (donating the reception hall), **John Wing** (donating Samuel Adams beer), and the Cl (donating what's left). Except for a Cl business mtg early in the day and a reception, dinner, guest speaker and dance at the Marriott's revolving two-story restaurant in the eve, we're free to visit, sightsee and shop on Fri. On Sat, the 11th, we'll bus up early to WP to visit the museum, participate in a mem svc, roam WP, sit through a p-rade, tail-gate and attend the Colgate game prior to being bused back to NYC to attend a show or continue to party. Sun, after breakfast, we're on our own. Throughout the reunion, we'll have a couple of hospitality suites open around the clock, compliments of the Marriott and stocked by John Wing. The rate we've worked out with Marriott is about half that if you walked in off the street to get a room; however, we're still not talking Motel 6 and Mickey D's here. If you want to come early or stay late in the city, Marriott will extend our reunion rate if we know about your plans early. An initial estimate for the 4 days of partying, touring, eating, drinking, praying and playing is about $1,000 per couple—shopping and transport not included. That's about what the previous classes have spent—but they never got to do it in NYC!

**John Wing** continues to evolve with his relationship with Enron Corp. After serving as pres and CEO of Enron Cogeneration and Power Corp, the world's largest developer of independent gas-fired power plants, he has moved on after becoming a major Enron stockholder. Currently, he has joined with a fellow Harvard Baker Scholar and private sector electricity consultant to form the Wing-Merrill Gp Ltd, an intl project devel orgn specializing in bringing power to areas where new supplies are needed. In addition to a number of grads from earlier yrs, **Jude Rolfes** and **Jim Kelley** are also with him. Aside from donating all the Sam Adams beer the Cl can drink for our 25th, he's also persuaded LTG (Ret) Tom Kelly to donate his time as our guest speaker for Fri night.

**1968:** Jack Reid and Mike Romash chowing down at the '68 A-N Tailgate

As for the unofficial portion of our 25th, **Karen Riser** and my bride **Barbara** have found how **Henry** and I are going to celebrate our 25th wedding annivs—and they want to share their find with you. They are planning a 7-day cruise aboard the Crown Cruise Lines' *Crown Monarch* beginning sometime in late Jun (so the **Ohles** can go). The ship departs



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Palm Beach and stops at Key West (for touring), Grand Cayman (for diving), Ochos Rios (Jamaica for waterfall walking) and Labadie Shores (a private isle off Hispanola for partying). This is a small ship—holds fewer than 550 passengers—but it offers the greatest value (less than $700 per person) thanks to a discount made available through Henry's co. You're all invited, even though you may not be celebrating your 25th wedding anniv. We need to get a manifest—and money—together pretty quick. Call Karen (410-721-7048) or Barbara for more info. They'll need a commitment and $300 per person by around the first of the new yr. After looking at Cl and associated expenses this yr, I'm beginning to wonder what's so wrong about letting our kids worry about the Fed deficit after we put them through sch?

**Chuck Jones** rep how most classmates involved in envir protection are doing. Chuck & **Gayle** skipped town in CO—leaving **Joe & Carla Henry** and the rest of the CO '68 gp without a party HQ—and moved to CA, where Chuck is now a VP with Woodward-Clyde Fed Svcs (10370 Old Placerville Rd, Suite 104, Sacramento, CA 95827–2505) doing hazardous-waste work with the Sacramento District of the CE. Although Joe & Carla begged them to stay—citing the trauma of losing both kids to coll and the **Joneses** as party stuckees—Chuck felt the move was best since he gets to see **John Dallen** & wife and Chuck's sister Trish this way. One of Chuck's first unofficial dys was to rep that **Mike Brennen** took cmd of Letterman AH after a stint at Carlisle Bks. Chuck saw **Mike Grygiel** doing his res duty at the Walla Walla Dist. Mike works for Westinghouse Hanford in Defense Waste Remediation Div and says there's lots of work—if you're so inclined and like job security. Chuck saw **Mike Mann**, the VP for Engring for Geraghty and Miller, in Tucson late last winter and later in the spring. **Jocko Merriam** is still tearing up the course as a PM with IT Corp in Cincinnati. Chuck also saw **Mike Fellows** in CA during one of Mike's trips to the hinterlands, spreading CE hazardous waste clean-up gospel. Mike is looking to give up his hazardous waste CE duties in search of greener (?) pastures.

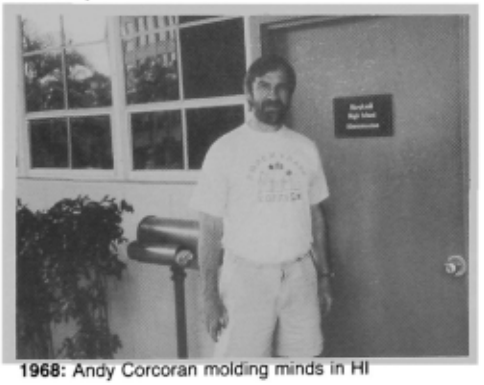
**Monte Anderson** forwarded a pic of USAFA cadets **Anderson** and **Javorski** Jrs, and to pass on the news that Monte Jr is at Vance AFB for flight sch.

While on the subject of kids in sch, **Dan & Betty Nettesheim** had a visit from ex-roomie **Bill Thygerson & Lucille**. The Thygersons had escaped from their tropical paradise on Kwajalein Isl for a few wks to check out the U of MI, where their oldest, Bill Jr, started this fall. The Nettesheims had two finish their first yrs last spr—Kim at U of WI (Eau Claire) and Dan Jr at WP. One of Dan's "other jobs" is the WI State coordinator of the Acad's MALO program.

**1968:** Monte Anderson Jr '92 and Joe Javorski Jr '95 at USAFA

**1968:** Betty & Dan Nettesheim with Bill & Lucille Thygerson earlier this summer

While at the **Nagys'** belated unfounders day party, **Andy Anderson** made a rare appearance. Andy is with NOAA, working to field a radar that will detect wind shear. I asked **Chuck Hawkins** if he had seen the Jul issue of *Signal* mag, the Armed Forces C&E Assn Intl journal, which featured war gaming and simulation. Chuck, in turn, directed me to pg 29, which contained one of his articles on battle predictions. **Sue Nagy** passed on a pic of **Andy Corcoran** (45–509 Kolokio St, Kaneohe, HI 96744), who is currently the principal of Maryknoll HS in HI.



**1968:** Andy Corcoran molding minds in HI

Despite my oversight regarding **Chuck Hawkins'** article, I still try to scour the professional journals to keep track of you guys. **Larry Jordan** has moved from being the ADC of the 1st AD to be the DCT of the USA Armor Ctr and Asst Com of the USA Armor Sch. I also spied a ltr by **Ken Kremenak** in the *Army Times* reminding us of the extra-special trust mil med professionals receive and must closely guard.

In case you were wondering, **Dennis Manske** is still the fittest soldier on Ft Hood. During the 4 yrs the "Who's the Fittest?" competition has been in existence, Dennis has won ea time with scores of way over the 300 "max." Could this be a way to prove that we're not getting older? Dennis just sent word that he's PCSing to TRADOC to set the standard there—better for Dennis professionally, socially and climatologically after 17 yrs in Central TX. . . . We'll look forward to seeing him at more Cl functions and maybe re-entering the Boston and USMC marathons.

Now that the MIS banking position that had been tailored for **Dwight Lee** is filled, Dwight finally received approval to ret. Dwight rep that **Tom Banks** is back in the DC area from Ft Sill and is currently the XO for the JCS J5.

I'm hoping that **Dwight** and **Sam Wyman** can help ea other. Sam is also back in the DC area helping Booz Allen produce a nationwide computer learning network with the US Chamber of Commerce. We wouldn't have known about this news if it hadn't been for **Jack Munson**, who keeps track of classmates around the world—e.g., **Rick Goodell** has given up his 200+mi/day commutes by staying with his dam duties as a mgr in Portland, and **Jim Greenberg** and his family were in the area for a few wks on home leave from Riyadh, Saudi, where Jim is the GD PM for the M1A2 Tank. Jack also rep that **Bruce Korda** has been ret for a while and landed a tac warfare and heavy-vehicle consulting contract with the USD(A).

**Dutch Hostler** checked in, after a couple of mos, with the gleeful news that he's still employed by IBM—even though he's been away from his desk for the past 8 wks. Although two wks of his absence was business related at various garden spots throughout the US and Europe, a couple were svc related and 4 were for fun, fun, fun. The svc portion was to attend a resident portion of the AWC at Carlisle Bks with **Dan Carroll** (lost to the AOG and therefore will not get reunion info without someone's help), **Lamar Ratcliffe, Bill Reffett** and **John Westerlund**. Faculty mbr **Bob Brace** took the guys under his wing and had them over for a BBQ. **Dutch** took the family to Europe—manicured Ger and Austria, rebuilding Prague and Czechoslovakia, and Paris and vicinity—for a mo to show them some of his old Army and IBM haunts. Dutch noted that sons David and Christopher were particularly intrigued with the postcards they discovered in France. To counteract the effects, US LNO to the French Mil Acad **Bill Kunzman** got the Hostlers a special tour of the Acad chapel.

Wish I had room to rep on spending the 4th of Jul at Ft Myer with the **Ohles**, or getting to share **George & Pat Nippell**'s king salmon with a dozen other classmate families. In the meantime, thanks and congrats to **Bill Higgins, Jim Swinney** and **Bob Hensler** for completing and having published **Mike DiBenedetto**'s, **Dave Sackett**'s and **Jay Kelly**'s obits. As you know, I share your wish that the reason for this duty did not exist—but the list grows. **Hank Gregor** is still working on **Dave Alexander**'s; **Chuck Canella** on **John Darmody**'s; **Joe Javorski** on **Ernie Flowers**'; **Norm O'Meara** on **Bill Little**'s; **Dan Gooding** on **Dave Maddox**'s; **Lee Outlaw** on **John Martin**'s; **Frank Cooch** and **Dave Taylor** on **Jim Stettler**'s; **Henry Riser** on **Doug Wheless**'; and **Bob Lorbeer** on **Donny Workman**'s, and they all need your help to achieve closure in their efforts. We still need a volunteer to help write **JJ Clark**'s obit. I know the Cl has heaped a lot of goals on you; however, an attainable one that doesn't cost a lot of money would be to have all classmates' obituaries submitted to *ASSEMBLY* by our 25th Reunion next Sep. Regardless of bank accts and Cl funds, we owe this to ourselves—because YOU'RE ALL WE GOT—**Dave**.



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# '69

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This col is being written on 11 Aug. Next deadline is 15 Dec, so please try to send your holiday cards and ltrs in time to reach me by then.

We start on a very sad note this time. **Jim Kenady** died suddenly of a heart attack on 23 Jul in MN. He is survived by **Nan**, son Jason and daughter Alison. **Mike Kelly** informed me of Jim's death and said that the mem svc for Jim was an exceptionally moving event. On behalf of the Cl, I want to express our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Jim's family and loved ones.

One way tangibly to remember Jim and our other 36 classmates who have passed away since grad is to contribute to our Cl Fund, which will spt projects to perpetuate our impact on the Acad. We now have collected over $175,000 and, as you consider yr-end giving, think of sending a contrib to the following address: Cl of '69 Gift Cmte, c/o Olympic Lincoln-Mercury, PO Box 33764, Seattle, WA 93133–9945.

The next major Cl event was the annual DC summer gathering on Sat, 15 Aug, which will be covered next time. However, as rep last issue, a number of us did get together at grad last May at WP to honor our Cl sons and to begin discussions for our 25th Reunion in 94.

Only one note from those on active duty.

**1969:** Kimmitt and Jim Isenhower at Graduation banquet

**Mitchell Zais** took cmd of the 3d Bde, 7th ID at Ft Ord on 10 Jul. **Bob Glacel** cmds 7th Divarty.

**George Albrecht** opened the civ news with some pix of his travels through the new German states of the former GDR. For those hundreds of you stationed here during the Cold War, the pic below, taken at a Soviet caserne in Grimma, near Leipzig, gives you an idea of how much times have changed.

**1969:** Graduation 92—Cl gathering at the Hammonds' home: the Fagans, Wheelers, Bolgers, Johnsons, Nygrens, Fouches, Kimmitt, the Blakes, Brower, the Jannarones and the Piazzes

**1969:** George Albrecht and Russian friends in the former GDR

Two ltrs from my A-4 mates: **John Abbott** wrote from Dallas, while **Mike Steele** was in touch from Fredricksburg, VA with a nice note and photo. **Kathy** Steele works for the US Customs Svc in Springfield, son Eric begins this fall at VA Tech, and son Ryan is in second grade. Also on the A-4 front, I saw Bill Roedy '70 in London this summer, where he heads MTV Europe. His success is obviously due to the outstanding ldrship he received in A-4!

**1969:** Cl sons Paul Robyn, Jim Isenhower ('92 Cl scribe) and Bill Artigliere with Nygren, Johnson, Ashley, Wheeler, Robyn, Kimmitt, Artigliere, Piazze, Brower, Fouche and Bolger

**1969:** Mike "Smooth" Steele and colleague with the Four Tops at Atlantic City trade show

**Carl Commons** sent a ltr from Westlake, OH.



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He & **Vicki** have 3 sons: Carl Jr, a recent grad of U of N TX; Donald, who starts at Purdue this fall; and Michael, who starts HS this fall.

That is it for ltrs this time, but I do have a few other bits of news. Here in Ger, I saw **Lana & Tom Hayes** and their son Patrick in Wiesbaden on 2 Jul when Tom assumed cmd of the 12th Avn Bde. **Chris & Dave Hayes** were in touch from Heidelberg during their visit to Ger and France this summer with Doug (10), Andy (8) and Elizabeth (6). **Bob Behncke** called from Heidelberg to say that he, **Becky** and their family had been here this summer from their home near Ft Monroe while their sons played soccer in the Netherlands. Bob will ret next yr and is considering a position in Ger. Lastly, my brother Mark '76, who is in Baumholder, located **Bill Kyle** in Kaiserslautern.

Spoke to **KC Brown** in Jul, who rep **Red Taylor** at Ft Sill; **Bob Seitz** in DCSOPS; **Eric Robyn** at Army IG; **Don Smith** in OSD; and **Mike Nardotti** as Dep TJAG for civ law.

All continues to go well here in Ger for **Holly** & me and the children. We hope you and yours have a beautiful fall, capped by a win over Navy!

God Bless to all in '69.

# '70

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This has not been a good mo for news. Read on.

I am saddened to rep the death of **Sean Egan Maxwell** on 10 Jun 92 in Norfolk, VA. Sean was a Prof at the Armed Forces Staff Coll. Apparently, he had just finished a tough game of racquetball and was talking with his friends when he suffered a massive heart attack. He is survived by **Gloria** and children Mary, Samuel, JB, Anne and Angus. The family's tragic loss is also a severe loss to our Cl and to the Army in which he served with integrity. From all of us in the Cl, our deepest condolences.

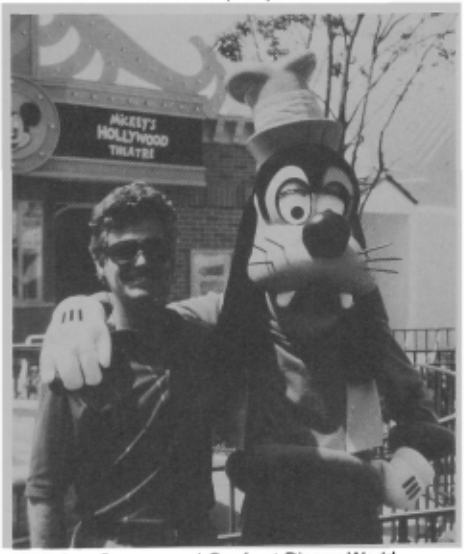
I also have the unpleasant duty to rep the death of **Stephen H Muse**. Steve was the pres of Advanced Living Technologies Inc in San Ant, TX. He fell to a stroke in Jun, failed to come out of a coma and died on 8 Jul 92 at Ft Sam Houston. He is survived by **Colleen** and children Melissa, Jessica and Sara. We all will miss our classmate and friend. I'm sure the entire Cl joins me in sending our sincere sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

Further tragedy has befallen us as we wish **Dan Shaw** all the best following the death of **Sally**. Sally succumbed to cancer last Jun. If there is anything we can do for you, Dan, let us know. Their son has been admitted to USMA Cl of '96 and is now struggling through Plebe yr.

Endings and beginnings. **Pat & Maria McGoldrick** have finally announced the birth of their son James "Bubba" Patrick last Oct. Bubba must be a fighter, as he overcame the complications assoc with being premature. Pat is pres of McGoldrick Construction and working on govt projects in the San Ant area.

**Joe Reeder**, with much assistance from loyal secretary Bonnie O'Malley, has publ and distributed the first edition (with Change 1) of the Cl of '70 *Directory*. If you haven't ordered it and want one, send $6 to Joe c/o Patton Boggs and Blow, 2550 M St NW, Wash, DC 20037–1350. Unfortunately, current addresses are not available for some folks, so if you have any info on the following low-profile smackheads, send it along to me, Joe or Bonnie: **Addy, Ray Anderson, Archer, Baribeau, Barre, Boslego, John Brown, Carman, John Carter, Cass, Chandler, Connolly, Cooper, Edmonston, Frederick, Gibbons, Gracyas, Hall, Hartman, Haworth, Hedberg, Hilliard, Howell, Jarchow, Dave Jenkins, Russ Jones, Keene, Krueger, Kuehne, Lawlor, Madeja, McBeth, McChesney, Kurt Meyer, Mullady, Ed Murphy, O'Connell, Peters, Richard, Sobul, Todd, Tully, Valbracht, Valliere, Vermillion, Jim Ward, Wattendorf, Whitlock** and **Bristol (Bill) Williams.**

**1970:** Maria & Pat McGoldrick at the 20th Reunion




**1970:** Les Sumner and Goofy at Disney World. Sumner's on the left.

**1970:** Howie & Betty Parker at the 20th Reunion

**Howie & Betty Parker** sure have spread out the family additions. Daughter Shannon (19) is working at a local bank and is attending night school. Jeremy (14) plays on the HS basketball team. Elizabeth (10), the 6th grader, plies her skills at soccer and softball. Timothy (7) "thinks he's Andre Dawson" and thrives on baseball. Michael (1), the newest addition, has lots of opportunity ahead. Betty tries to keep up with them all at home, while Howie toils as the plant mgr for JM Huber Corp in La Grange, IL.

**1970:** Golf Tour 92: Wallis, Jack & Diane McGill and Pritchard

After his ret last yr, **John Shull** picked up a job with BDM Corp, an (oversimplified description) consulting outfit in the DC area. John has been working with US cos seeking advice/help on business opportunities in the old USSR/CIS/whatever, resulting in occasional travel in E Europe. **Ellen**, meanwhile, takes care of business in the home. Amy is now a freshman at Notre Dame. Mary (14) follows in big sister's footsteps as a drum major in the marching band, and Thomas (9) works the baseball diamond. When not otherwise engaged, John coaches soccer for all the kids.

**1970:** Eric & Joan Pedersen at the 20th Reunion

**Eric Pedersen** continues to climb the ladder at Allison Gas Turbine Div of GM in Indianapolis. Eric has been promoted to ch legal counsel for the div. Eric & **Joan** and Brent (11) and Kate (5) make their home in Carmel.

It has been an eventful summer for me. In early Aug, I nearly sliced off my big toe with a bladed weedwhacker—the cast should be off in 3 wks, with no permanent damage (I hope). Then, after 3 1/2 yrs of cmd in the 38 ID IN ARNG, in Sep I relinquished cmd of the 1–238 Cav Sqdn. I fooled them all into awarding me an MSM for it, AND the CG also gave me another cmd at the 138 Sig Bn!

**Steve Wilson**, CEO of Mid-States Technical Svc Gp Inc, recently received from Jeffrey Seglin, sr editor of *Inc* mag, the "*Inc* 500 Award," as his business was ranked 212 on the 91 *Inc* 500 list of America's fastest growing privately-owned cos. Steve, wishing to continue the growth, notes a shortage of engrs in the Midwest and that he would be delighted to help any engrs so inclined. Steve partici-



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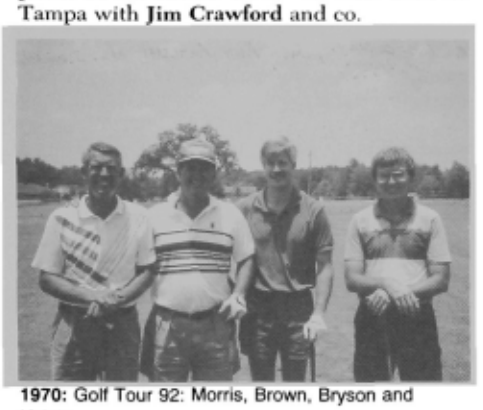
**1970:** Steve Wilson receives *Inc* 500 Award from Jeffrey Seglin on 19 May 92 in Des Moines

pated in the recent Cl of '70 Golf Tour in Tampa with **Jim Crawford** and co.



**1970:** Golf Tour 92: Morris, Brown, Bryson and Knight

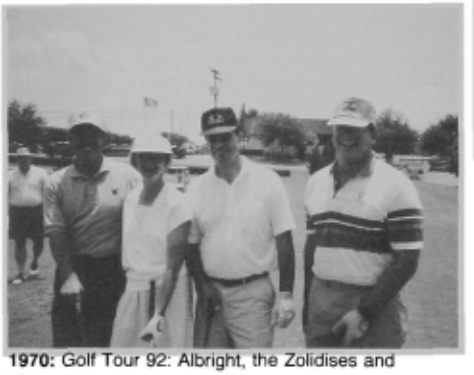
And speaking of the Cl of '70 Golf Tour: 14 classmates played, with **Greg Knight** coming out the big winner, followed by **Chach Morris, Brian Bryson** and **Bill Wallis**. Other players included **Earl Albright, Gil Pritchard, Mike & Nancy Zolidis, Bill & Starr Campbell, Rich & Sue Rutledge, Steve Wilson, Jim Crawford, Jack McGill, Dave Brown**, Rick Osborne (guest of Cl of '70) and **Nels Johnson**. Significant others included 3 more non-golfing better halves and 3 kids, as well as a Plebe—Rich Reese '73. Serious wannabees included **Brian Davis** (at Thur PM party), **Dave Selby** and **Phil Kensinger**. See assorted pix scattered about. "Mulligans" were available at $5 per, and $265 was donated to the Cl of '70 Fund.

**1970:** Golf Tour 92: the Campbells, Wilson and Crawford

The 5-yr plan with locations/ringleaders was developed: 93-Lake Tahoe, NV-**Campbell**; 94-Carlisle, PA-**Knight/Rundle**; 95-Quad Cities, IA/IL-**Wilson**; 96-Coeur d'Alene, ID-**Crawford**; 97-Carmel, CA-**Pritchard**. Bulletins at any moment. If you want in on the action, write Crawford at 3000 Starmount Dr, Valrico FL 33594.

**1970:** Golf Tour 92: Rick Osborne, the Rutledges and Johnson

Rapid fire, culled painstakingly from the 5-pt Roman type of the *Official Army Book of Lists*: In the Movin' On Dept, **Glenn Broussard** escaped from Army svc with a pension in May, while **BJ Alexander, Pete De La Garza, Dave Desannoy, Bill Fisher** and **Bob Pantier** all had their ID cards change to grey in Jun. In the Movin' Up Dept, **Mike** (don't call me Harlan) **Heffelfinger** pinned on his legal eagles (he's JAG, you know) in Jul.



**1970:** Golf Tour 92: Albright, the Zolidises and Reese '73

In the Movin' Out Dept, **Don Goff, Wayne Pembrook** and **Frank Gehrki** are all rallying in the vicinity of Norfolk. **Clint Ancker** is moved further S to MacDill AFB, FL. **Corky Bruce, Steve Cook** and **Hank Zimon** are now at the 5-sided zoological park. **Ken Clow** and **Tom MacIver** finally were admitted to the War Coll, while **Lynn Moore** and **Terry Young**, for whatever reason, have been awarded tours to the eternal summer in HI. While **Bill Williams** (send us your address) returns to the home of the Arty, **Frank Monaco** returns to our rockbound highland home, and **Bill Patterson** and **Rich Rutledge** are returning to the home of the Inf. **Phil Kensinger** will be putting theory into practice at Ft Bragg.

With that, we can furl the flag on this one. But if we could just hear from **Tom Mathews, Bill Squires**, any of the beanheads with bad addresses listed previously, or **Gerry Hodges**, then we would REALLY have some news.

So if you want to see your name in bold print in an intlly distributed mag, then send a Christmas card (with an expensive gift—but I'd settle for a cheap pic) or SOMETHING, and I'll ensure that you make the big time. Until then—may all your news be good. Delta Charlie Fox out.

## '71

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On the road, again. . . . Yes, folks, the family **deMoya** done packed their bags once again and hit the trail W. As gas and patience both ran out in the greater Madison, WI metropolitan area, we thought we'd stay here courtesy of Uncle Sammie. I know, I know, I told you last issue that they were going to try to make a jock out of me. Well, have you looked at YOURSELF in the mirror lately? Anyway, we are delighted with our new digs while I cmd the ROTC bn at the U of WI as the Prof of Mil Sci. Drop in some time. I don't recommend the winter.

**1971:** Plebes Mike Van Buskirk, Neil Hickok, Tom Burrell, Todd Brown and Jim O'Brien

Because of my sterling record of contribs to ea issue, I didn't want to miss this input. But coming up with news while on the fly is a challenge. I beg your forgiveness as I forward only one pic and one news item. But it's special news. It was recently announced that our **Mike O'Brien**, who was killed while test piloting a Cobra at the Naval Test Pilot Sch in Aug 83, is to be inducted into his HS's Hall of Fame (Aurora, OH) on 2 Oct 92.

Yep, that's it. I've got to figure out what a WI Badger is. Seems to me like a badger was some star man who was continually trying to shoot down a "P." No, that was a springbutt. On, WI!

## '72

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By the time you read this issue, the 20th Reunion will, in all probability, have come and gone. Let's look forward to the expected rash of reunion pix for next col. Hats off to the cmte that put it all together.

**Dennis Gray** forwarded a copy of the summer edition of the I-1 newsltr. Seems he discovered one of his "neighbors" is **Ken Martin**, who lives in Centreville, VA. Ken works in Bethesda for the Concepts Analysis Agency/Field Operating Agency. Wife Karen is with Team Technologies in Chantilly. The Martins are the first grandparents to be announced in this col. Daughter Diane had a baby boy in Mobile last yr. Gray got a ltr from **Woodie Collins** in the desert last Feb. Woodie's back in Hampton, VA, working for TRADOC in the Collection Training Directorate, Resource Component Integration. **Tom Nelson** and family are enjoying life at Norwich. Tom consults for the Federal Highway Ad-



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min and enjoys skiing with the kids, Beth (13), Mat (11) and Megan (9). Carol is busy, too, with duties as VP for the middle sch PTA. **Ken Brockman** is on the staff of the ch technical asst for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Ken stays busy as a coll basketball referee and by attending grad sch at American Univ. Wife **Judy** is mgr of commercial real estate for Nation's Bank. Daughter Tina grad from the Univ of MO and Kevin and Lynn both grad from HS last spr. Gray talked to **Pat Flachs** in St Louis while on a trip to the W coast last yr. Pat is in the US Atty's ofc working on envir cases. He & **Shawn** live in Florissant, MO.

**Jim Griffin** is VP for Govt Relations for Colt Firearms. He'll probably be heard from in the race for a CT St Senate seat this fall. Dr **Bill Wilson** returned from the desert last Mar and had to work hard to get his private practice in Seattle in shape again. He resigned from the Reserves since he says he can't afford another call-up! **Dave Lueneburg** is still in Denver as a dept mgr with Hughes Aircraft. He & **Linda** celebrated their 10th anniv in HI for a wk last yr. Oldest son Ron has moved on to the work force, and David, Lisa, Katie and Anna keep mom busy at home. **Steve Sheppard** is now the cmdr of the Nashville Corps of Engrs District. Steve's constantly on the road, with 7 states in his district. **Diane** was looking for work as a church organist. Jamie (15) and Megan (12) have adjusted to their new school. Other I-1'ers with whom **Gray** has been in contact incl **Jim O'Brian** (with IBM in Baltimore), **Steve Grantham** (with FBI for the last 13 yrs), **Rollie Dessert** (Ft Stewart Tank BN CO) and **Al Geraci**. Thanks for the update, Dennis. Almost forgot to mention your travels to all parts of the world as a traveling light bulb salesman for GE! Congrats on your selection to LTC in the USAR. Good luck to Nancy as she finishes up her master's. Thanks for staying in touch, Dennis, Nancy, Jeremy (16), Lindsey (15) and Kevin (8).

**Rich Olson** checked in with a note back in late spr. Rich is CO of 2–18 Inf at Ft Benning. He & **Vicki** attended the Benning FD activities and forwarded a pic of the '72 contingent incl **Randy & Sue Parrish** and **Phil & Sue Jones**. Parrish is assigned to the Sch of the Americas while Jones is CO of the 43rd Eng Bn. **Bill & Sherry Chamberlain** (CO, 1–18 Inf) and **Scott Adams** (Combat Dev Inf Sch) are also at Benning. Olson invites any classmate visiting Benning for sch, etc to stop in for a visit (that includes dinner and drink, right, Rich?).

COL Henry Larson (Ret) forwarded a program from **Ray Canton**'s change of cmd ceremony at Ft Sill in Jun. COL Larson was Tac of B-1 during our first yr. He incl a nice personal note describing his joy in watching Ray & **Marilyn** progress through their successful careers and a sense of pride in maintaining such a close-knit relationship with all of the B-1 family. Incidentally, the ceremony for Canton was very impressive (espec the fancy program!). Ray has a long list of achievements in the arty, incl the latest cmd of the 5th Bn, 17th FA and its transfer from Ger to Ft Sill. Ray is now C/S, III Corps Arty, the world's largest arty unit.

That should do it for this time. I am awaiting those photos from the 20th anxiously!

## '73

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This col is being written as of 14 Aug. **Bill White** sent a nice ltr that summarizes some Cl business. **Dan Krebill** has been home for 3 mos or so. His spirits are high despite lower-tract infections that hinder his progress. He is wheelchair-bound and will probably stay that way. **John Vuksich** probably did the most to help Dan get home; he helped make the modifications that enabled Dan to get around his house. When the VA House of Delegates was in session, **Jay O'Brien** stopped by to see Dan. By the way, Jay was elected pres of the House of Delegates' freshman class. **Click Fiore** grad from CGSC and is now the SJA at Ft Eustis. For his part, Bill's daughters are growing. Elizabeth is 15 and Jennifer is 13. He says the buyout of the Industrial Automation Div of TX Instruments by Siemans has gone well. He continues as one of the top salesmen in the US. Bill offers his help on the Cl referral program. While with TI, he ran their recruiting program. **Chris** is still enjoying working with learning-disabled children at the primary sch level. Bill is Inf in the Reserves after 3 yrs in the Signal Corps. He was just reassigned as a BN XO in the Trng Spt Bde.

**Rusty Davis** is the Inf assistance team ch for the Readiness Gp in Selfridge, MI. He expects to ret next yr. He has promised his two kids he wouldn't move them, so this leaves Rusty canvassing the Detroit area for work.

**Tom Stanford** provided me with a D-2 newsltr. Tom is busy with the Army's Ldr Devel and Intl Trng programs. Because of prep sch Tom went over 20 in Jun. **Evelyn** is a customer svc rep at a print shop. Jennifer (17) has visited 33 colls and can't decide where she wants to go. Rusty (15) earned his Eagle Scout badge recently. He attended U of MD baseball camp and is a catcher on his baseball team. **Otto Arlund** is into local politics by virtue of his election to be Selectman. He also was elected cmdr of the local American Legion Post. **Bill & Jane Lane** love life in El Paso. Bill found his niche in intensive care. **Mike & Chris Masterson** have 4 kids. At Ft Hood he is the 1st Cav Div G-5, overseeing the Band, Horse Cav Det, museum and 4 mil communities. He has been the Avn Bde S-3, Cav Sqdn XO and G-3 Air. **Valerie Galing** sent word back that **Bernie** has a one-yr tour in Korea. His address there is PSC Box 27 FKJ3-PL-OA, APO 96204–0027. **Rick Zapka** heads up the Defense Info System Security Program. His new ofc no is (703) 696-1904. **Audrey** was recently promoted and now works in the Human Resources Ofc of the Defense Mapping Agency. **Charlie Ostrand** is assigned to the Battle Cmd Trng Program at Ft Leavenworth. He plans to ret next Jun. **Valerie** teaches dance. They have 3 children. **Doug Cromack** finished his general surgery residency in Jan and has begun his plastic surgery training, which he enjoys.

At the Standing Cmte mtg held Wed, 12 Aug, the fall agenda was considered. On Fri, 9 Oct at 1530 hrs there was to be a mtg in the Army Mem Conf Room (Room 2E715A). There was consensus for meeting at a sports bar for the A-N game; more to follow. We did not take up the reunion because we lacked info from the Hotel Thayer; e.g., how many rooms will be available. The planning will have to be more or less continuous until the reunion. So, stay in touch, and we'll pull this off with a collective effort. If you changed your job or your residence, please let me or **Lin Arison** know at the above address, or write to USMA Cl of '73, Standing Cmte, PO Box 46973, Wash, DC 20050–6973.

As always—**Pat**.

## '74

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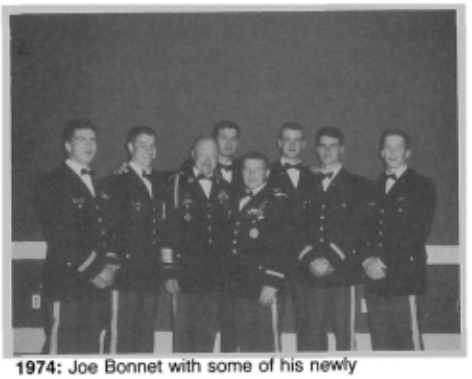
Hello from DC. Over the summer a couple of events thrust **Tam Pham** into the natl spotlight. First, the *Wash Post Mag* featured him in their 5 Jul 92 edition, providing a detailed article with photos, recent and past. Then NBC showed their documentary "Portraits of Freedom" at different regions around the country. I had previously noted it was to air on the 4th of Jul wknd; little did I realize the whims and nuances of TV broadcasting—it wasn't even in the TV listings here. But all in all, a fitting tribute to Tam & **Kim**, his family, our Cl, Alma Mater and the country. I have a few copies of the *Wash Post Mag* article, but I haven't gotten or know who has possession of the TV segment yet—probably **Pat McBrayer**, for one.[See excerpts from the article on Tam Pham elsewhere in this issue.]

It was good to hear from **William Fierro**—first time ever! Our Uruguayan classmate is now living in Buenos Aires, where he owns a restaurant and pub business. He & **Karen** were expecting a child in the summer. He's also planning on a 20th Reunion appearance but meanwhile wants anybody headed Argentina way to look him up and call 791-1582.



**1974:** Joe Bonnet with some of his newly commissioned Georgetown cadets

**John Van Vleet** sent a good update. After a tour on the DA staff, he cmded the 743 MI Bn, located at Ft Meade with cos and detachments in 6 states and 4 other countries. Sounds like a little TDY action. He finished cmd on 28 Jul 92, and then he, **Jerri**, daughter Shannon (14) and son Sean (11) were off to Augsburg, Ger and the 66th MI Bde.

**Todd & Mary Troxell** are doing well in Salt Lake City. Todd just finished his fellowship in cardiovascular and interventional radiology and will continue at a local hosp. **John Majeroni** visited from Ithaca, NY, where he teaches at Cornell U.

**Jim, Lin**, Bryan (9) and Allyson (6) **Dixon** are back in Fairfield, TX again. Since joining TX Utilities 12 yrs ago, they have been in Fairfield, Mt Pleasant and now Fairfield again, TU rotating folks between the lignite



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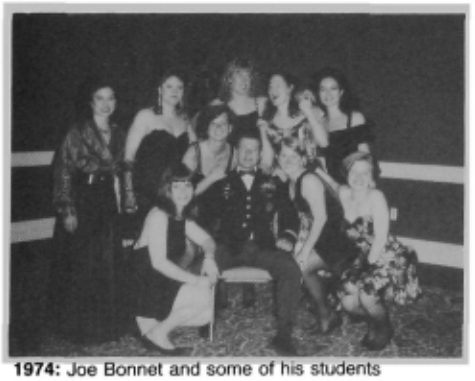
mines and power plants. Now Jim is the mgr for the Big Brown Mine complex, and still squeezes in some cattle raising on the farm. All are invited to stop.

**1974:** Mac Warner '77, Kasey Warner with family, GW Roberts and Bob McFetridge at Charlottesville

The '74 gang at the JAG Sch, Charlottesville, VA gathered to see **Kasey Warner** and family off to Leavenworth. Those there included his brother Mac '77, Kasey & **Margaret**, along with Joanie, Travis and Kole (3 of his 4 kids), **GW Roberts**, opns off and **Bob McFetridge**, teaching admin law. Kasey had been teaching criminal law; now he claims to be the last in our Cl to attend CGSC. He's in the IN Bks there, so if in the area look him up: (913) 651-6879. Also if in C-ville, look up GW and Bob.

**Bob Mixon** sends his regards from the 3d ACR at Bliss. His squadron has been playing OPFOR for the other cav squadrons, prepping them for an NTC rotation in Oct. Bob noted **John Welt** had recently taken cmd of an ADA bn there, and he had also seen **Greg Parlier**, who was off to cmd a bn in Ger.

Scattered shots. Great news for the **Grunseths** in Elkhorn, WI: **Julie**, with His help, has overcome her cancer after a long battle since 87. The **Reinharts** have PCS'ed to Ft Gordon and now live in Martinez, GA. **George Oliver** took cmd of 1–33 AR at Ft Lewis on 14 Jul. **Jerry Dixon** left 8 Jul for a 6-mo tour in Honduras, while **Janet** stays with family in AR; Jerry is to return to Ft Jackson, SC. **John Nations**, working with the space program, welcomed Spencer David on 10 Jun 92. Heard that **Guy Bourn** is aide to Sec of Army Stone for a yr and then will attend the War Coll.



**1974:** Joe Bonnet and some of his students

A list of Bn Cmd selectees released this summer had the following hard chargers: **Jim Coggin, Bruce Grant, French MacLean, Steve Shambach, Al Bryant, Russ Goehring, Wally Bransford, Bruce Palmatier, Mark Redlinger, Colen Willis, Don Zacherl, John Welt, Gary Coleman, Ollie Hunter, Chris Sargent, Dave Norwood, Bill Pierce, Terry Youngbluth, William Parker, Brian Geehan** and **Joe Frankie**. Way to go, guys. A couple of these were repeats from last yr due to deferments.

That wraps it up. Join some friends to watch Army whip up on Navy this yr, take a pic and send it to me with play-by-play comments. Also a Christmas card would be nice. Hint, hint. God Bless and Beat Navy!

## '75

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Greetings to all mbrs of *Courage and Drive* '75. I am writing this col in mid-Aug for you to read sometime in Oct. As you read this, I'm sure we're all hoping that Army is experiencing a winning season on the football field. There's lots of news for this issue, so here goes. . . .

**Wes Hayes** called me at work. He and the family are doing well in SC. He asked to remind all classmates that the 20th Reunion is not that far away and to please earmark your USMA contribs to the Class of '75 Gift Fund.

**Carol Fehlings** called on her last night in DC. She was leaving the next day to join **Al** in Vicenza. Al was busy setting up one house in Italy while Carol was closing down another near DC.

**John & Betsy Talbot** called from Ger, where they've just moved on to a new asgmt in Wurzburg. John, Betsy and boys all appear to be thriving in spite of the low DM rate. Sure makes the 3.45 mark rate that **Kathy** & I had seem great.

**Jim Maye** sends his greetings from the "Last Frontier," Ft Greely, AK.

**1975:** Jim Maye takes cmd

Jim took cmd on 20 May and rep that **Dave Buckley** (XO, 2 Bde, 6 ID) was present at the ceremony. Jim left the 101st after 4 yrs, serving most recently as the Dep Div G-3. While there he worked closely with **Pete Kinney** (Div Opns Off), **Jerry Bolzak** (Div Plans Off) and **Dave Washechak** (Div SGS). Pete is due to assume cmd of a bn in 3d Bde shortly. **Keith Huber** has been in cmd of 3–502 Inf since last Nov, and Jim rep that he's doing a great job. Jim, thanks for a great ltr. . . and one of these days I'll print the "true story" of how you happened to come along on my honeymoon!

**Tupper Hillard** sent a great ltr from Wash, DC. Tupper recently completed an asgmt in Ger as Bde XO of the Cbt Avn Bde of 3ID in Katterbach. He is now serving as one of GEN Sullivan's speechwriters in the ofc of the C/S. He replaced **Doug Lute**, who is now at Ft Hood in Cmd of the 1–7 Cav. Tupper rep that his wife **Eva** and daughter Jessica (12) are really thrilled to be back in the USA. Tupper rep on a few folks in Ger: **Chip Cleckner** was SGS of 3ID in Wurzburg and is now en route to Ft Lee. **Mark & Susie Hertling** left Ger in Jun where he served as S-3 of 1–1 Cav, the guys who led the 1st AD into Iraq on 24 Feb. Tupper rep that Mark now has the ability to set off alarms in airports around the world, thanks to a piece of shrapnel still in his knee. Mark and family are at Ft Monroe, where Mark is serving as GEN Franks' (TRADOC Cdr's) speechwriter. Tupper rep that he saw plenty of **Fred Dierksmeier** in 3ID HQ. **Vince Gwiazdowski** appeared on Tupper's doorstep one day in Illesheim. He left the 24th Div (Mech) in order to PCS to EUCOM HQ in Stuttgart. Tupper rep that, if he told me what Vince is doing, one of them would have to kill me. (Please don't. . . . I only have one payment left to go on my car!) **Dan Hitchcock** and Tupper saw plenty of ea other in Saudi and back in Ger, where Dan was a Bde S-4. The Hillards spent their entire time in Illesheim with **Sam Hubbard** and family. Sam served as S-3 and then XO of the "Flying Tigers," 4–229 (Apache) AHB. Seems Sam did a great job during Desert Storm and after. The Hubbards are en route to Ft Bragg. **Rich Langhorst** and family are in Illesheim, where he served as Asst Bde S-3 (11th Avn Bde) and then S-3, 2–6 Cav. Rich anticipates a return to the States. **Chuck Cardinal** is serving as GEN Saint's ADC and **Mike Vane** was the ADC to GEN Galvin. By now Mike should be in cmd of 3ID's ADA Bn in Giebelstadt. Tupper also saw **Steve & Adrian Walsh** before they PCS'ed to the States from Herzogenaurach. **Tom & Christie Oetjen** left Augsburg for Carlisle, PA, where Tom is the PMS of the ROTC program there. **Eric Cunningham** was XO of 2nd ACR's 4th Sqdn during DSS and did a super job. **John Brewer** was the asst div engr for the 1st AD during DSS and helped Tupper get a couple of airfields built in the middle of nowhere. He's now the Dep G-3 of 3ID. **Jake Wooley** is a DA civ working at a signal cmd, and **Bob Walsh** ran into Tupper as they were boarding their flight in Frankfurt for the trip back to the States. Bob is living in Georgia and travels extensively on business. At the Pentagon, Tupper has seen **Tim Muchmore, Mark Morgan, Bob Johnson** (G-3), **Bart Keiser** (on his way back to USMA for a second tour in Soc Sci), **Roger Kaplan** (Ctr for Mil History), **Doyle Weishar, Jim Pettit, Jim Armstrong** (who works at WP but spends a lot of time in DC), **Pete Kinney** (visiting for a day en route to Ft Campbell) and **Steve Guthrie**. Tupper also saw **Jim Rabon, Joe Schrodel** and **Gary Niederlander** at PCC at Ft Leavenworth. Tupper, many thanks for a very informative ltr. With all the speechwriters in the Cl, I should get plenty of info for future cols!!

I received a letter from John Veenstra '70. He was reasonably certain that his brother **Roger Veenstra** has never written to me (at least not that I recall), and John has decided to surprise him. Roger currently works for Gec-Marconi Electronic Systems Corp, Cmd and Control Communications and Intelligence Dept. He is married to **June Cohen** and they have one son, Danny.

Roger attends the annual alumni soccer game at which Coach Joe Palone usually coaches the losing (alumni) side during a game with the next yr's varsity. John, thanks for your input. Any other relatives out there who'd like to surprise a loved one with a bit of news or a photo, please drop me a line.



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**1975:** Roger Veenstra and Daniel

I've got two great ltrs from **Roger Kaplan**. Roger is currently in DC (see news from **Tupper Hillard**). Roger found **Dave Rehbein** sitting next to him on the Metro. Dave is working out of DCSOPS on Star Wars sorts of things and lives near Woodbridge, VA, with **Leila** and family. Roger met up with **Jack Kilian** at a Pentagon snack shop. Jack's in R&D for ODCSOPS, but will PCS to Huntsville, AL soon for more of the same work. **Joe Kotch** called Roger from LANTCOM, where he was a staff engr. Joe, **Susanne** and Andrew have since PCS'ed to Ft Leonard Wood and rep that **Doug Campbell** is there on the staff. Joe also saw **Dave Preast** while Dave was TDY at AFSC. Dave is assigned to CENTCOM. **Drummond & Roz Taylor** should be in Huntsville. While Roger was at a "Jeopardy" game show contestant search, he met a NJNG off who asked if he knew **Frank DiDominico**, a veteran of 2d Regt. Frank is a lawyer in NJ and still in the Guard. **Steve Guthrie** is with Programs Analysis and Evaluation but has been selected for bn cmd, along with **Kemp Littlefield, Ken Kasprisin** and **Doug Campbell**. **Kim Hunt** is working for DoD Public Affairs in Alexandria, and **Freda** is a GS at Belvoir. **Billy Campsey** and **Phil Baker** are teaching with the Combat Studies Inst. Roger ran into **Steve Wallace** in the Bell Hall cafeteria. Steve was retained at Leavenworth after grad from CGSC. **Roger Zak** also is working there as an instructor. **Mark Sweberg** is with DIA at the Pentagon, and **Tom Berens** is doing computer spt for JCS. He & **Kathy** have a house in Springfield, VA. **Dan Krueger** took over for **Pete Madsen** as XO to the Ch of Engrs. Pete has moved on to Ft Drum to take over the 41st Engrs. Roger's Beast squadmate, **Bob Johnson**, has an Inf bn in ROK. **Tom & Cheryl Warren** stayed with Roger over the 4th of Jul wknd. They're both working for an envir consulting firm in Lake Charles, LA, along with **Russ Killebrew**. **Auggie Fucci** has been seen in the Pentagon barbershop. He's doing something classified, so he's in the basement along with the other TS/SBI types. As always, Roger, thanks for a super ltr. We'll look forward to more of the DC update from you.

**John McMurray** called from DC, where he's been since 89. He is in the Pentagon asgnd to Sp Fcs Opns. He will PCS in Jan 93 to cmd an SF bn at Soto-Cano Air Base in Honduras and expects to return to the Pentagon in Jan 94. This will be a 12-mo hardship tour, as he is leaving the family behind in DC; **JoAnn**, son Shawn (4) and daughter Amy (9) are doing fine. Amy loves to swim and has won 150 ribbons for her efforts. He's taking over this cmd from Hi Rothstein '74. John rep that two other classmates, **Mike Kershner** and **Bill Kay**, also have/will get SF cmds.

**1975:** LTG HG Taylor presents the Helping Hand Award to Kathy Pardue

Just a short personal note. The past yr has been one of the most difficult that **Kathy** & I ever have spent. I'd like to send sincerest thanks to all those classmates who reached out to send us spt and friendship. We couldn't have gotten through the yr without you.

Please note new ofc phone no. I am now the Bde S-1, 6th Cav. God Bless—**Bill**.

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Please bear with me, as this update will be short. As you can tell by the above address, we are moving to Jacksonville. Things have been very hectic for us, with all of the excitement of having Elena and now dealing with all that is involved in a move. . . but I don't have to tell any of you that. The bottom line is that I will beg forgiveness and not write any news this time. As a teaser I have received ltrs from **Kevin Trehey, Jan (Mike) Hughes** and **Bernardo Arce-G**, so stay tuned for details in the next article. It looks like I will not be able to join you at the reunion, I will miss seeing many of you there and I am sure that a great time will be had by all. Until next time —**Keesy**.

## '78

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This col comes at the end of summer; hope it has been enjoyable for all. I think there is enough for a decent article this time.

**Bob Smentkowski** dropped me a line from CA, where he is a bond salesman and First VP at Foresight Capital Mgt. He also recommends the VSI over the lump sum for those getting out early. That seems to be the consensus. **Diana** also is a financial consultant, so they must know what they are talking about. Bob sent the results of the CA St Assembly for District 46, and **Lou Caldera** won the nod as the Democratic candidate in a highly Democrat district, so he looks like a shoe-in. **Ken Rackers** called from DC. He is stationed in Garmisch with **Roy Panzarella, Kevin McGrath, Jim Wolfe, Randy Munch** and **Frank Lesieur** at the Army Russian Inst. **Jack Faires** is an S-3 in Wurzburg. **Bill Lemnitzer** is on his way to MILPERCEN after a tour in Korea.

**1978:** Ken Graves and Lloyd Alston during the final hrs of their bn ARTEP and their last field problem

**Lloyd Alston** sent me a note from Bragg. He is the XO and **Ken Graves** is the S-3 of the only Abn 155 mm bn in the Army. Both are taking early ret or whatever you want to call it and heading for civ pastures. Lloyd has his MS in math and is hoping to find something in the NC area.

**1978:** Barry & Janel Nash with Bethany, Justin, Ryan and BJ

**Barry Nash** wrote from Korea. He is a clinic cmdr, family physician and flight surgeon. In addition, he & **Janel** have 4 children to keep them occupied. Barry rep that also in Taegu are **Steve & Luanne Walker, Ken & Kyongge Williams** and **Skip & Celia Holman**. Steve is S-3 of 307 Sig Bn, Ken is headed for 2ID and the Holmans are getting out and coming stateside soon. Barry saw **Loo Hergenroeder** at Camp Pelham, where he is the S-3 of an FA bn. **Pat Landry** is XO of an Inf bn up near the DMZ and headed for CGSC. Barry also ran into BG Lloyd, former B-2 Tac, who is the ADC/M for 2ID.

**Ron Pritchard** called on his way to IN. He has been selected as the construction safety coordinator for PSI Energy, the electric utility. The Pritchards now have 4 children, with the birth of Mary Kathleen in May.

**Al Aycock** wrote from Bragg. He is cmding the field trng portion of the SF Q course. He took cmd from **Duke Whittington**.

**Dave & Carla Hough** are in Seoul, where Dave is ch of psychiatry. Along with the two boys, they will be in Korea until next Jul.



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**1978:** Carla & Dave Hough with Jeff (3 yrs) and Marc (6 mos), Jun 91

**Randy Higgins** made Presidents Sales club with Seicor. Last I heard, Randy was out in St Louis. **Leo Cyr** made VP of PM for Engr Svc Spt with MCI.

**1978:** Erik, Kathy & John Marlin

**John Marlin** wrote from Bragg, where he is the PAO at the JFK Ctr. He & **Kathy** had their first child, Erik Owen, last Nov. John is getting out and going back to sch at the U of Chicago for his PhD in literature.

**Bill Fox** checked in from Heidelburg. He is working as a staff off at USAEUR HQ. **Dan Gagaris** called from Leonard Wood. You poor engrs thought that Belvoir would always be your home—and now look at the garden spot they've given you to hang your hard hats. Anyway, Dan is branch ch for the structures and utilities instruction at the Engr Sch.

**Gary Reisenwitz** called from USMA, where he is torturing cadets in prob and stats. Gary got his MS in ME from Auburn and did his previous tour in acquisition at the MP Sch.

**Doug Daily** wrote from Belgium, where is is working in the comptroller field. Doug got an MBA at Syracuse.

**Harry Rising** is an SF CO at Lewis. He, **Elaine** and daughter Ellie are enjoying the NW. Harry saw **John & Kathy Rooney** at FD, as well as **Gary Kelley**. John is a bn XO with 1–11 FA and Gary is in investments in Seattle.

**John "Dog" Drew** called from Valley Forge. He is a VP in sales with UNISYS. I can tell you that, in spite of the success he has achieved, Dog is still the same.

**Mike Collins** has been promoted with GE up to Valley Forge. He works with **Doug Bowman**.

That's all from here. I hope everyone has a great fall. Let's hope the Army team can put it together. Anyone on the civ side who is in a position to help, we have a lot of classmates who need it. Please give me a ring so I can let you know who is getting out. Keep on writing and calling, folks.

## '79

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Greetings. While my mailing address above has not changed, I have moved. I am presently on a one-yr unaccompanied tour in southern Japan. It should be an exciting yr workwise, as I'm the XO for 83rd Ordnance Bn APO AP 96310–5432. But please keep sending the mail to the house, for **Sue** will forward it, and I'll keep writing these notes. I plan to be able to do my Christmas notes from the computer at home—provided I get a mid-tour break. Enough of my dribble—now on with the news.

The first ltr is from **Dave McCann**, who recently got together with **Mike Zonfrelli** and **Keith Kelley** in CO Spr to watch the Army Rugby team compete in the Natl Championships on 2–3 May. Army dominated Air Force but lost to U of CA 27–17 in the finals. The Army Ruggers represented us all very well. Chris DeGraff and Larry MacArney '81 came out with the team as coaches. Chris will be leaving WP this summer for CGSC at Ft Leavenworth. Mike Zonfrelli completed CGSC this yr and is now on his way to Ft Bragg with lovely **Viola** and daughter Gabriella (20 mos). Mike is looking forward to getting back to "the real Army." Keith Kelley is finishing his tour with Strategic Cmd in Omaha, NE. He & **Ginny** are weighing their future options. Keith would like to stay in the Omaha area doing ORSA work while Ginny would continue building her interior decorating career. They have two sons, David (10) and Christopher (6). Both boys are very busy in soccer. Both Dave & **Brenda** are happy in the CO Spr area. Dave is working for Current Inc, a mail order greeting card company. He is responsible for managing the activities that personalize their products and preparing orders for shipment. It's fun and challenging. At a recent 15k road race, Dave met up with **Lee Stumpf**. Lee finished a short distance ahead of Dave, as Lee was tuning up for his upcoming yr at CGSC. Both Dave & Brenda keep busy with their 3 children, Bryant (6), Matthew (4) and Kristen (20 mos), with more news to follow. Dave wanted to be sure to say hello to all the '79 ruggers, incl **Mike DeMayo, Andy Balafas, Leo Brooks, Jeff Ginrod, Mark Vaughn, Kelley Carew, Bill Powers** and the rest of the gang. Stay in shape—and "BODY LEAN." Thanks for the update, Dave.

The second ltr is from **Dan Gehlbach**. Dr Dan has just finished a two-yr fellowship in reproductive endocrinology at Johns Hopkins—compliments of the Army. Now Dan & **Lauren** are off to the Brooke Army Med Facility, where he will be running the Infertility Svc. They hope to homestead for a while at Brooke so Dan can "repay" his time. During their tour in Baltimore, Lauren was able to complete her master's in nursing. Their two boys, Doug and Ben, are looking forward to the move because of the Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum they saw across the street from the Alamo. While in Baltimore they have shared several wknds with **John Manny** and his family, who were stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. John was recently transferred to Fairbanks, AK. They also have seen **Greg & Paula Hoover**, who were en route from Ger to Ft Jackson. Paula is an ex AF MAJ and Greg will be working with the new recruits at Ft Jackson. As for Dan & Lauren, they are moving to 13818 Shavano Ridge San Ant, TX 78230, and they say, "Stop in and see us sometime!" Thanks, Dan, for the ltr, and best wishes with your endeavors at Brooke.

The last ltr comes from **Ed Fluekiger**. Ed was in B-1 and then resigned after Plebe yr. He went on to get his degree in elementary educ but could not find a job, so he applied to the US Postal Svc and is now a postal inspector. His duties incl investigating the use of US Mail involving narcotics, child porn, bombs and extortions. Ed lives just 12 mi S of Ft Leavenworth and would enjoy seeing old faces from '79 or USMAPS '75 who are in the area. Ed & **Cindy** have been married for 12 yrs now and have 3 daughters: Kristin (8), Katrina (5) and Kelsy (4). Cindy is the ch clinical dietitian for Marriott. Those who would like to contact Ed can do so at work (816-932-0435) or home (816-436-5777). Their address is 7804 N Garfield, Kansas City, MO 64118. Thanks, Ed, and I hope many old friends take advantage of your kind invitation.

As for me, it is time to get back to work. I hope these notes find everyone in the best of health and spirits while reaping many blessings. God bless—**Scott**.

## '80

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## '81

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I received some great ltrs and calls for this issue. Thanks to everyone who gave input—and to those of you thinking about it—Just Do It! Please note that my address is 4904 W 144th St. There was a typo in one issue in the house no, and I know my neighbor is very impressed with the exotic correspondence I receive from all parts of the world, but he may decide to start keeping it soon.

First of all, **Ned Armstrong** rep: "I am doing well and honestly attribute it to all the praying that's going on for me—keep up the good work. The nice thing about this prayer business is that obviously some of ya'll haven't been too specific; consequently I've been selected for promotion to MAJ and my med review bd has found me fit for duty and extended me in HI for 3 more yrs (to finish my chemo). I am still waiting for my call from Ed McMahon. Thanks. Two things in return: seriously consider CHAMPUS Supplemental Insurance. I have it and, even though I don't need it here, imagine how nice it is not to have to worry about how much treatment costs. Secondly, whether you're in the svc or not, spend some time figuring out what is important in your life. Perhaps it is to have your pic hanging on the wall with all the other past cmdrs; but honestly, unless history intercedes, you probably won't be remembered and the next guy is just going to change



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everything to fit his style. So figure out what is important. And remember, enjoy the journey. It is as simple as when we were plebes, think 'BE HAPPY' and you are (just know where you are going or it really will be like you're a plebe)."

**Ned** asked to pass his thanks along to everyone who has written and sent cards. He has been in and out of the hosp often over the past mos and has been very ill with the effects of the chemo. So he apologizes for not getting back to ea and every one of you, but he thanks you very much. And we thank him for his wise words, and his courageous example. He didn't ask me to include this, but I hope I am not overstepping my bounds by reminding everyone of Ned's address: 379-F Reasoner Rd, Honolulu, HI 96819.

Received a call from **Jeff Lochow**'s father, who noticed that my address was in his old "stomping grounds," and he spent a while chatting. Mr Lochow is a WWII veteran who flew B-24's and B-29's. Jeff & **Helen** and their two boys, Paul (2) and Andrew (5), are at Ft Irwin and are very happy there. Jeff has been serving as the SGS for GEN Carter and recently jumped with the 82nd Abn. As an abn ranger, he must have been pretty happy jumping again.

**Howard McGillen** wrote from Ft Benning. I rep recently that he was no longer at Benning, and he wrote to correct that rep. (At least that is one way to get you all to write. . . maybe I need to insert more bogus news next time. . . . ) Anyway, Howard has been at Benning for 3 yrs and will be there one more yr. He went there straight from law sch in FL. He was an admin law atty for about 6 mos and then was selected as ch of Legal Assistance in Jun 90. At the JAG Basic course in late 89, Howard saw the only other JAGs from our Cl, **Al Goshi** and **Gary Brockington**.

During Desert Storm, **Howard** was ch of Legal Assistance, and his attys wrote over 7000 wills (which cost about $100 ea in the civ world.) Then he served a yr as trial counsel for the 3d Bde, 24th Inf Div at Benning. **Al, Gary** and Howard were all selected for JAG MAJ last spring and pinned on the oak leaves on 1 Dec 91. In May, Howard took over as ch of Criminal Law for the post and will be staying until next spring, when he expects to go to the JAGC Grad Course in Charlottesville, VA. Gary Brockington grad from there and went to Bad Kreuznach to become the sr defense counsel for the community. Al Goshi went to Charlottesville from Ft Bragg this summer. The JAGs have a branch directory that is published once a yr. But Howard has plenty to fill me in on besides just the 3 JAG's.

**Dan Allyn** and **Mark Vaughn** are **Howard**'s neighbors. Dan left the 75th Rangers for CGSC. Mark is still in cmd of an IOBC co and extended for one yr at Benning. Howard's B-1 roommate, **Cole Cochran**, showed up at the FD party. He had just taken over a MAJ's billet at the Ranger Trng Bde, cmdr of the Long-range Surveillance Trng Co. **John Taylor** was a student of Howard's at Troy State U at Benning. He got an A. (That may or may not be true—just a little humor—I know Howard used blind anonymous grading!)

On the personal side, **Howard & Anne** have 3 girls, Kristin (8), Katy (4) and Elizabeth (2). Howard says they may keep going; Anne says the matter is closed—subject to future arbitration.

**Malcolm Visser** made a large contrib to this col. He & **Sharon** had their first child on 15 Jun 92 at 6:24 am. His name is Kyle Alexander. Alexander is Mal's father's name, and Kyle is a name they liked. Also, the name of the character in the first Terminator movie who rescued Sarah Conner from the killer android with the Austrian accent was named Kyle—not that they named their son after him or anything, says Mal. The baby is healthy and cute, and they are "tickled to death that he's here."

**1981:** Party at Mal Visser's house, Mar 92

**Mal** sent two pix. In the first one, which includes Calypso the dog, is (back row L-R) **Tony Dowd** (B3), **Dave Snyder** (B3), **Lee Hojnicki** (B3), **Nate Eberle** (D3); (front row, L-R) **Roy Holley** (B3), **John Meehan** (B3), Mal **Visser** (B3) and **Mark Marino** (B3). Nate left soon after and **Bob & Angel Elias** showed up—hence the second pic.

**1981:** Party at Mal Visser's house, Mar 92

In the second shot, there is (back row L-R) Mal Visser, Dave Snyder, Bob Elias, Lee Hojnicki, Tony Dowd; (front row L-R) Roy Holley, John Meehan and Mark Marino. Thanks for both pix—you all look great. Mal assures me that Nate Eberle, whom he thinks could benchpress a truck while we were at WP, can probably benchpress a house nowadays.

**Tony Dowd** has his own co (he may have partners, but we don't know them) on Madison Ave in downtown Manhattan (that's NYC for you non-Yankees), and Mal is pretty sure they buy and sell other cos. (There was a lot of imbibing at the party. . . . ) Mal thinks he should change his name to H Ross Dowd. **Lee Hojnicki** is a branch asgmt off at the Hoffman Bldg and has the power to send you to Thule, Greenland if he gets the urge. **Roy Holley** still works at Aberdeen Proving Ground, but I'm not allowed to quote Mal on exactly what Roy is/does. How about sr proj engr or team ch (GM-14) on some kind of counter NBC system? (If this is all bogus, WRITE ME A LTR, GUYS!!) **John Meehan** works for an aerospace firm out by Dulles Airport. Mark Marino is doing med research at NIH in Bethesda, MD. Mal is a sr proj engr (GS-13) working on countermine systems. He is looking to slide into a GM-14 slot overseeing testing and evaluation of a number of bridging, physical security and camouflage systems. Hope you get it, Mal. "Calypso" lays around the house all day, except for occasionally eating, howling and cavorting around oustide. Mal wants to know who has the best life??

On the night of the party they called **John Wilson** (B3) at Ft Benning, who works in the big USAIS HQ Bldg and who sounds happy and healthy. **Sharon & Mal** saw Dr **Arlon Jahnke & Joyce**. Arlon is an orthopaedic surgeon at Rucker, and Joyce and Sharon were coll and post-coll roommates, so it will be a nice reunion for all of them.

**Mal** talked to **Paul Ferriero** (B3), and they spent 15 min swapping "can you top this" stories about broken heat pumps, sump pumps that flood basements and so on—the special joys of homeownership. Paul's children are healthy and happy and as intelligent as their dad. Nicholas should have solved the problem of controlled nuclear fusion by the time we go to print. . . .

Thank you, **Mal**, for a great ltr, and to everyone else who contributed. GO ARMY! **NJS**.

## '82

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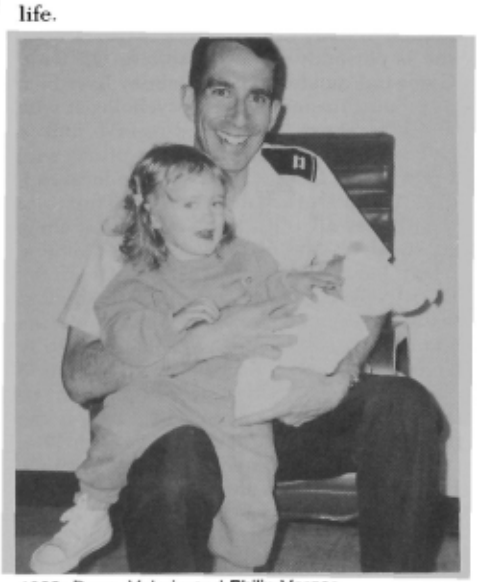
Hello '82. Hope everyone who attended the reunion had a super time. This article is being written before the big wknd, so I'm going to assume that everything went well. On to the news.

A couple of ltrs from USMA. **Doug Vargas, Anne Davis** and **KD Dahl** have finished their first yr as BS&L profs. Doug, **Laura** and daughter Valerie celebrated the birth of Philip Alan on Mem Day at WP. Doug wrote from the "field," as he was a platoon trainer at Buckner. **Craig Currey** and **Joe Doty** were with him in 8th Co, Craig as a platoon trainer and Joe as the OPE off. Doug assures us that Buckner is still the best summer of a cadet's life.



**1982:** Doug, Valerie and Philip Vargas

**Scott Torgerson** sends a note; he, **Holly** and daughter Jessica Rose are now at USMA. Scott completed his MS in opns research, along



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with **Mike Barbero, Bob McCaleb, Joe Schulz, Rob Fleming** and Joe Southcott '84. He never did say what sch, but it is in the Atl area. Scott is glad finally to be a Math prof. He had his fill of academic rigors for two yrs; now he gets to dish it out to cadets.

**Rob Croskery**, who began our WP trek with us and finished through ROTC at U of Cincinnati in 83, writes a note to bring us up to date. Rob keeps up with the goings on through the AOG. He spent his Army time primarily at Benning and Bragg, serving as S1 of the 15 PSYOP Bn and dept head of PSYOP at Bragg for Army Intel. He also spent some time in the desert during the war. Rob currently operates Croskery Financial Svcs and is in law sch at U of Dayton. **Elizabeth** operates Action Entertainment, a talent bureau.

**1982:** Rob & Elizabeth Croskery

**Roger Peterson** sends a ltr that needs no paraphrasing or cutting: "I swore at grad that I'd write a ltr for the *ASSEMBLY* at least once every 10 yrs. Besides, my mom threatened to write if I didn't.

"First, a rep from FD 92 in Heidelberg. The Cl of '82 had 7 attendees. Here's a quick rundown: **Kelly Guinn** arrived in Ger last fall; she is currently the G2 Exercise Off for V Corps in Frankfurt. **Harry Dabney** lives near Augsburg; **Joanna** is a sch psychologist with DODDS. Harry is in a med reserve unit in Ger. He also spends a lot of time working with a nearby MEDEVAC unit and the local caddies. **Kevin DeHart** works in Frankfurt with the plastics div of BASF, Ger's largest chem co. **Randy & Susan Fofi** live in Heidelberg, where Randy works at USAREUR HQ in the DCSENG ofc. **Duane Gapinski** is the adjutant of the 1st Armored Div's Engr Bde; he was the token promotable CPT at our table. He & **Terri** live in Bad Krueznach with their 3 children. **John & Sally Snyder** and their two children live in Bad Krueznach; John is the plans off at the 1st Armored Div's Engr Bde.

"**Margo** & I have been in Ger for 6 yrs now. I spent my first 3 yrs after grad in the 25th ID in HI and then 3 yrs in the Berlin Bde. I cmded A Co, 12th Engr Bn from Feb 90 to Sep 91. In Desert Storm, my co spted two armor bns from the 3rd AD. Currently I work at the 1AD Engr Bde with John and Duane, where I am the opns off. In Sep I enter civ life courtesy of VSI/SSB. Our son Matthew was born in May 91. He's the little guy in the pic with Margo & me.

**1982:** Roger, Matthew and Margo Peterson

"Other classmates we've run across lately are: **Mike Dietz**, who was an O/C at the CMTC in Hohenfels. He observed my co back in the fall of 90. **Steve Koratsky** is the 1AD Automation Mgt Off. I worked in an expando van with him during a recent CPX; he was heavily engaged in rooting out computer viruses. **Jay Brooks** lives in MA and works at GTE. I saw him when I was home last Oct. He & **Pat** are keeping busy with their young daughter Rebecca. **Greg Voigt** lives in RI and is a stockbroker in Providence, following in his father's footsteps. I also saw Greg while home on leave last fall.

"That's about if for now. I probably will break with tradition and write early next time. Certainly before the yr 2002—**Roger Peterson**."

**Eileen (Martin) Volpe**'s dad, Bob '57, sends a photo of Eileen & **Tom** taken at Busch Gardens in Jun 92. Eileen was on her way to deliver her younger brother Lawrence to the Cl of '96 Beast Bks (He'll deal with **Torgerson** and crew this yr and **Vargas, Currey** and **Doty** next yr). The Volpes currently live in Yorktown, VA.

**1982:** Tom & Eileen Volpe

**Bryan Eckstein** sends news from Ft Polk, LA. He and **Frank Warner** are awaiting their exit from the Army as this is being written. Bryan recently finished his stint as HHC, Avn Bde Cmdr and sends word on **Dave Powell** and **Tom Lynch**. Dave is currently the S4 of the 5 ID ADA bn. Tom works for Federal Mogul, lives near Ft McClellan and cmds a USAR arty btry.

I spoke with **Ozzie Gorbitz** recently. He & **Janet** will celebrate their 10th anniv this Dec. They live in Kokomo, IN as Oz is a full-time USAFR CPT flying A-10's. They have their hands full restoring a 100-yr-old Victorian home.

Well, this is the 10th anniv of this col. I've enjoyed it. Hope you have, too. More to follow.

# '83

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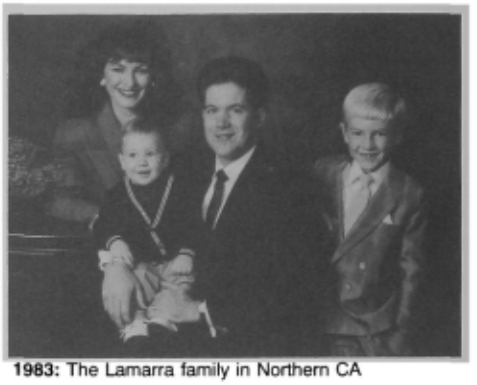
GO ARMY! BEAT NAVY! Yes, it's that time of yr again to squeeze the squids. **Mark Morehouse** and **Frank Giordano** sent me a fax to let you all know about their great tailgate under the big tent last yr with about 100 of our classmates and guests. Well, they're going to do it again, only better this yr. This is the advance notice. They have reserved a "heated tent, with food, hot and cold beverages, rest rooms, TV and stereo, parking and day care." If you want to join in on the fun, call Mark before 1 Dec (so he can plan well) at 212-366-6663 or write to him at 114 Horatio St, Apt 714, New York, NY 10014.

Congrats are in order for **Terry & Dallas Jones**—as only Dallas could say it, "Just to let you know my best investment yet: Peyton Taylor Jones, born 12 Jul 92."

**Michael Lamarra** decided to drop us a note after 9 yrs. He married **Lisa** 9 yrs ago and has 2 boys, Andrew (7) and Michael (2).



**1983:** The Lamarra family in Northern CA

His last asgmt in the Army was at the Armor Sch in May 88. He's been with Airco Gases since he left the Army, selling gases and gas-related equipment to semiconductor manufacturers. There are at least 13 other classmates at Airco, incl **Jim Greenwell** (NY), **Kurt Wangenheim** (WA) and **Bill Estes** (AZ). "I am completing an MBA at Santa Clara at night. I hope to grad by Dec 92. I really envy you guys who were able to go to grad sch full-time. This part-time program is a bear." He's run into a few classmates: **Mark Wiltse**, with Applied Materials as a field svc mgr in Santa Clara; **Bill Crowley**, out of the Army, married and living in Fresno area as a plant mgr for a fruit-packaging co; and **Gary Laing**, last seen in the Phillipines with SF.

**William Raymond** sent "this pic of my son, William John, being held up by me at my parents' home as a possible 7th-generation WP'er!" Billy's great-great-great-great-grandfather first grad in 1825.

**Dion King** and **Dave Sutter** have left for WP, and Bill is there for one more yr to get his PhD. While he was in DC doing research/interviews for his dissertation, he talked with almost 100 exec and congressional officials before his interview with Mr Cheney. In the Pentagon he ran into **Russ Hall**, working in SDIO. He went to the Reagan Library and ran into **Jo & Mike Bowman**. Mike is an OC at NTC. **Robin & Jerry Schmitz** are now at CMTC and no longer in Berlin.

The VA Beach headline read "Army career helps win triathlon." "The discipline **Jim**



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**1983:** William and Billy Raymond by his family's Long Gray Line

**Knight** gained early in his mil career helped him finish first in the individual overall competition during the E Coast Triathlon." Jim lives in Alexandria while he works at the Pentagon. "The victory didn't come easy for Knight, 31. During the final 500 yards of the biking phase, he failed to follow the guideline tape which bordered the road, and fell off his bike. The fall left Knight with bruises on his left hip, thigh and ankle. Immediately after the fall, Knight got back on his bike and continued to the running stage. 'One thing I learned back from my days as a cadet at WP was never to quit. I never thought about giving up,' Knight said. 'There's so much adrenaline flowing that you really don't feel the pain. It will all kick in tomorrow morn.' "

## '84

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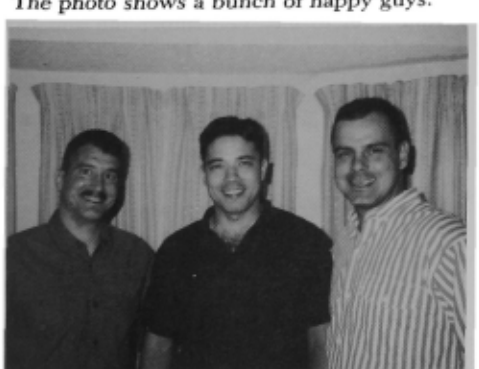
Greetings, "Best of the Corps!" I'm continuing my renderings from the ROK, but I'm psyched. Though this will reach you in Nov when I am a true "short-timer," it's being written in Aug, and I go on mid-tour leave in two days! It'll be the first time that **Dianne** & I have seen ea other in 7 mos—yes, I am looking forward to it. I do hope this col finds ea of you healthy and happy. I'm also hoping that it finds Army preparing to beat the heck out of Navy!!

MAJ Ron Richard '75 & Debbie were kind enough to write from Ft Leavenworth where MAJ Richard is stationed. Those of you from E-3 may remember MAJ Richard as your TAC back in 83–84. Well, at Leavenworth MAJ Richard has an opportunity to see people coming through CAS$^3$. A few E-3 alumni came through this past Jan-Mar. They were **Tom Kulich**, **Joe Deantona** and Jim Cook '85. The photo shows a bunch of happy guys.



**1984:** Tom Kulich, Jim Cook '85 and Joe Deantona enjoying CAS$^3$

Maybe CAS$^3$ isn't as tough as they say! Fat chance! Anyway, Tom is currently at Ft Carson, and Joe is in grad sch, with an eventual asgmt to WP as a prof. Sir, thanks for the kind ltr and the info!

Got a note from **John Fink**, who grad from Purdue with a degree in business mgt. John is currently working as a financial analyst for Ford Motor Co.

Also got a note from **Matt & Oneida Hutchens**, who are celebrating the growth of their family. Blaise William Hutchens was born on 3 June 92 and weighed in at 7 lbs, 10 oz. Congrats!! Blaise's uncle is **Chris Deluca**, who is stationed near Alexandria, VA. Thanks for the good news, folks!

Got more news from the Naval Postgrad Sch, which seems to be a pretty popular place among Army guys—I guess it's nice to beat them on their own turf!! **Steve Elliott** dropped me a line from scenic Monterey, where he & **Julie** are enjoying his grad sch time after returning from Ger in Jul 91. Steve is studying telecommunications mgt, which is a combo of computers, communications and mgt. Sounds hard! Steve will grad in Dec 93. Steve & Julie are familiar with Monterey because Steve served there as an LT. About 150 Army folks are at the NPGS right now! **John Quigg** is studying computer sci. **Wes Gillman**, **Mickey Maguire** and **Brian Pearson** are all studying opns research. Brian will be heading to WP to teach after grad. **Bob Hand** recently grad from the Natl Security Affairs program and is serving as a Russian FAO. **Ed Kleinschmidt** and **Don Cersovsky** are studying math and will be heading back to WP to teach. Finally, **Steve McKinney** is studying joint communications, cmd and control. You may recall that many of these guys were part of the victorious "other Army team" that beat Navy at NPGS last yr! Keep up the good work, guys, and thanks for all the news, Steve!!

Finally, I heard from **Bobby Hinton**, a fellow 3rd Regt guy (from C-3). Bobby is leaving the green machine and heading to law sch. Where, you might ask? Well, one of the finest law schs in the country in my opinion—UCONN!! Of course, being a grad of that institution, I'm not biased!! But seriously, congrats, Bobby, and good luck at sch!

Well, that's it! I need to get packing so I can catch my plane! Until next time, keep on Beatin' Navy!!

## '85

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Well, we have hit summer again. One can usually tell by the change in weather, kids home from sch, etc. I can always tell because the volume of ltrs I receive always decreases exponentially. The last col was good, however, so I will tell you the news I did receive and wish you the best going into the fall. . . . Well that's it! You have my. . . .

Seriously, I heard from **Greg Kuznecoff** himself, and his recovery continues to improve. He still plans to return to MI for his MBA after he has recovered well enough. I think it is just super what God has done for him and his family. Greg sends his thanks to all of you for your spt over the past few mos.

**Bill & Mary Rudnicki** returned in May from celebrating their honeymoon in the Banoff Natl Park in the Canadian Rockies. Bill is now officially out of the Guard and is now in the business of designing rather than building, as he was in the Corps!

That truly is all I have for now—two ltrs. I heard through rumor that **Jeff Ryscavage** will be going to grad sch in Jan after CAS$^3$ in Oct. I do not know where. None of our classmates are at Stanford except for **Ronda** & me at the moment. Let me know if I can help anyone in any way—I finally have the time! You have my best, '85!

## '86

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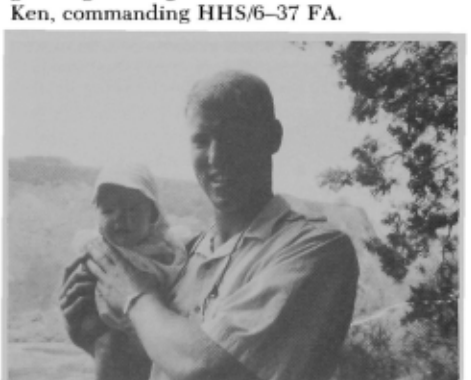
Mail was thin, extremely thin. Due perhaps to my change in address, summertime moves for everyone still in, and career changes for others. . . etc. As for myself, I'm working at AC&R Advertising. Suppose some of you think this is an appropriate field for me, given certain beliefs in my various proclivites. All is well, I'm happy and NYC is great.

Just a little news received, plus 3 pix. I almost opted for a blank col this go-round, but too many of you would think I'n not doing my job. So what little there is, here it is.

**1986:** Ken Yi, Apr 92

The first pic shows **Ken Yi** receiving cmd of A/6–37 FA (MLRS) in Apr 92. Ken sent me this pic, along with a note written on a "buck slip" thinking I might have missed the yellow 5 1/2' x 8' paper—NOT! Actually, I thought Ken had written "back" or "blank" until I remembered "buck." How quickly one forgets lingo. **George Wade** is also in Korea with Ken, commanding HHS/6–37 FA.



**1986:** Mark Von Herringen with daughter Julia in Waipio Valley, Big Isl (HI), Jul 92

The second pic is of **Mark Von Heeringen** with his daughter Julia, born 12 Feb 92 in HI. **Cindy** sent the photo with a note saying they'll be in HI until Dec, then off to Ft Rucker.

On Mon, 8 Jun, CPT **Alyson (Goermar) Miller** assumed cmd of the 54th QM Co of the 240th Quartermaster Bn. The 240th is a FORSCOM unit stationed at Ft Lee. Some Viet-



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**1986:** A & L Kominiak and A Miller

nam types may remember it as the bn that ran the pipeline from Qui Nhon to Pleiku. Moral spt was provided by CPTs Aimee (Lenz) '87 & Lawrence Kominiak '87.

Ya'll, if you don't send me anything, next time there'll be nothing. BYE.

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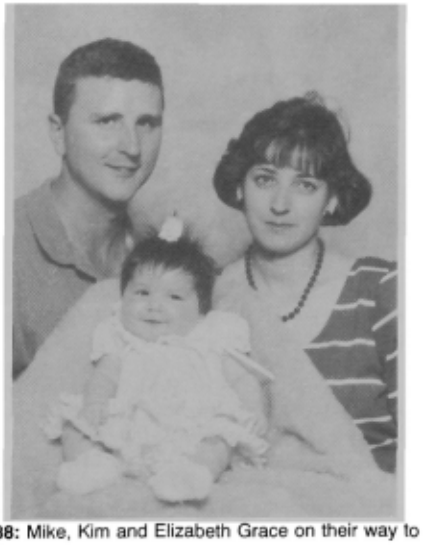
Congrats to all you new CPTs out there. How about sending in some promotion party pix? **Erin Edgar** sent this pic of our classmates

**1988:** There's a new sheriff in town—5, to be exact



**1988:** Mike, Kim and Elizabeth Grace on their way to Dallas

who grad from Uniformed Svcs.

From L-R are CPTs **Mike Doyle**-Walter Reed, Psychiatry; **Erin Edgar**-Ft Bragg, Family Medicine; **Chance Conner**-Walter Reed, General Surgery; **Greg Lee**-Schofield Bks and **Dave Wilkie**-Ft Lewis, Neurology. According to my calculations, these guys are the first O-3's in our Cl.

**Mike Hill** sent a pic of his growing family. Mike, **Kim** and their daughter Elizabeth Grace, born 26 Mar 92, have been living in FL since Feb. They will be in Dallas by Sep, where Mike will be working for an envir consulting firm.

Thats all for now. If any of you INF studs are here for IOAC, look me up. Keep writing. Take care.

## '89

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Okay, okay, so the kid missed a col. Please no more hate mail and hazing over the phone. Let me say hello to all fellow '89'ers, both those in uniform and those out. Currently, I'm still in lovely Schweinfurt, Ger now as 2–64's scout. It's great.

Well, first in the batting order is **Jeff Macklin**. Jeff went Engrs, Ranger Sch, Campbell, Desert and now civ. With the 101st he worked with the likes of **Mike Shea, Jim Nachazel, Dennis Kirby, Mike Loccisano, Matt Reyes, Brett Lewis, Ron Albrecht, Steve Casey, Dave Kalb, Darius Powell, Lee Rysewyk** and **Reb Yancy**. Now Jeff is working in Suffern, NY (near the infamous Holidome) with an engring job at Intl Papers. I hear their ACEs dig better than ours! Good luck, Jeff, and stay in touch.

**Tom & Amy Maiwald** say hi. They have moved from Watertown NY (10 ID) to Smyrna, GA. I'm not sure what they're doing—it was only a change-of-address card! Hey Tom, how about some more intel. IRP!

**Ron Stewart** dropped a line from Scottsdale, AZ rep his grad studies in intl business. He got out in Oct 91. Now he plans to work in Brazil, dealing with finance and corp investment. Ron tells of **John Bohach**, also a civ, working with a German-English satellite communications conglomerate as a software engr. (See, EF105 does come in handy.) **Oscar Torres** is out also, living in TX; occupation unknown. Thanks for the ltr, Ron.

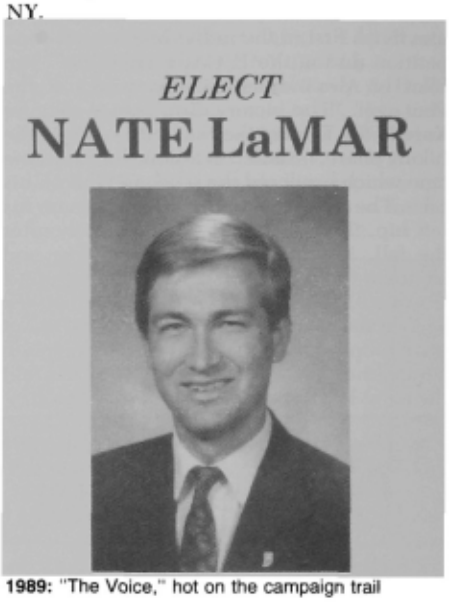
**"Donger" Lee** says "GO GREEKS" from Kileen, TX. Donger married **Lisa Kim** in Jun 91. Attending were **Scott Vezeau** and **Jim Ziegler**.

**1989:** Lisa & Dong Lee, Jun 91

Dong & Lisa are moving to Houston soon with their dog MacArthur. **Darrin Anderson** and **Paul Barber**, who were in 3-32 AR with Dong, are also out now. Other fellows still in BDUs include **Henry Wardick, John Keating, Bill Montgomery, Paul Metzloff, Mike Napierala, James Orrange** and **Chris Maloy**. Thanks, Dong, and welcome to '89, Lisa.

Hey, **Brian Roberts** is back! Yes, the long-lost Cl pres wrote to say he married **Julie Holtzclaw** on 11 Jul 92 in Cumming, GA. No photo, no update, no details. Well, best of luck to Brian & Julie.

Speaking of Cl offs, **Nate "The Voice" LaMar** is hot on the campaign trail for IN St rep. Nate beat out the incumbent in the primary and hopes to be all he can be in Nov. Nate also rep that **QCW Meisenheimer (Mise)** married **Jill Westfall** on 25 Jul 92 near Buffalo, NY.




**1989:** "The Voice," hot on the campaign trail

Good luck to Mise & Jill. You too, Nate.

I received a long ltr from two D-3 buddies of mine, **Jim Lynch** and **Rob Orlando**. Both were with the 82d in the desert and are now out of Div. Jim is a Gen's aide for the CG of 44th MED Bde. Rob is working at the Sapper Sch in Ft Leonard Wood. Both guys are engaged to be married. They write that **Fritz Hager** is out, married (no name?) and selling pharmaceuticals near San Ant. **Chris Destito** is out and trying to play pro football. **Rob "LLRJ" Jorgensen** got married on 23 May 92 (again, no name?) and is S-2 of his avn bn in Ger. **Rob Hennessy** is flying Apaches in Ger, asked to get out, and the Army said no. **Casey Reed** is moving from unit to unit in Ger, as they all are closing down. **Pete Patacsil** is a Redleg in 2d Rgr Bn. Thanks guys—that ltr meant a lot to me. Remember the amigos. Delta Heat!

**1989:** The Dirt Pig and the Banana Man



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Gripes and Rumors. **Rich McCauley** has been seen in USAEUR commissaries searching for frozen potato skins. . . . Two fellows from '84 asked me to mention them since their scribe won't: CPT S Allen Roosa and CPT Doug Matuszewski, both with whom I served here in 2–64 AR. . . . I've heard that a movie producer has approached **Fritz Hager**, wanting to make a film about him winning the Silver Star. I'm not sure if it's going to happen, but Mr UN is now called "Hollywood Hager". . . . **Bill Harmon** is said to have grown one inch taller since grad.

The Army rolls along. Send me your best rumor. Scouts out. Garry Owen. See you at the club or in the brush. *WE STRENGTHEN THE LINE!*

## '90

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**Martha Granger** dropped me a line from Ludwigsburg, Ger, where she is 2nd PL with the 515th Trans Co. Also "fueling the force" is **Tom Jones**, who is the 1st PL. Their unit is moving to Mannheim in Sep. Martha sent me an extensive list of our classmates in Ger. With her in Ludwigsburg are **Kelly Demers** and **Christina Juhasz**; Hanau has **John Silvers, Kevin Clark, Gus Ingles, Rob Barrie, John Baskerville, Chris Lingle, Dan McCarthy** and **Dave Hill**. In Schweinfurt are **Ron & Stephanie (Berndt) Paduchak**, **Tom Biel** and **John Buell**. **James Dell'Olio** is in Mannheim, **Rich Sheridan** and **Joe Owczarek** are in Babenhausen, **Pat Walsh** is with the Berlin Bde, **Matt Martin**'s in Frankfurt and **Pam Smith**'s in Karlsruhe. **Pete Andrysiak** and **Jason Kelly** are in Vicenza, Italy. This list is not definitive, so if I omitted your name, send me a ltr.

I ran into **Kevin Whang** at the gym at Walter Reed the other day. He is a 3rd-yr med student at Georgetown and just got a new roommate, **Ryung Suh**, who got tired of being "Huah" and is now a first-yr med student at Georgetown. They had spent the previous wk partying in Georgetown with **John Shin**, who was headed for Korea.

Here is a photo of **Eleanor (Clouse)** & myself on our wedding day, 13 Jun. We were married in Cincinnati, OH and **Mark Clouse** was the best man. **John Devine**, who married **Jane Hodge** this spring, led the sabre bearers in their duties, and **Jay O'Neil** made a cameo appearance. El & I live in Chevy Chase, MD and look forward to joining the real Army in May 94 when I grad from med sch.

**1990:** Tad & El Gerlinger

That is all for now—**Tad Gerlinger**.

## '91

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## '92

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By now everyone is well into the fun and thrills of their basic course. I hope all are enjoying the "outside" world. Reorgy week has come and gone up at WP, and I'm sure it was easier than any of ours.

The 29 Jun issue of *Army Times* was covered with classmates and grad ceremony articles. Among those pictured or interviewed were **Sean Condron, Jake Garcia, Lance Homan, OJ Jones** and **Matt Sousa**. Rumor has it that the next classmate to make the cover of the *Army Times* gets twice the cash the goat received at grad.

Some of us decided to spend the summer leave period traveling abroad. I received a postcard from **Craig Olson**, who spent much of his vacation touring Europe. While in Pamplona, Spain, Craig got bored and decided to add a little excitement to his life—and ran with the bulls. It sounded just a little more dangerous than running the gauntlet.

**Mike Doheny, Scott Jerald** and **Frank Pometti** also toured Europe for several days. Scott told me that as a result of Frank's inability to interact with French women—who were actually American—he was unanimously elected the pres of the "Clark Griswold" European Vacation Soc.

The flow of newlyweds has steadily increased. By word of mouth I've been told **Shon & Noelle Manasco**'s wedding was perfect—except for the "help me" written on the the altar. **Aaron & Eileen Scott** were married shortly after grad in Cornwall. **Vance & Stacy McMurry** wrote to tell me that life at Ft Bliss is hot, dry and fun. They're both enjoying their newlywed status and the struggle with the installation of washers, dryers and other household amenities. Several pair have showed up at Ft Benning for IOBC and/or Jump Sch. **Brian & Janelle West** have settled in and decided to compete for the cup. As Brian put it, "yep, we've got one on the way!"

**1992:** Jennifer & Mark Read, 6 Jun 92

**Mark & Jennifer Read** were married in Wash, DC and traveled across the country for their honeymoon. They both had fond memories of camping out, starting fires with wet wood and dining on luke-warm beanie-weenies. As the weddings continue, send the pix and stories!

**Sid Loyd** called to let me know he beat DPE and grad on 21 Jun. **Aaron Pitney** wrote from San Ant and rep that the Med Svc Basic Course had been unexpectedly tough. They were in civ clothes for the first wk, and their BOQ's were cleverly disguised as a Holiday Inn. They still had to spend some time in the field. . . with GP-mediums, cots and Kool-Aid.

I have seen and spoken with several at Benning. At least 300 of our classmates are here for one sch or the other. I attended Abn Cl 34–92's grad and saw just a few of the hundreds now enjoying the Black Hats' presence. Incl in the ceremonies were **Joe Berger, Curt Filosa, Craig Fluharty, Bobby Lewallen, Gail Sanders, Yong Shin, Eric Tauch, Melinda Tilton** and **Ingrid Winslow**, among others.

This column was completed on 15 Aug; next deadline is 15 Dec. Keep the ltrs and pix coming. There's more to Army life for 92 than what's here at Ft Benning. . . . I think.

God bless *The Brave and the Few*.



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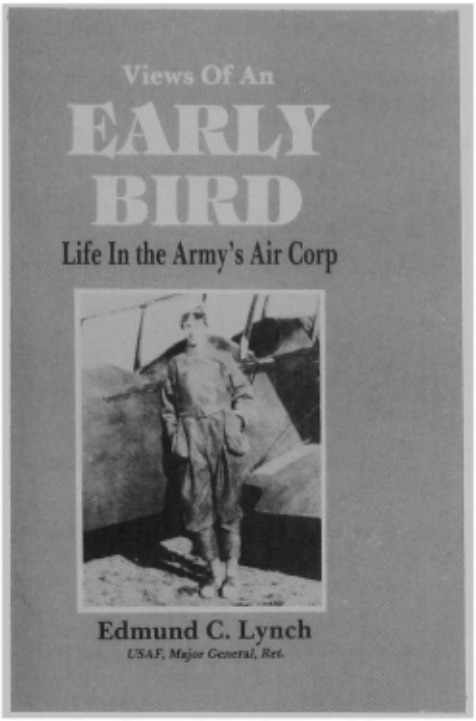
**Views of an Early Bird: Life in the Army's Air Corp[s]**

By Edmund C. Lynch, USAF, Major General (Ret.), Class of 1922.




*Views of an Early Bird* is one of those rare, intriguing books that defies classification. With hardly a whiff of gunpowder to be found in its nearly three hundred pages, it does not qualify as old "guns and trumpets" military history. Further, it lacks the in-depth social, political, or organizational analysis characteristic of the "new" military history. Yet, it is neither self-aggrandizing hagiography, nor is it a standard autobiography. If anything, Edmund Lynch's *Views of an Early Bird* is a latter-day version of Aesop's Fables with each of his eighty vignettes conveying a moral and telling the reader either something about the author or about life.

Throughout the book Lynch highlights what he considers to be nine immutable principles of life. Most of these principles will sound familiar: cooperation benefits all; help others and help yourself; know your purpose; keep a sense of humor; seek a better way to work; and develop confidence and self-reliance. Three principles, however, are particularly poignant. When Lynch warns, "be suspicious of those who have the right answers" and "know what you do *not* know," he provides the reader with valuable, but often ignored, advice. He reinforces that advice on almost every page with personal accounts of his derring-do as a pilot in the Army Air Corps. In each of these illustrative vignettes, Lynch presents such a straight forward chronicle of events that even his last principle, "concentrate on *ends* rather than *means*," is less of a sticky ethical issue than it is an innocent admonition designed to inform the reader that there is normally more than one way to get the job done.

Edmund C. Lynch began what he writes was "a lifetime of learning" as a member of the West Point Class of 1922. He joined the Corps on 6 November 1918, fully expecting to graduate in a few years, sail to France, and fight on the Western Front. Interestingly, during both World Wars West Point accelerated the curriculum in order to meet the burgeoning need for junior leaders on the battlefield. In 1916, cadets entering the Academy did so under the War Emergency Course and could expect a three year program. Those who arrived in June 1917, two months after America declared war, graduated on 1 November 1917. When the war ended on 11 November 1918, the Academy recalled its most recent graduates and placed them in a Student Officer Class that graduated again in June 1919.

When hostilities ended five days after the new class arrived, West Point offered to release Lynch and his classmates from further training. Deciding to stay and "stick it out," Lynch graduated in 1922 and was commissioned in the Army Air Service. His career spanned the early history of the United States Air Force, beginning in the barnstorming days of the 1920s and ending with the close of the Korean War in 1953. Along the way, Lynch learned to fly free balloons, non-rigid airships known as blimps, and airplanes. His story, told in bits and pieces, is at times difficult to follow, but overall quite interesting. Though never destined to achieve the stature of his classmate Maxwell Taylor, he nonetheless became a major general in 1949 and served in the War Department, the Department of the Air Force, and the Department of Defense as a personnel officer in charge of military and civilian personnel budgets.

For the student of military history, however, the most interesting part of the book is Lynch's discussion of the Interwar Army, particularly the struggle of the Army Air Service (called the Air Corps after 1926) for survival and independence. Following World War I, Congress reduced the size of the Army from 2.4 million in 1918 to a paltry 133,000 in 1923. As an Air Service second lieutenant operating within a fiscally restrained Army, Lynch's story is instructive. With a specialty in aerial observation and photography, Lynch flew in the first echelon of pilots engaged in civil-military air operations. Specifically, the Air Service/Corps conducted several aerial surveys designed to provide government agencies with the current mapping information necessary for improved water management and road construction. Lynch discusses in some detail surveys of the Rio Grande flood plain and his mission in 1925 to photograph the Tennessee River and its Northwest Tributaries. His efforts were instrumental in developing water power and navigation of the river under the Tennessee Valley River Authority.

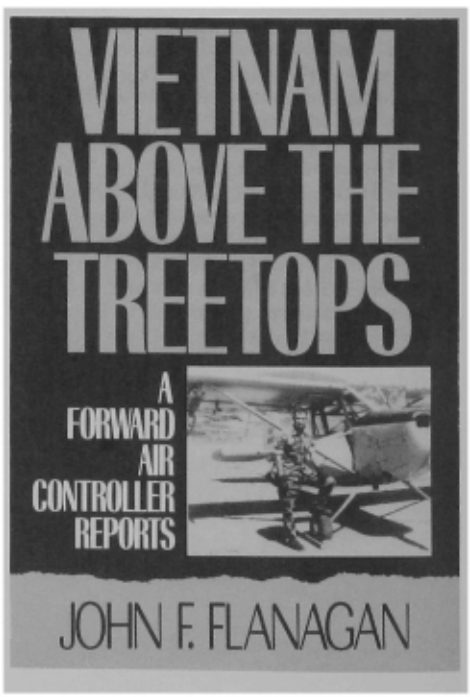
In an effort to maintain its institutional legitimacy, the Army sent the Air Corps on numerous public support/public relations missions throughout the Interwar period. The Army fought forest fires, broke strikes, and turned back bonus marchers, while the Air Corps directed fire fighters from the air, surveyed large expanses of ground, tested insecticide delivery systems for farmers, delivered mail, and provided static and flying displays at grand openings of civilian airfields. The object of these missions was not only to improve some element of public well-being, but also to demonstrate a continuing need for the Army as an institution.

Edmund Lynch's *Views of an Early Bird* is the story of one man's eclectic journey through life. As scattered as it may first appear, the book is an introspective history well worth reading. Its several grammatical errors and misspelled words (for example, Corp instead of Corps, Cullem instead of Cullum Hall), indicate that the editor unfortunately did not put as much care into the text as did the author. Nonetheless, the book's personal approach to a period understudied in our national military history will prove appealing to West Point alumni, military officers, students of history, and discerning readers.

—Bryon E. Greenwald '81
Captain, Air Defense

**VIETNAM ABOVE THE TREETOPS: A Forward Air Controller Reports**

By John F. Flanagan, Praeger.




*Vietnam Above the Tree Tops* is a first person account of the wartime experiences of 1st Lieutenant John F. Flanagan, who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served as a forward air controller (FAC) in Vietnam in 1966. His job was to fly single-engine spotter planes that served as the link between fighter-bomber pilots and ground combat forces.

This story is reflective—written 23 years after the action took place, but this perspective gives the author the ability to view the events in the context of their time and also in the context of the later action in Vietnam.

Lieutenant Flanagan was assigned to Project Delta, Detachment B-52, 5th Special Forces Group. The book details many dangerous missions, air strikes, rescues and failed attempts to save embattled troops during the time Lieutenant Flanagan served in Project Delta.

Flanagan's early life was very disciplined and regimented—school, jobs and athletics. This disciplined upbringing was good preparation for his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy, where he was trained initially to be a follower, then to assume leadership, but always to be a warrior. Three years after graduating from the Academy he had completed pilot training, flown operational missions, gotten married, had two children, earned a masters in business administration and made a major decision—he volunteered to go to Vietnam.

Flanagan decided that he wanted to be in combat and not in support. Flying as a FAC in the 0-1, the Cessna Bird Dog, would put him into heavy action. The FAC processed two types of requests for tactical air strikes. One was for pre-planned strikes in which the Army decided in advance they needed air support. The other was for immediate request strikes used to support troops in contact, to hit a perishable target, to break up an ambush or to hit Viet Cong on the move. This second type of support control—in which the FAC relied on his training, knowledge and instinct—is vividly described throughout the book.

White assigned to a Korean Unit, Flanagan began to develop the skills to become a good FAC. "The standard briefing format called for weather, winds, altimeter setting, terrain elevation, safe bailout and recovery airfield. But before you started with all that bullshit, what the fighter pilot really wanted to know was what he was getting into. Were troops in heavy contact? Had aircraft been shot down? Was there a helilift going in? What was all that smoke? Or could he relax and go with the flow?"

A recurring theme in the book is Army-Air Force cooperation or lack of it. In Flanagan's view, the Army's idea of staff coordination was to put all of the command elements into one room, let them fight it out, and then decide what to do next. Many times the FAC had to guess at air support requirements. But at times it all worked. "So ended 30 minutes of combined arms and interservice cooperation of a Marine sergeant directing Navy guns and Air Force lieutenant controlling Air Force fighters, all in support of an appreciative and concerned Army Spec 4. But it was all American warriors fighting bravely in a Vietnamese war."

On 14 April 1966 Flanagan began work with Special Forces. Project Delta was an autonomous reconnaissances unit staffed by American and Vietnam Special Forces. The operating concept of Project Delta was a six-man reconnaissance teams led by a Vietnamese lieutenant with a team sergeant, two soldiers and two American advisors. They were usually inserted into the jungle prior to nightfall by helicopter. Their primary mission was to observe, report and gather information. Flanagan learned to recognize the team members as individuals. He could recognize their voices. He knew from the sound of their voices if they were safe, or threatened or fleeing for their lives. He was their link to the outside world and felt it to be an awesome responsibility.

Flanagan details many operations in the Central Highlands on the Cambodia and Laotian borders. Delta Force found it necessary to fight both the Viet Cong and the border bureaucracy during these operations. Not all were successful. A Delta FAC, Captain Charles F. Scoope was killed. This, coupled with the earlier loss of some members of a recon team, deeply affected Flanagan. After 11 months in Vietnam, he found it difficult to cope. "I was unable to function outside of the jungle, outside of an airplane. I was paranoid, short-tempered, fearful, could not stand still and could not sleep." Some rest and relaxation (R and R) in Bangkok helped relieve the stress.

Flanagan received several awards while serving in Vietnam. The award that meant the most to him was the Distinguished Flying Cross he received for saving 200-300 lives during one combat mission. Unlike the other awards he received, "this award was for not killing someone."

The ongoing issue of MIA's is raised dramatically at the end of the book. Flanagan was contacted by the family of Lieutenant Russ Bott, one of the members of a recon team unaccounted for in 1966. The search by his family continues to this day. Flanagan told the family his recollections as the last person to be in radio contact with Bott. They presented Flanagan with a file of documents obtained from the United States government. Flanagan recognized many of them but found that many references to the team had been purged from the reports or had never been entered. Unanswered questions—and a family that will continue its search for the answer.

In January 1967 Flanagan returned to the United States. Re-entry had its problems for him but nothing like later returnees would face. He talked to a later returning FAC who recalled, "What I remember most were the endless lectures on how to get off drugs and draw unemployment. . .One day it was jungle, fatigues, buddies, firefights and work details. The next it was cities, civies, alone and unemployment."

John Flanagan is a skilled narrator. Throughout the book, the reader feels a sense of place, of being there. Vivid descriptions of people, places and situations abound. The author's idea of the warrior spirit, the meaning and futility of war is presented from his unique perspective. Ultimately, the reader is left with the impression that the overall operation of the war was flawed. We failed because of a lack of national resolve. The war officially ended in 1973, but the questions linger on.

—LTC Doyle Daughtry
Department of Mathematical Sciences,
USMA



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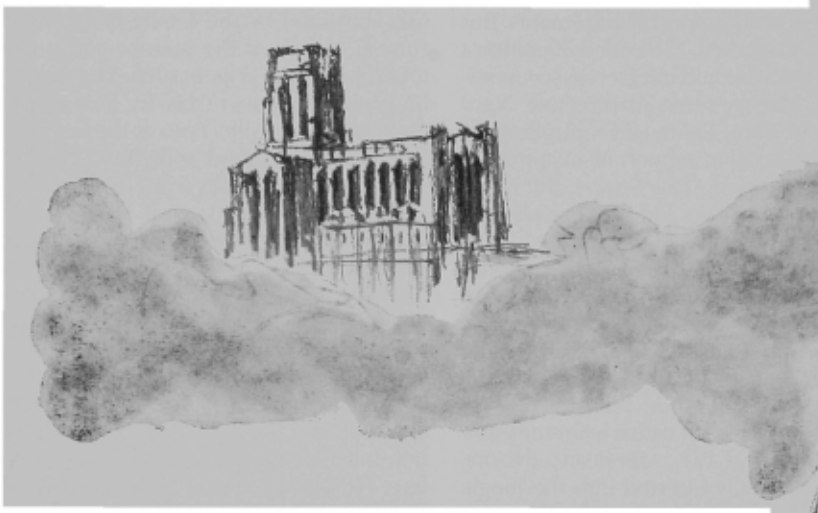
# Be Thou At Peace

**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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## Donald Sylvester Burns

NO. 6607 CLASS OF 1920

Died 17 October 1983 in Washington, DC, aged 87 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

**Donald Sylvester Burns**

One sunny afternoon in October 1983, Donald S. Burns fell while working in his yard. He arose slightly confused and, within hours, slipped into a coma from which he never awoke. Don died on 17 October 1983 at Walter Reed.

Don was born on 15 June 1896 in Bradford, Pennsylvania to Daniel Sylvester and Mary Sweeney Burns. The family soon moved to Westfield, New Jersey, where Don spent most of his boyhood. After high school, Don studied at Penn State and Cornell for one year each before entering West Point in June 1918 with the Class of 1922. Although this class' time at West Point was turbulent and abbreviated due to the War, Don always spoke fondly of his cadet days. Certainly, he managed to aquire a full measure of the ideals of USMA. He graduated as a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers on 15 June 1920.

Don earned a master's degree in civil engineering at Rensselear Polytechnic Institute in 1922, before being ststioned at Camp Humphreys (now Fort Belvoir), Virginia. His next post was Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he served with the 3rd Engineers. During this time, he roomed with a fellow Engineer lieutenant, George Withers '25.

After Hawaii, Don went to Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, Ohio, where he developed aerial mapping techniques and equipment. Don often flew with the great pilots of the day including Doolittle, Barksdale and Rickenbacher. In the aftermath of the Depression, Don, like many others, was furloughed without pay for four months. In that brief period, while working for an aerial mapping firm in Dayton, his earnings equaled his entire yearly Army salary. At the conclusion of that stint, the firm offered him a permanent position at double what they had been paying him! Don's sense of duty outweighed the lure of higher salary, and he returned to the Army.

Don's next assignment was as an advisor to the National Guard in Providence, Rhode Island. It was during this tour that Don met and in 1934 married Victoria Livingston Grey of Portland, Maine. Together they raised two children: Rosemary, born in Winthrop, Massachusetts in 1935 and Donald (USMA '62), born in Puerto Rico in 1941. Don was a devoted husband and father who loved to reminisce and tell anecdotes about his family.

During World War II, Don served in North Africa and Italy, where he directed the reconstruction of the port of Naples in support of the allied advance in Southern Europe. Postwar assignments included Portland, Oregon (district engineer); San Francisco, California (division engineer); and Paris, France (executive officer, Joint Construction Agency, USAREUR).

Don retired in 1954 after 34 years of service. He and Vic moved to the quiet village of Maplewood, Maine, where they enjoyed many years gardening, fishing and restoring their lovely 18th-Century farmhouse. His beloved Victoria died in 1963.

In 1965, Don married Katherine Zalesky Withers, widow of his former roommate in Hawaii. Don and Kay moved to Alexandria, Virginia in 1968, where Don enjoyed gardening and the company of many classmates.

Don died on 17 October 1983; burial services were conducted at the Fort Myer, VA post chapel on 20 October. His son Donald delivered the eulogy. Interment was at the West Point Cemetery the following day—a crisp, bright autum morning. Several classmates were able to attend the burial.

Don's many awards include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Order of the British Empire, the Medal of French Reconnaissance and the Order of the Crown of Italy. He is survived by his wife Katherine, his daughter Rosemary,his son Donald and five Withers stepsons: George, Jr., William, Geoffrey, Peter and Benjamin.

In every aspect of his life, Don epitomized the motto of West Point. A warm sense of humility emanated fom his Christian faith. He was an absolute gentleman in all his dealings. We whose lives were touched by Don are fortunate indeed.

*Donald A. Burns '62, Katherine W. Burns and Benjamin G. Withers '74*

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## Kenneth Gilpin Hoge

NO. 6691 CLASS OF 1920

Died 27 December 1972 in Arlington, Virginia, aged 73 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Kenneth Gilpin Hoge was born on 26 April 1899 to William McGuffey and Annette Fiery Hoge in Booneville, Missouri. Kenneth's grandmother was a niece of William H. McGuffy, the author of McGuffy Readers. Kenneth was brought up in a house his father built. The house, still standing, now belongs to Kemper Military School and serves as the Superintendent's residence.

He was the youngest of three sons. Both his brothers graduated from West Point; Colonel Benjamin F. Hoge in 1914 and General William M. Hoge in 1916. Kenneth was determined

**Kenneth Gilpin Hoge**

to follow in their footsteps, but his path was difficult. At he age of two he contracted scarlet fever. The disease affected his ears and left him almost deaf in one ear. However, this impairment did not stop him in his endeavor. To prepare himself for West Point, he attended Wentworth Military Academy and graduated in 1916. He then obtained an appointment to West Point from the Seventh District of Missouri. Bad ear and all, he passed his entrance physical examination and entered West Point in June 1916.

He graduated in 1920 and was assigned to the Cavalry. This was an excellent choice, as he had always loved horses. As a child he often rode a horse to school. During his Army career he was stationed at Ft. D.A. Russell, Ft. Huachuca, Ft. Myer, Ft. Sheridan, Ft. Bliss, Ft. Riley and the War Department. In the late 1930's and early 40's it became apparent that the horse cavalry was being outmoded by tanks, so Kenneth transferred to the Adjutant General's Department in 1942. With a smile he said, "You can't feed a tank a lump of sugar."

In World War II Kenneth served in the Pacific Theater, first in a Task Force as A-9 and G-1 under the command of General A.M. Patch at New Caledonia. Then with The American Division, as A-9 and G-1, he took part in our first major land offensive against the Japanese at Guadalcanal. For his service at Guadalcanal he was awarded the Legion of Merit. When World War II ended, Kenneth retired on a physical disability in 1946.

After his retirement from the Army, Kenneth worked for the Army Emergency Relief Department as Deputy Director from 1946-64. During his tenure there he successfully expanded the Department and increased its revenues so more needy soldiers could be helped.

During his Army career, Kenneth was best-known for his horsemanship. In 1930 he purchased a horse called Broomfield. Kenneth and Broomfield would become famous,not only throughout the Army but throughout the world. In the mid-thirties he was offered $5,000 to allow his horse to be run in the Irish Sweepstakes. Kenneth refused the offer because the risk of injury to the horse was too great. In the 1930's Kenneth and Broomfield won over a hundred ribbons in horse shows throughout



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the country, most of them blue. When he retired in 1946, he purchased a home in Falls Church, Virginia with five acres of land so he could keep his horse with him at his home. Despite the rising taxes on the five-acre estate, he maintained this home until Broomfield died in the early 1950's.

In 1923, while on Army maneuvers in Michigan, Kenneth met Catherine Whistler Joy and fell in love. Catherine also had a military background, being a descendant of General Philip Schuyler of the Revolutionary War and Captain James Whistler, who founded the city of Chicago. She also was related to James McNeil Whistler, the American painter. On 5 January 1924 they were married at Marshall, Michigan.

Throughout his Army career, Kenneth always lived up to the West Point motto, "Duty, Honor, Country." In his private life he was a devoted husband and a diligent, caring father. He loved all people and animals. After his horse Broomfield passed away, Kenneth's affection for animals turned from horses to dogs. First, he got a cocker spanial and later a poodle. Shortly after the death of his poodle, who had become his constant companion, Kenneth died of a heart attack at his home in Arlington. His wife Catherine died at the same home in 15 September 1991. They are survived by their son Kenneth G. Hoge, Jr. of New Bern, North Carolina.

*Kenneth G. Hoge, Jr.*

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## David Morris Dunne

NO. 6974 CLASS OF 1923

Died 2 January 1991 in Camp Pendleton, California, aged 90 years.

Interment: Eternal Hills, Oceanside California

**David Morris Dunne**

Born at the turn of the century on 3 January in Portland, Oregon, Dave Dunne was the third son of ten children in a strong, Irish-Catholic family. He grew up through his formative years in Portland, attending Cathedral High School before going to Oregon State. He received his appointment to West Point during his freshman year and entered USMA with the Class of 1923. As a cadet his nickmane was "Demon Dunne"—perhaps this evolved from his energy and skill in academics. He graduated 15th in his class of 262. He said of his life there that the Academy turns out well-rounded individuals, disciplined and knowledgeable—any of which the Academy would be more than happy to trade for a good half-back!

A short tour at the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir and a year of troop duty with the 1st Engineers at Ft. Dupont, Delaware followed graduation. These duties taught Dave to speak softly to first sergeants and first lieutenants alike. His next assignment sent him to Cornell for his civil engineering degree. It was there that he met Kathrine (Kay) Elizabeth Smith, who was to share his life with him. As bride and groom, they sailed to Panama for three years of duty 'mid the heat, mosquitos and malaria of the jungle, charting maps of roads and trails.

Stateside duty with the 6th Engineers at Ft Lewis followed. During the Depression years Dave saw duty with the CCC in Eureka and with the WPA in Los Angeles, Puget Sound and along the Washington coast. In 1936, he was promoted to captain and received orders to Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh to train ROTC students in military engineering. In 1940, after a brief tour at Ft Sam Houston, Dave was made commander of the 8th Engineer Squadron, with duties as commander of Ft McIntosh and as 1st Cavalry Division engineer. This division had the last horse cavalry units in the Army, and Dave recalled with a thrill the spectacular passing-in-review of these troops.

World War II sent him to the War Department for 18 months before becoming engineer of the Second Army, where training thousands of troops for overseas duty was the order of the day. Travel to Australia to join the newly-formed Eighth Army followed. MacArthur's drive up the island chain began, and Dave saw service in New Guinea and the Philippines as 8th Army Engineer, providing engineer support for all 8th Army operations, including some 60 amphibious landings. The war ended, and, on 28 August 1945, Colonel Dunne arrived in Japan two days in advance of the main party; he remained with the Occupation Forces until 1947 as 8th Army engineer. Enormous construction and engineering needs faced the Occupation Force. These were resolved with the construction of some 13,000 dependent housing units, 150,000 barrack spaces and 13 major airfields, plus hospitals, roads, depots, utilities and the other facilities necessary to support an Occupation Force of over 200,000 troops.

In 1947, Colonel Dunne became the Assistant Commandant of the Engineer School, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, where training of some 2000 officers and 12,000 enlisted men occurred yearly. In 1949 he was challenged with building the world's largest wind tunnel and jet-engine testing facility for the Air Force at Tullahoma, Tennessee. Two training assignments followed: the first with the 301st Logistic Command at Ft Rucker, Alabama and a few months later as commander of the newly-formed Engineer Aviation Training Center at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, with some 8,000 support troops. During the next two years, 30 units ranging from brigade to company size were trained—some 12,000 troops. Colonel Dunne's final two assignments in his Army career found him at the Presidio as deputy chief of staff for Operations and as commanding officer at Ft. MacArthur and the Southern California Military District.

Colonel and Mrs. Dunne retired from the Army on 31 August 1954 in Carlsbad, California to the home that Kay bought when Dave was overseas during World War II. His military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, three Legions of Merit, three Bronze Stars, an Air Medal and the Commendation Medal.

Community service filled his remaining years in Carlsbad. In addition to teaching college math, he served on the city's Harbor Commission and Disaster Committee. He also served on the MiraCosta College Citizens' Advisory Committee and the Board of Trustees. In 1964, Colonel Dunne was elected to the City Council, followed by election and re-election to mayor until 1974. Carlsbad grew and prospered under Dave's leadership. He is survived by his wife Kay, two daughters, Joan Dunne Weart and Katherine Gail Maca, and their husbands, Colonel Douglas S. Weart (Retired, USAF) and Mr. Paul D. Maca of Western Springs, Illinois. There are seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

*Weart '49*

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## Walter Armin Linn

NO. 7419 CLASS OF 1924

Died 18 December 1989, aged 86 years.

Interment: Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

**Walter Armin Linn**

Walter Armin Linn was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 17 May 1903, the son of Walter and Nellie Linn. He spent his early days in Philadelphia and later moved to Ambler, Pennsylvania, where he graduated from Ambler High School in 1920. In the same year he entered the U.S. Military Academy, one of the youngest of his class. While there he gained several medals for wrestling, one of his favorite sports. After graduation in 1924, he was assigned to the Mexican border.

In 1939, he married an English girl, Lorna Gervis. They had planned to be married in England, but Hitler interfered and they were finally married in the West Point Chapel in October 1939.



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After several years he resigned from the Army and became personnel director of the Baldwin Locomotive Works near Philadelphia. At the same time he joined the Pennsylvania National Guard.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor he returned to Washington to offer his services and was assigned to the Intelligence Services, Headquarters, Army Air Forces. From there he went to the Army-Navy Staff College in Washington, DC as executive officer.

From 1943 to early 1945 he was on detached service, European Theater of Operation. In 1947 he was assigned to the Adjutant General School at Camp Lee, Virginia. On finishing the course he received orders for Japan, but halfway across the Pacific his orders were changed to be adjutant general of the Ryukus Islands, Headquarters Okinawa. While he was there Typhoon Gloria swept across the island. Walter was in a quonset with two other men when they saw the roof blow off the next quonset.

Walter looked up and saw that their roof was beginning to go, too. They managed to get out of the quonset and make it to a nearby ditch, where they lay watching their quonset, the Jeep and heavy filing cabinets fly over their heads, never to be seen again. At the same time his wife and daughter Elizabeth, age two and a half, were on their way to join him. They, with a group of dependents, were held in San Francisco for a week, then sent to the Philippines, where they stayed a month while Okinawa was cleaned up and fit for them to continue.

On returning to the States he was assigned to the Pentagon as chief of the Officers Separation Services. For the last two years of his service he was attached to the CIA and spent his time traveling around the world on special missions. Walter was a kind and thoughtful man, always ready to help others. One of his junior officers described him as "a role model for young commissioned officers."

He retired in 1958 and worked for a while in his father's insurance firm in Philadelphia, then moved to Phoenixville and opened his own insurance agency, which he continued until 1984, when ill health forced him to retire.

One of his many interests had always been the Boy Scouts. He had been a Scout as a boy and a leader for many years, particularly of the Explorer Scouts. At the 1964 Boy Scouts Jamboree in Valley Forge Park, Pennsylvania he was named the director of mobilization. In preparation for this he had many of the local boys marching up and down the street while he stood with stopwatch in hand timing them from here to there. On the final night of the Jamboree it was his job to march the 52,000 Scouts from their various encampments throughout the park to the arena to be seated and ready for the arrival of Lady Baden-Powell to open the ceremony. He and his committee accomplished this in the record time of 29 minutes, the previous record being 44 minutes. He received many letters of commendation for his work at the Jamboree.

His literary efforts included a book, *False Prophets of Peace*, several articles in the *Saturday Evening Post* and a number of articles in various service journals.

He leaves his wife and one daughter.

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## Briant Harris Wells, Jr.

NO. 7583 CLASS OF 1924

Died 11 August 1991 in South Laguna, California, aged 89 years.

Interment: San Gabriel Cemetery, San Gabriel, California.

**Briant Harris Wells, Jr.**

Briant Harris Wells, Jr. was born on 27 July 1902 at Bacolod, Island of Negros, Philippine Islands. His father was an army officer in a unit that, along with others, was trying to pacify the Filipinos after their freedom from Spain. His mother was Mary Jane Jennings Wells. Both parents were natives of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Briant had an older sister and a younger brother, all brought up as "Army brats" with the inevitable disruption and change of homes that went, and still go, with the profession of arms. After childhood years in the Philippines, Governors Island, Fort Niagara, Panama, Plattsburg and Arizona, he was able to finish high school in the nation's capitol, from which he entered the U.S. Military Academy with the Class of 1924, the so-called "Thundering Herd."

For personal reasons, Briant tendered his resignation shortly after receiving his commission in the Infantry and sought his future in the business world of Los Angeles, California. He tried life insurance, the brokerage business, savings and loan and, eventually, title insurance. At the latter he found roots and progressed steadily until he became the president of the largest company in this field in the United States, the Title Insurance & Trust Co.

When World War II broke out, Briant, who had been active in California National Guard activities for many years, applied for a new commission in the Army and re-entered the service as a major. Originally assigned to duty at the Presidio of San Francisco, he soon was ordered to duty in England in the field of Military Procurement, but after a brief period was returned to the U.S. to join Patton's task force for the Casablanca invasion. For months he was with the Atlantic Base Section of the Services of Supply at Casablanca. After the U.S. capture of Naples he went there with the Peninsula Base Section, which supported the Fifth Army and the U.S. air forces in Italy. After the campaigning advanced to the Po River area, his section was moved up to Leghorn, where he remained for the rest of the war in Europe. Shortly after V-E Day he returned home as a colonel and mustered out to return to his insurance business.

Briant was very active in public and charitable endeavors throughout his entire career, especially in serving on boards and committees dealing with medical and veterans organizations.

Soon after graduation from the Academy, Briant married his childhood sweetheart, Alice Hooper Palmer, also an Army junior. The couple had a son, Briant III, and a daughter, Alice. They were together for 35 years when, after a prolonged illness, Alice, died.

Briant ended his bachelorhood in 1959 by marrying Harriet Yates Cooper, the widow of one of his good friends. His new-found happiness ended abruptly when, after three years, Harriet died. Two adult step-sons came with this marriage.

In 1963 Briant married Ann Rose Davis, who had a teenage daughter, and they lived in Arcadia until shortly after Briant retired from his insurance firm at the customary age of 65. Briant and Ann then moved to Orange County and built a home in the new development of Laguna Niguel. It was at this house, a few days after his 89th birthday, that Briant had a stroke from which he died a few days later. He was buried on 15 August 1991 in San Gabriel beside his first wife.

Briant was very popular among his classmates and many civilian friends. He moved among "wheelers and dealers" and was a capable one himself. He made a special effort to keep his friendships alive until, in his declining years, he was largely confined to his home.

Briant survived his son and daughter, both of whom died quite young. He was survived by his widow Ann, his brother Thomas, stepson James W. Cooper, step-daughter Jenny Mishkin, two grandaughters, three grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

*A.D.W. and T.J.W.*

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## Carl Rueben Dutton

NO. 7636 CLASS OF 1925

Died 22 December 1990 in York, Maine, aged 89 years

Interment: Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk, Maine

Carl R. Dutton was born on 11 November 1901 in Streator, Illinois, the fifth of nine children of George Adelbert Dutton and Inez Rosella (Smith) Dutton. During childhood he developed a strong sense of responsibility as he helped with the farm chores, and, at the age of ten, he became self-supporting by taking care of a neighbor's farm. Later he was able to put himself through the first two years at Michigan Agricultural College (MAC), now Michigan State University, by working in the MAC clinic.

Carl learned of West Point from college classmates. Fortunately, the head of the MAC clinic was able to arrange an interview for him with the state governor who, in turn, contacted Michigan Senator Truman H. Newberry. After his interview with the senator,



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**Carl Rueben Dutton**

Carl received his appointment to the Academy. At the beginning of his first class year he was advanced to cadet captain of F Company and chosen to be "King of the Beasts" for the incoming Class of 1928.

On Graduation day Carl married Vera Belle Allen. His first duty station was Fort Hancock, New Jersey, but by 28 October 1925 Carl and Vera were on their way to the Philippine Islands (1925-27), where their first son, Richard Allen Dutton, was born on 31 January 1927 on Corregidor Island. Their second son, Robert Harding Dutton, was born on 15 August 1928 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, where Carl was detailed to the Ordnance Corps. Selected to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1929-30), he completed the Ordnance Engineer Post Graduate Course and was appointed an instructor at West Point (1929-35). During that period he transferred to the Ordnance Corps.

After completing the Advanced Ordnance Course at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey (1935) and Aberdeen Proving Ground (1936), he was selected to attend the University of Michigan (1936-39), where he earned a master of science degree in chemistry. He had nearly completed the Ph.D. requirements when he was reassigned to Picatinny Arsenal (Assistant Chief, Technical Division, 1939-40). He then received orders to supervise the building of the Weldon Spring Ordnance Works (WSOW) in Missouri (Commanding Officer, 1940-42) while simultaneously commanding the Missouri Ordnance Works and supervising the construction of the Kentucky Ordnance Works (1942). The WSOW became the largest TNT manufacturing facility in the country at that time, with over 30,000 workmen employed at the peak of construction. By 1942 WSOW was producing approximately one million pounds of explosives per day, a fact which contributed markedly to the outcome of the war.

Following service as president of the Ordnance Board (1942-43), Carl was assigned to the China-Burma-India Theater (Assistant CBI Theater Ordnance Officer, 1943; Commanding Officer, American Advisory Group to the Chinese Z-Force, 1944; General Staff Corps with troops and Assistant Chief of Staff G-4 of the China Theater, 1944-46). Returning to the United States in 1946, he was assigned to Picatinny Arsenal (Chief, Technical Division, 1946-53; Chief of Staff and Comtroller, 1952-54; Deputy Post Commander, 1954). He retired on 30 September 1954.

Carl was authorized to wear the following decorations and awards: Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Chinese Order of Pao Ting, Collar (presented personally by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek), Chinese Order of Banner and Cloud, Collar Order of Yun Hui and Collar Order of Precious Tripod.

The citation for the Distinguished Service Medal (1946) said, in part, "He organized, coordinated and implemented the theater's supply and logistical program and established a spirit of cooperation between Chinese officials and American agencies. The success of the supply mission during a difficult period was attributed largely to the sound judgment, tact and diplomacy which he exercised." General Orders Number 144 (24 September 1954) stated that Carl's "career is one of marked achievement throughout long years of faithful and meritorious service to this country in peace and war. His professional accomplishments, outstanding leadership and devotion to duty have been an inspiration to those who have served with him."

After retirement Carl and Vera settled on the coast of Maine to enjoy the natural beauty of the area, wonderful visits from loving family members and friends, and the chance to read and learn. Always a devoted husband and loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather, at the age of 89 Carl peacefully entered the Spiritual Realm. Throughout his life he set an example of courtesy, kindness, generosity, concientiousness, self-effacement and fair-mindedness while always emphasizing the good in others. Truly of this loyal and honorable gentleman with purest heart, it can be said, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God (Matt. 5:8)."

*Robert H. Dutton*

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## Edgar Elliott Enger

NO. 8438 CLASS OF 1928

Died 27 August 1991 in Portland, Oregon, aged 89 years.

Interment: Belle Passe Cemetery, Woodburn, Oregon

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Edgar E. Enger was born on 28 April 1902 in Brownsville, Oregon to a working-class family (his father was a section foreman for the Southern Pacific Railroad). Through personal initiative he was able to advance himself through tiny Brownsville High School (his graduating class had eight members) to acceptance into the CPA program at Oregon Agriculture College (Oregon State University today). Edgar worked summers as a "hostlers helper," cleaning railroad engines before their next run, and as a telegraph operator to pay for his schooling. During his third year at OAC he was appointed to West Point, from which he graduated in 1928.

Second Lieutenant Enger's first duty station was Ft. Missoula, Montana. There he married Florence Marie Winters of Anaheim, California

**Edgar Elliott Enger**

on 21 December 1929. Soon after they left for a three-year tour of duty at Fort McKinley in the Philippines. Promoted to first lieutenant in October 1934, his tour was extended for a year because of the freeze on pay and transfers brought on by the Great Depression. Then it was on to infantry and tank school at Fort Benning, Georgia. At Vancover, Washington he commanded M Company of the 7th Infantry (George C. Marshall was the brigade commander.) During this tour his first son, Richard Elliott (now a librarian at Portland Community College), was born. As Officer of the Day, Edgar encountered the first manned polar flight. A three-man Russian aircraft landed at the military airfield next to Vancouver Barracks. He had an exciting time guarding the aircraft while arranging transport and lodging for the plane's crew. There also was the national/international press to contend with, as everyone demanded to see the crew and hear about their exploits. His main concern, however, was to prevent the plane from being torn apart by souvenir hunters. Next, Edgar was transferred to Washington, D.C., Columbus, Ohio and Ft. Thomas, Kentucky. In June 1938 he was promoted to captain. At Fort Thomas his second son, Charles Durbin (now an electrical engineer with Hughes Aircraft), was born. Edgar was promoted to major in 1940.

In 1941, Enger sailed as part of a Task Force ordered to capture the island of Martinique, but en route the mission was called back by President Roosevelt. With the coming of the war he spent time with the Army Force as finance officer for Shepard Field, Texas. In 1943 he was promoted to colonel in the Finance Corps,and from 1944-47 he served in Europe as finance officer for XX Corps. He left for England on the unescorted *Queen Mary*. The ship was deemed too fast for submarines to catch. With his outfit in France he witnessed the battle for the fortress city of Metz and was awarded the Bronze Star. Edgar finished the war in Austria and was invalided back to the States in 1947.

In 1948, Enger arrived at Ft. Benning, Georgia, where he was post finance officer. In 1950 he became finance officer for the Far East command, under General Douglas MacArthur, and was stationed in Tokyo, Japan. While in Japan, he enjoyed riding on newly-



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recommissioned railroad engines, as they made their trial run, with a friend who was in charge of all rolling stock. In January 1952, Edgar became the finance officer for the First Army stationed at Fort Jay, New York City. His family enjoyed the historic setting, with three forts dating from the 18th Century. He completed the management course at the Command Management School in June 1955.

Fort Lawton, Washington was Enger's last duty station as he retired in 1958 to Portland, Oregon. The first thing he did upon retiring was to attend a local business school and work toward the certified public accounting exam. Then he took the real estate exam and received his license. For a number of years Edgar sold real estate and, during tax season, helped people with their returns. He helped both his sons through college, tutoring the eldest in algebra and trigonometry. Upon moving to Woodburn, Edgar volunteered as a mathematics tutor at MacLearn School for Boys and Woodburn Middle School. His keenest joy in later life was his HO gauge model railroad layout. He spent countless hours designing and building the layout while assembling all the engines and rolling stock.

Enger is survived by Florence, his wife of 61 years, sons Richard and Charles, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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## Warren Harlan Hoover

NO. 9111 CLASS OF 1931

Died: 17 May 1991 in Washington, DC, aged 82 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

Warren Harlan Hoover

Warren was born in Washington, DC on 15 February 1909. He was a seventh-generation Washingtonian. His father, a lawyer, served as a law clerk to five Justices of the Supreme Court, including Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes. His mother was a Warren from Murry Bay, Quebec, Canada. He attended Western High School in DC and briefly studied at George Washington University before entering the Academy on an appointment from Nevada. Arriving at the Point four days late, Warren received special attention from the Beast Detail. He progressed through the four years with little difficulty, graduating in the upper third of the class. The *Howitzer* noted that "Warren was a genial soul, that effusiveness had no place in his makeup, yet a spirit of cordiality is always apparent."

Lieutenant Hoover's first assignment was a horse-drawn field artillery unit at Fort Myer. He married Margarita Arias, his lifelong devoted partner, in 1932. Their daughter, Margocita, was born in 1934. While at Myer, he served for a brief period on special duty with the Battle Monuments Commision, headed by General John J. Pershing. In later years, this permitted Colonel Hoover to state that he served on the staffs of both Pershing and MacArthur. Warren also took great pride in recalling that, as a youth, he had been Pershing's paper boy, and this first interested him in attending West Point.

Subsequent early assignments included school at Sill; troop duty in the Philippines, where daughter Joan was born in 1938; language studies in Mexico, and a stint as Assistant Professor of Spanish at West Point. In spite of Warren's efforts to obtain troop duty during World War II, he was not released until December 1944, when the Academy was directed to release officers who had completed two and a half years, and whose service was requested! Colonel Hoover was then assigned as executive officer of G-2 USAFFE in Manila. During the occupation of Japan, he served as a counter-intelligence specialist and chief of the huge Army Exchange Service on General MacArthur's Staff.

Returning to the States in 1947, Warren served as OIC, Schools Branch, Field Artillery Section of TAG. He attended the Air War College in 1948-49 and then served as assistant chief of Army War Plans in G-3 until 1951, when he became Chief of the Army Mission to Cuba (this was prior to Castro's ascent to power). In 1952, Colonel Hoover returned to Sill as director of the Department of Observation. In 1954, he assumed command of the seven battalions of the 77th Field Artillery Group and held this position until he was appointed chief of the Army Section of the MAAG in Madrid, Spain in 1955. Warren had the privilege of working closely with Field Marshal Munoz Grandes, Franco's Minister of War. This helped him to establish cordial and effective relations with the Spanish military.

His daughter Joan married Juan Antonio Garcia San Miguel on 12 June 1958. This marriage had great influence on the Hoovers' post-retirement activities, since they eventually had a daughter, four grandchildren and two great-grandsons living in Spain.

Colonel Hoover's final assignments included duty as acting chief of Military History, US Army, and as chief, SEATO Planning Group in ISA of the DOD. In a retirement letter to him, dated 22 August 1961, General Decker, Chief of Staff, stated that "the Army had been fortunate to have an officer with Warren's qualifications and devotion to duty in positions of great responsibility." This was the last of many commendations and decorations Warren received while in the service.

Upon retirement from the Army, Colonel Hoover became president of Hoover's Spanish Imports. In addition to business interests that kept him in close contact with family members in Spain, Warren was active in class affairs, serving as Treasurer and permanent member of the Reunion Committee. Typical of his effectiveness, he got the IRS to declare the Class Funds to be tax-free.

Warren enjoyed becoming better acquainted with his mother's family and history in Canada. In addition, Margot and he devoted much time to helping older relatives and friends who needed assistance. A family man, Warren enjoyed the company of his charming wife, as well as their two daughters. They participated fully in many gatherings of the Class and other associates in the Washington area. Class notes in the September 1991 *ASSEMBLY* saluted Warren's passing with the following tribute: "One of the most outgoing, generous, even-dispositioned, all-around gentlemen in our Class answered the last call at Walter Reed on 17 May, after a heart attack."

His family and we, his classmates, miss him!

*Clyde R. McBride*

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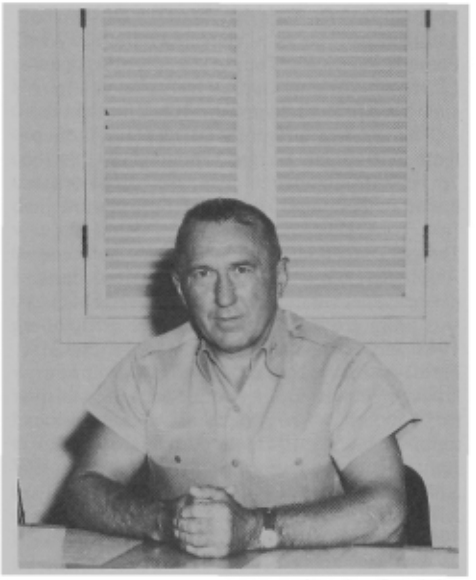
## Stanley Sawicki

NO. 9368 CLASS OF 1932

Died: 5 November 1991 in Lawton, Oklahoma, aged 83 years.

Interment: Highland Cemetery, Lawton, Oklahoma



Stanley Sawicki

Stanley Sawicki was born on a farm in Griswold County, Connecticut on 31 August 1908, the son of Andrew and Louise (Leaniewski) Sawicki. His parents were born in Russian Poland near the border with East Prussia.

After moving to Connecticut in 1916, Stanley graduated from Windham High School in 1926. He was an excellent student and a fine athlete for his size, earning letters in football, basketball and baseball. The football team was undefeated in the three years that Stanley played and was the state champion in his last year. An Army Recruiting sergeant persuaded him to enlist in the Regular Army in order to get to West Point. In Panama, where Stanley served with the 11th Engineers, twenty-five bright young soldiers—every one a high school graduate—were assigned to the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Sherman in 1928. Two made



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it to West Point. Stanley was the one who graduated.

During his Plebe year, Stanley managed to eat at the training table by turning out for soccer, wrestling and baseball. For the next three years he devoted his primary efforts to academics.

Stanley was commissioned in the Field Artillery and assigned to the 7th Artillery at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont. The 7th Field Artillery was horse-drawn, and he had an opportunity to admire the beautiful scenery of Vermont from horseback during the annual two-hundred-mile road march that the regiment was required to make. In the summer of 1933, Second Lieutenant Sawicki was second in command of a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camping in the Green Mountains of northern Vermont.

After being promoted to first lieutenant, Stanley joined the 18th Field Artillery at Fort Sill. This and gave him an opportunity to ride in numerous horse shows as well as the weekly Field Artillery hunts. In 1937, Stanley married Anna Picek, a graduate of the School of Pharmacy, University of Oklahoma. As a loyal Army wife, she was to spend the next twenty-five years moving from coast to coast and to Germany. Their oldest son, Charles Andrew, was born at West Point; their youngest, Stanley George, was born in Oklahoma City.

From 1937-41 Stanley served as an instructor in the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy (presently the Department of Mechanics). He was a member of the West Point Horse Show Tour and competed against Lieutenant Colonel George E. Patton in a horse show in June 1940 (Patton won the Blue Ribbon).

Stanley was promoted to captain in September 1940 and assigned in June 1941 to the 7th Infantry Division. He was promoted to major in February 1942, and he attended the first Tank Destroyer Course at Camp Wood, Texas. Upon completing the course he became Assistant G-3, 7th Infantry Division, during desert maneuvers in the Mojave Desert. Stanley was promoted to lieutenant colonel in October 1942 and assigned as commander of the 31st Field Artillery Battalion. The 7th Infantry Division moved from Camp San Luis Obispo to Fort Ord to begin intensive amphibious training. In July 1943, the 31st Field Artillery Battalion teamed up with the 184th Infantry and spent several weeks on Adak in the Aleutians before landing on Kiska in August 1943, but the Japanese had evacuated Kiska.

As commander of the 31st Field Artillery Battalion, Stanley participated in the amphibious landings in the Aleutians in August 1943, the landing on Kwajalien Atoll on 31 December 1944 (four days) and on Leyte on 20 October 1944 (110 days for the 7th Division). After Leyte, Stanley was assigned as Division Artillery executive officer to Brigadier General "Jake" Stewart and was promoted to colonel in March 1945. The 7th Infantry Division, part of XXIV Corps, landed on Okinawa on 1 April 1945. It took the Tenth Army 52 days to break through the Naha-Shuri-Yonaburu line. Forward elements of the 7th Division landed at Inchon, Korea on 8 September 1945 as part of the army of occupation.

Stanley commanded the rear echelon on Okinawa until October 1945, when he rejoined the division as Deputy Provost Marshall of Seoul, Korea. He returned to the United States in December 1945 and attended Command and General Staff Class Number 27 from February to May 1946. His rank of colonel, AUS was terminated on 31 May 1946 and he reported as a student to the Navy War College, Newport, Rhode Island. In June 1947, Stanley was assigned to the Artillery School, where he served as an instructor and assistant director of Airborne and Special Operations.

In September 1950 the Sawicki family sailed on the good ship *Alexander M. Patch* to Bermerhaven; Stanley served two years as executive officer of the Berlin Military Post. In 1952 Stanley joined the 28th Infantry Division in Goeppingen as Division Artillery executive officer. In 1953 he served as Professor of Military Science at Purdue University. Beginning in November 1957 he spent a year at Eniwetok as commanding officer of Tank Group 7.2 during Operation Hardtack (nuclear weapons tests).

Stanley's last duty was as the Inspector General, United States Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia. This was a stimulating assignment which involved inspecting various Army installations within the United States and the Headquarters of the Six Armies.

Upon retiring in June 1962 after almost thirty-two years of service, Stanley and Anna moved to Durham, North Carolina, where Stanley earned a master's degree from Duke University. In 1963 they moved to Waterbury, Connecticut, where Stanley taught mathematics for the next ten years at the Waterbury Branch of the University of Connecticut.

In 1973 Stanley and Anna moved to Lawton, Oklahoma, where they had married in the Old Post Chapel at Fort Sill in June 1937. The youngest son, Stanley George, a graduate of Georgetown, earned his Ph.D. degree from Columbia; he and his wife Dorothea are Associate Professors teaching microbiology at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo. Their oldest son Charles retired after twenty-one years with Dunn & Bradstreet and is a vice president/financial consultant with Shearson Lehman Brothers in Stuart, Florida. Priscilla, a former teacher, is now a realtor with RE/MAX of Stuart. Granddaughter Anne is a sales representative with Upjohn. Grandson Charles (Chip) is a CPA for Price Waterhouse. Granddaughter Cindy is married to David Kin, who works in the family business in York, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of two great-grandsons, Michael and Jake.

Stanley Sawicki earned his battle stars during amphibious landings in the Aleutians, Kwajalein, Leyte and Okinawa. He was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Legion of Merit. Stanley was deeply proud of his Polish heritage but he was even more proud of being an American. He was especially thankful that he was given the opportunity to attend the United States Military Academy, and he tried his best to live up to the tradition of Duty, Honor, Country.

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## Joseph Brice Crawford

NO. 9845 CLASS OF 1933

Died 8 November 1987 in Washington, DC, aged 79 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

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Joseph Brice Crawford, "Joe" to his class mates and friends, was born in eastern Texas on 2 July 1908. His family moved to Humboldt,

**Joseph Brice Crawford**

Kansas while he was in elementary school. Before entering West Point (July 1929) he attended Humboldt High School, where he won letters in football and track and, briefly, the University of Kansas. He also served in ROTC and was a corporal in Headquarters Battery, 161st Field Artillery, Kansas National Guard. He was appointed to the Military Academy by Representative U. S. Guyer (Second District, Kansas).

Joe's classmates remember him as a steadfastly good-humored and friendly comrade, always ready to help others, and with an underlying seriousness of purpose. After two years on the track team he became its manager, and during first class year he was a cadet lieutenant, platoon commander.

Commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry, Joe reported to Fort Benning. Here he served in the 29th Infantry and as aide-de-camp to General Estes, the commanding general. In 1935-36 he was at Randolph Field; from 1936-37 he was with the 7th Infantry at Vancouver Barracks; from 1937-38 he was at the Regular Officer Course, Fort Benning; and from 1938-40 with the 65th Infantry in Puerto Rico. In 1937 Joe married Marjorie Osborn, whom he had known since their junior high school days; their daughter, Anne Ellen, was born in 1941.

During the war Joe commanded a battalion of the 16th Infantry, First Division (the Big Red One), first at Fort Devens, then in North Africa and Sicily. In Sicily he received the Distinguished Service Cross personally from President Roosevelt. He was wounded three times.

Joe's citation for the Distinguished Service Cross reads (in part) "For extraordinary heroism in action. ...While... attacking forward from the narrow bridgehead they gained the day before, his battalion was suddenly attacked by 30-40 tanks, with strong infantry support....Leading companies were forced to give ground, leaving Lieutenant Colonel Crawford isolated...and...directly in the path of the advancing tanks. Though under direct heavy artillery and machine gun fire...he chose to remain at his observation post...continuing to adjust fire on the enemy armor....He then... crossed over 300 yards of fire-swept terrain, sustaining injuries that necessitated his evacu-



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ation despite his desire to carry on....By performing his duty coolly and heroically under terrific fire, he rallied his troops to repulse the enemy...."

Subsequently (1943-44) Joe became, in succession, executive officer, 141st Infantry, 6th Division, then of the 15th Infantry, 3d Division, and finally (1944) 349th Infantry, 88th Division (all in the Italian Campaign) before returning to the US for duty with the prestigious Operations Division, War Department General Staff (1944-46). Next he was sent to the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth as an instructor (1946-49), remaining there for the first post-war Army War College class.

In 1951 the Crawfords moved to Fort Monroe, where Joe served with the Army Field Forces. "In 1952," he wrote in the Class of '33's 25-Yearbook, "We went to Japan, first as secretary of the General Staff, then with the 24th Division as assistant division commander, followed by the same job with the 25th Division in Korea, where I was promoted...to brigadier general....

"Served as Deputy J-3, Far East Command until 1955, when I came back to Washington as assistant deputy chief of staff for Personnel. After a year I went to Fort Carson with the 9th Division, where we stayed until 1958, when I was ordered to London as Army attachee. The 'Lucky Star of '33' has been good to me."

Joe could not have known it then, but his assignment as attache was to be his last in a brilliant 25-year Army career. He continued his story in *Golden Anniversary*, the Class of '33's 50-Yearbook: "A serious medical accident in an Army hospital in Germany brought about my retirement for physical disability in 1960. After several months in Walter Reed, Marjorie and I settled in Washington, DC with our daughter Anne. In the years since, life has been quiet in contrast to the years on active duty, but, health permitting, very pleasant, with good friends and the leisure to enjoy music and the theater, and especially to travel—over almost all of the States, a good part of Canada and Mexico City and its environs. There has been only one trip to Europe since retirement, but we hope to return.

"Meanwhile, Anne has finished college, married and presented us with a wonderful new member of the family, a grandson whose name is Brice David.

"All things considered, life has been good. I'm grateful for the blessings I've known—West Point, the Army, the devotion of my wife and family, the friendships formed over the years, particularly in the Class of 1933."

At his retirement he wore with pride and in abundance the highest decorations the Army could give him: The Distinguished Service Cross, three Silver Stars, five Legions of Merit, four Bronze Star Medals and three Purple Hearts—all symbolic of the kind of man he was.

Sadly, Joe's physical condition worsened with the years. In the fall of 1987, he was hospitalized at Walter Reed, where on 8 November he died of complications following surgery. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery, with many of his classmates present. He was survived by his wife Marjorie; their daughter Anne Bell; two brothers, Weldon L. and John D.; a sister, Grace L. Cox; and a grandson, Brice.

Liked and respected by all who knew him, loved by many, this unpretentious and considerate, vigorous and straightforward Kansan met the challenges, the dangers and the harsh tasks of a soldier's career with courage and unswerving determination. In each of his many roles—as cadet and officer, as husband and father, as comrade and friend, he leaves an indellible imprint upon the lives of his associates and loved ones. It may indeed be said, "Well done," Joe,—and may we meet again.

*HGS*

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## Chester Victor Clifton, Jr.

NO. 10594 CLASS OF 1936

Died: 23 December 1991 in Washington, D.C., aged 78 years

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

**Chester Victor Clifton, Jr.**

Chester Victor Clifton, Jr. was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on 24 September 1913 to American parents. When he was six years old, they moved to Seattle, Washington. After graduating from high school in 1930, he was a cub reporter on the Seattle Post-Intelligencer from 1930-32. He entered West Point in 1932 and worked on *The Pointer* magazine, becoming the editor his first class year.

In 1936, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of field artillery. During graduation leave that summer, he served as a general assignment reporter for the *New York Herald Tribune*. That fall, he reported to Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

At a dance, Ted met Anne Bodine, daughter of the Fort Sill Ordnance officer, Colonel Robert N. Bodine. She remembers stepping on his white shoes. They were married a year later on 16 October 1937.

Following tours of duty at Fort Sill and Hawaii, in May 1941, he reported to the 79th Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the only 240mm Howitzer unit in the Army at that time. In July 1942, he assumed command of the 2nd Battalion, 79th Field Artillery, which became the 698th Field Artillery Battalion (240mm Howitzers). Moving to Italy in December 1943, Clifton commanded this battalion of the Army's largest artillery weapons in the North Appenines and the Anzio campaigns. The unit moved to France and Germany and, under his command, fought in the Ardennes-Alsace, Central Europe and Rhineland campaigns.

In June 1948, he earned his master of arts degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin. He joined General Omar N. Bradley's staff and, when Bradley became the first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in August 1949, Ted was named as an assistant and served with him until August 1953. During this assignment, Ted worked with the Washington press and wrote pieces for national magazines. He was also co-author of the Encyclopedia Britannica Yearbook's history of the Korean War. As legislative assistant, he accompanied General Bradley during all of his testimony on the Hill, open and closed sessions. He also assisted General Bradley with the newly-created North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Following graduation in 1954 from the National War College, Ted served a year of command duty in Europe and then was assigned as chief, Joint Plans, for the European Command in Paris. In 1956, he became deputy chief of Information, Department of the Army and was promoted to brigadier general. He served as public relations advisor to the Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff of the Army for four years. In January 1961, he became military aide to President Kennedy, and after the assassination, served as military aide to President Johnson until July 1965.

Hugh Sidey, *Time*'s Washington editor during Ted's White House years, writes: "Ted Clifton was a rare breed—soldier, chronicler, diplomat. He was trained a soldier and fought with distinction. But he never was contained by the physical battlefield. There were other conflicts of his time that drew him and fascinated him. Keeping his army strong in a dangerous world was one of them. Then there was the matter of knowing and preserving the truth. Ted, almost more than anyone in the Kennedy administration, understood the power of modern communication and the urgency of getting the record right for history.

"All through those tumultuous years, I talked with Ted in the White House and while traveling with the President, both at home and abroad; he never violated a trust. But he was always candid and fair and honest. In a shadowy White House office in 1961, he explained to me the dimensions of the disaster at the Bay of Pigs long before it was generally known. But he also explained the background, how it had evolved, from whence it came, Kennedy's own resolve and painful education. He guided me through the Cuban missile crisis, and he filled me in on what it had been like standing behind Kennedy on the platform in Berlin Platz when the President gave his famous speech. And Ted kept the early story of Dallas on course."

Classmate Bill Yarborough writes: "I could understand how President Kennedy felt about having a military aide who was almost a contemporary and who had the kind of discretion and loyalty which made him welcome in the innermost of inner circles. Indeed, Ted once confided in me, his classmate, the information that his daily briefings for the President sometimes took place in unpredictable locations, for instance, with the President in the bathtub and Ted sitting on the toilet lid and quoting from the "black book." It was an easy relationship but one in which Ted's precise, unfailing professionalism was never abandoned or watered down as a result of familiarity.



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"A framed photograph on the wall of my study records an event which was of lasting importance to the elite Special Forces of the United States Army.

"In what could have possibly been labeled a conspiracy, Ted and I decided that Presidential approval of the green beret could do much to eliminate the United States Army's antipathy....when President Kennedy visited Fort Bragg, North Carolina in 1961, he was briefed by a series of Special Forces teams all wearing green berets. Ted Clifton had played the cards in such a manner that the presidential message to the troops following his visit made specific reference to the green beret. The rest is history, and Ted Clifton will always have an honored place in that history."

His military decorations, in addition to the Distinguished Service Medal, include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal and combat awards from France and Italy.

Upon retirement from the Army, he became executive vice-president of the Thomas J. Deegan Company, a management and public relations firm and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. He was president of the Deegan Company and Washington representative of the Interpublic Group of Companies until Deegan separated from Interpublic. At that time, Clifton Counselors, Inc. was established as a subsidiary of Interpublic. In 1971, Ted bought Clifton Counselors, Inc. from Interpublic.

Ted enjoyed considerable success as an author. In addition to the many magazine articles and the history of the Korean War, he co-authored a book, *The Memories of 1961-JFK-1963 of Cecil Stoughton and Chester V. Clifton Narrated by Hugh Sidey*. Unfortunately, he was unable to finish a book he was writing about his experiences during the eventful years of his service as military aide to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson.

His talents in writing and public relations were invaluable to the Class of 1936 during their five years of fund raising and negotiations with the Class of 1935, the Academy and the artist Felix de Weldon on the configuration, siting and dedication ceremony of the Statue to the American Soldier dedicated at West Point in October 1980.

A member of the Association of Graduates (AOG), Ted was elected to the Board of Trustees, USMA in 1977. He served on the West Point Fund Committee and as chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Association of Graduates. His selfless dedication to West Point and his interest in the well-being of the cadets over the years was not widely known except to his classmates and to the current and former trustees and the staff of the AOG at West Point. As trustee emeritus, he was a member of the National Advisory Council of the Association of Graduates.

Ted Clifton, the man, was not changed by the prestige derived from his great success. He remained the same thoughtful, friendly and caring person, respectful of others' ideas and ways of life. One classmate said, "To Ted, classmates were family. He was willing to help and his advice was always valuable."

From our West Point Alma Mater: "And when our work is done, our course on Earth is run, may it be said, 'Well done Be thou at peace.'" Be thou at peace, old friend. It may be said, well done!

*A classmate*

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## Edwin Nevin Howell

NO. 11176 CLASS OF 1938

Died: 8 September 1990 in San Diego, California, aged 76 years.

Cremated; ashes strewn at sea.

**Edwin Nevin Howell**

Edwin Nevin Howell, known to all as a "man of wit and grace," was born, with an abundance of creative gifts, on 28 October 1913 in Philadelphia. His mother, Hattie Howell, was one of the city's Charles Dana Gibson beauties. Hattie's mother, Helen Nevin, was a cousin of the American composer, Ethelbert Nevin, some of whose talent filtered down to Nevin. His doctor father, Archibald Alexander Howell, son of a Presbyterian missionary, was born in Brazil. He fathered three sons in Philadelphia and died in the deadly influenza epidemic of 1917. His mother then took Nevin and his brothers (including John Nevin Howell '35) to Atlantic City, New Jersey, where she set up her own real estate business. In Nevin's words, "Looking back at her courage and determination makes me tearfully proud of a wondeful parent. In turn, all three boys attended the Stony Brook School on Long Island. I had a great life there: twelve letters in four sports, captain of the track team, All-Long-Island tackle, and, incredibly, president of the Literary Society."

His intense desire to enter West Point inspired him to enlist for two years in the Army "prep" school, but he then received a Congressional appointment. Throughout his life, he reminisced about those four years at the Academy with pride and love and joy. Football was then and forever after a source of great pleasure, especially when he finally worked up to frequent starts in First Class year. During that year he was selected as cadet captain and regimental adjutant. His room-mates, Ward Ryan and Hal Kelley,remained lifelong friends, along with Elmer "Tug" Hallinger.

On graduation he married and was stationed with the 33rd Infantry Regiment at Fort Clayton in the Panama Canal Zone. Then came several infantry posts and eventually, as a major at Fort Jay, assignment to the General Staff of what was to be the First Army Headquarters in Europe. In Bristol, when General Omar Bradley sought an Academy graduate, major, immediate promotion, to command and train an MP battalion to participate in the Normandy assault, Nevin of course volunteered and was accepted. (His own account of special memories of "HIS war" will be published elsewhere.)

First, on return after the war, was a tour with the Military Police School at Carlisle Barracks, and then back to West Point as Provost Marshal, another experience memorialized in his own words elsewhere. There was a divorce, then another unsuccessful marriage. A year in a peaceful Korea and another in Japan were followed by the National War College in 1957. Later: "I found myself in charge of recruiting and enlistments at the Pentagon. Service there was uneasy for me at best. I never understood nor appreciated the political overtones of actions big and small." As a result, he says, "I found myself on my way to the Presidio of San Francisco. My life changed. I met WAC Staff Advisor, Lieutenant Colonel Lenore Price. We were married in December 1960, following an exciting San Francisco courtship with the entire Sixth Army Headquarters standing breathlessly in the wings. She has given gladness during sad times, exhilaration during great times, and hope and care during desperate times. No one could do more or better."

Both were then assigned to Europe, based in Stuttgart, Germany, where Nevin was the Provost Marshal of Seventh Army. The work was satisfying, and Europe was their playground.

At the end of 1989, the diagnosis of pancreatic cancer came as a complete surprise, having produced no symptoms other than sudden jaundice. His surgery, removing an encapsulated tumor, was pronounced successful; six months later, however, there was blockage by scar tissue. He died after another seven months, as he had lived, peacefully and gracefully. He is survived by his son Edwin Nevin Howell, a successful architect in New Jersey, two grandchildren, two brothers, John Nevin Howell and Robert Greer Howell, and his wife Lenore.

Nevin evaluated his military service with these words: "I only request that whatever comes out for other grads to read does not destroy the picture of a competent, reliable, able, sometimes brilliant officer who found complete comfort and satisfaction in his career without standing on the top rung."

One of his exceptional officers, Lindsay Baird, now a consultant and investigator of computer fraud, wrote recently, "As you may have surmised, I admired Nevin a great deal. He was a mentor: let me run, try new and unusual approaches to problem identification, definition and resolution; backed me and my ideas a hundred percent....I have nothing but fond memories of all my relations with him. I miss him and all his qualities: officer, gentleman, mentor and friend."

These words typify Colonel Howell, the Army officer. His own measure of his success was always in terms of the inner satisfaction of having contributed to the well-being of others. Totally without prejudice, he supported and encouraged the development of each and every individual around him, regardless of sex, race, color or age. He had, in the words of the Cadet Prayer, "the courage that was born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that scorns to compromise with vice and injustice and knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy."



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Nevin, the man, found his greatest pleasure in making people laugh, and at that he was a master, with a wit that was spontaneous and joyous. His "magic," with which he entertained young and old, was more than practiced illusions. "Style" was equally important, as it was in everything he did, from playing the organ "well enough to play in a cheap bar" (a much appreciated compliment from a friend), to designing the last years of his life with hope and courage, wit and grace. In the words of a dear friend, "A very bright light has gone out in the world, when such a joyous, caring, loving man has left us—he always brought smiles and warmth wherever he went." He would want no greater tribute.

*Written by Nevin and his favorite wife*

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## Ashley Burdett Packard

NO. 11151 CLASS OF 1938

Died: 1 May 1951 in an aircraft accident in Japan, aged 34 years.

Interment: Family Plot, Cemetery, Douglas, Arizona

**Ashley Burdett Packard**

Ashley Burdett Packard was born 21 August 1916 in Douglas, Arizona, the son of Ashley B. Packard, Sr. and Rachel (Williams) Packard, a third-generation Arizonan. His grandfather, Burdett Aden Packard, came to the Arizona territory in 1880, initially setting in Tombstone, acquired several mines, then entered the cattle business, with ranches in Mexico and the United States territories. After moving to Douglas in 1906, he organized a bank there, and Ashley's father entered the banking business with him. Ashley grew up in Douglas, and, in company with his lifelong friend, John H. Davis, he enjoyed summers at the Packard family cabin in the nearby mountains, Boy Scouting under the guidance and tutelage of their fathers, functioning as acolytes in the Episcopal Church and herding cattle with his grandfather. The cattle were herded in a somewhat unusual way—his grandfather driving an old Dodge four-cylinder sedan and often placing young calves that could not keep up with the rest of the herd in the back seat. Two horses were also sent into town for Ash and his friend to maintain and ride. It was a wonderful way for a boy to grow up.

Ashley's father had attended and graduated from Shattuck Military School, an Episcopal affiliated school, and Ash's parents planned that he, too, would attend Shattuck. Although his father died before Ash could enter Shattuck, his mother carried through with the plan and he graduated from there in 1934. Ash was determined to emulate his father's superb record at the school, and Ash became the highest ranking cadet officer and the battalion commander. He was a member of the Crack Squad, was on the varsity track and basketball teams and enjoyed an undefeated basketball season his final year. He was editor-in-chief of the school paper and the 1934 yearbook and graduated cum laude. He attended ROTC summer camp at Fort Snelling, having come to the attention of Captain (later General) Lewis Beebe, who was further instrumental in Ashley's becoming an Honor School appointee to USMA.

At West Point, Ash continued his accomplishments, progressing yearly in cadet rank, becoming a cadet officer in his First Class year. He was a member of the Cadet Choir and the Hundredth Night Show cast. A close friend described his complete self-discipline and productive study habits, resulting in full comprehension of his subjects, not by memorizing but by understanding. He was further described as completely loyal, dedicating himself to all he believed in, and with total integrity. Ash, on the other hand, also had his lighter moments. His greatest problem was keeping both feet on the ground—literally. He loved dancing but had trouble finding a girl who could keep up with him on the hop floor for an entire weekend—until he solved the problem by meeting a pair of twins.

On graduating, Ash turned back to his youthful days and chose Cavalry as his commissioning branch, but never serving in it, having applied for and been accepted for Air Corps pilot training, completing Randolph and Kelly Fields in 1939, then transferring to the Army Air Corps. While at Randolph, his love of dancing brought him to Francesca (Frenchie) Hagood, daughter of Major General Johnson Hagood. Ash and Frenchie "Shagged," "Big Appled," "Charlestoned" and, occasionally, sedately waltzed and foxtrotted into marriage in December 1938.

From Kelly Field he was assigned as a flight instructor at Randolph, then moved to newly-opened Moffett Field in California, and later to Chico and Bakersfield as the pilot training programs were expanded manyfold. By 1944 he was on the staff of General Cousins at Santa Ana and a full colonel. His wife Frenchie, shortly after their marriage, had contracted a serious illness which was to haunt their few short years together; she being hospitalized much of the time and finally succumbing while in California. Afterward, Ash was assigned to Headquarters Staff in Guam, then to the Philippines, and finally to staff of FEAF in Tokyo. Four years of staff assignments had Ash chomping at the bit, so he managed a transfer to Korea and command of the 475th Fighter Group.

In Korea he met an Army nurse, First Lieutenant Eva Medwid, and they were married in October 1946. Ash returned to the US in 1947 and took command of the 27th Fighter Escort Wing, SAC, in Kearney, Nebraska. By 1949 the Wing had moved to Bergstrom AFB, Austin, Texas, and subsequently, in November 1950, on a six-month rotation back to Korea. By April 1951, the Wing was nearing completion of its rotational tour and Ash flew to Japan to arrange for the Wing's return to Bergstrom. ¶Returning to Korea, the aircraft in which he was a passenger had mechanical trouble shortly after takeoff and crashed into a mountain near Itazuki, Japan on 1 May 1951. He was survived by his wife Eva and their two sons, Ashley, III and John Aden.

His US awards and decorations included the Bronze Star, the Air Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal. Shortly before his death, his Wing was cited for flying 10,000 hours of combat in but 90 days.

In the words of one who knew him, "He was not only a fine officer in the best tradition of the services, but equally as fine as a husband, father, and a friend, - truly of General Officer calibre."

*Hugh D. Wallace, a classmate*

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## Ralph Lemoine Lowther

NO. 11400 CLASS OF 1939

Died 14 January 1945 in St. Vith, Belgium, aged 28 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

**Ralph Lemoine Lowther**

It is regretful that a man so young must give his life in the struggle for freedom, and yet is there any other choice?

Ralph Lowther was born on 8 March 1916 in Cardington, Ohio, a small farming community of 1,500. He lost his mother and brother when he was thirteen. Due to the Depression the family was having a difficult time, so Ralph and his younger brother Dale had to find means of supplementing the family income. The brothers realized early that the only way they would be able to attend college was through their own earnings. They started a newspaper route delivering the *Marion Star* (President Harding's Publishing Co., Marion, Ohio), starting with a walking paper route, then bicycles, then a 1920 Model-T Ford bought for twenty dollars. They increased their circulation to 300 and pocketed $12.00 a week.



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Ralph was a very good student at Cardington High and graduated with honors. He entered Ohio State in the fall of 1934, knowing full well that his financial wherewithal was limited. Ohio State was a land-grant college and R.O.T.C. was compulsory for the first two years. All of the military academies' enrollments were being increased due to the threat of war, and the West Point Class of 1935 was the largest to enter the Academy. Congressman Brooks Fletcher, 8th District, was being pressured to fill his appointments, and Ralph was given a second alternate appointment. Fortunately for Ralph, the principal and the first alternate failed the examination and Ralph entered West Point on 1 July 1935.

Ralph's roommate wrote that he was "one of those striving country boys who left the green fields of Ohio to impress the rest of the world. Having had a year of college, he had little trouble with academics but was bothered by the lack of time to pursue some of his personal interests and the rigid regulations of the Academy. Although his viewpoint is often unconventional, he has not let his tendency to reform everything interfere with his friendships." His brother said, "Ralph was always an inspiration to everyone; he was very religious and took life seriously. He was very strait-laced, but he mellowed after he married Adele."

Ralph spent his days at West Point attaining a record in academics. He was a serious cadet, participating in all activities with reserve enthusiasm. He never walked the area as punishment. He attained the rank of sergeant and displayed his enthusiasm for exploring the realm of knowledge by being a member of the West Point debating team for three years. His class standing at graduation was 65th of 456 graduates. He was commissioned in the Army Signal Corps and reported to the Signal School at Fort Monmouth, NJ after graduation leave. Ralph had courted Adele Wronski at the Academy, and they married at the West Point Chapel in December 1939. They honeymooned on a cruise to Houston and then reported to his duty station, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He later taught at the Signal Corps School at Monmouth and in 1942 commanded a signal unit at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. In 1943 he was assigned as commander of the 575th Signal Company at Fort Breckenridge, Kentucky. The unit became combat ready in the fall of 1944, deployed to the European theater and was assigned to the 75th Infantry Division. The 75th was one of the two divisions credited with the capture of St. Vith, Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge.

Ralph was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the combat theater. He was a member of the planning staff of the 75th when, on the evening of 14 January 1945, the staff was planning the next day's operation. At 10:00 pm a German aircraft, named by the troops *Bed Time Charley*, strafed the building; Ralph and several enlisted men were killed instantly. Ralph was buried in France until 1949, when he was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

Ralph and Adele had two daughters: Priscilla, who graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Smith College in 1962, and Victoria, who graduated from Smith in 1964. Both have been very successful in the business world. Priscilla has a master's degree in business administration and Victoria completed law school, passed the New Jersey Bar while working full-time for the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company and is still employed there.

Adele married Lieutenant Colonel William Hall, a lawyer in the Inspector General's Department of the U.S. Army. They had one son. Adele has five grandchildren.

From a small farm community in central Ohio there was nurtured a family that made its contribution to the peace of this great country. Ralph gave his life in combat. His wife and daughters have made their contributions. Brother Dale retired as a lieutenant colonel, USAF and had three sons in the USAF. Ralph Lowther would be proud of his family. His friends and classmates can share his praise. Ralph can rest in peace.

*The Family and a Classmate*

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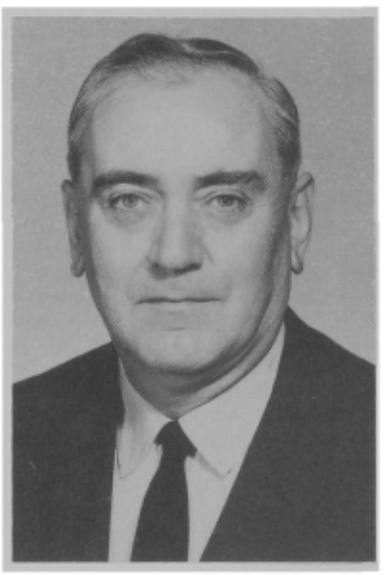
## Daniel Edward Halpin

NO. 12978 CLASS OF 1942

Died: 16 November 1991 at Fort Walton Beach, Florida, aged 73 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



**Daniel Edward Halpin**

Ask Dan Halpin a question and you could count on a straight answer, even though it might not be one you liked. Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania and raised in the tough environment of that coal mining center, Dan learned early in life to take care of himself physically. Straightforward and possessed of quick Irish wit, he also proved a formidable opponent in verbal battles. Never one to suffer fools gladly, Dan would make short shrift of anybody he thought was not dealing with him squarely; on the other hand, to his friends and to his associates who performed up to his expectations, he demonstrated an unfailing and long-lasting sense of warmth and loyalty.

Dan entered the Military Academy from the enlisted ranks of the National Guard through nationwide competitive examinations. Once in the Corps, though never in serious trouble, he subordinated any academic ambitions he may have had to the pursuit of athletics and enthusiastic participation in the various frolics with which cadets of the day entertained themselves. He graduated into the Infantry and led a company of the 103d Division in campaigns from the shores of Southern France on into Germany and finally to Innsbruck, Austria. During these operations he proved to be a courageous and competent leader of men, winning the Bronze Star Medal with V Device, the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

While training in Texas in 1943, Dan met and married Edythe M. (Ree) Miller, who would remain his beloved and devoted wife and companion until his death. On returning from the ETO in 1945, he viewed for the first time his newborn son Dan, Jr. and resumed family life at Fort Benning before reporting for duty at The Army Information School, then at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. There a second child, Diane, was added to the family.

In 1950 Dan found himself back in combat, this time as a battalion operations officer in the 7th Infantry Division in Korea. He took part in the tide-turning Inchon landing and capture of Seoul, the drive to the Yalu River in Manchuria, the bitter winter retreat following Chinese entry into the war and, eventually, the re-establishment of the defense line in the vicinity of the 38th Parallel. Before all this was over, Dan moved up to be regimental S3 and won another Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman Badge.

In 1951 Dan attended the University of Missouri, where he obtained a master of arts degree in journalism. He then joined the English Department at West Point, serving first as an instructor and then as associate professor and director of the Fourth Class Course. This delightful assignment was followed by attendance at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, and a tour in the Pentagon on General Maxwell Taylor's personal staff. There he qualified for the General Staff Identification Badge. Returning to troop duty in 1959, he commanded an armored infantry battalion in the Third Armored Division in Germany. Under Dan's leadership the battalion received top awards from the division and had a youth book by author "Red" Reeder dedicated to it. After a spell as Division G1, Dan returned to the United States to attend the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, remaining on the staff and faculty there until 1964. During their last year at Carlisle, the Halpins suffered the loss of their beloved son Danny in an automobile accident, a tragedy from which they never really fully recovered.

Dan's last assignment was as director of public relations for the Third US Army in Atlanta, Georgia. During this tour he developed some heart problems that put him in Walter Reed Hospital for extensive tests, resulting in his being classified for limited duty only. Thus denied the possibility of any future command, he decided to retire in 1966 in the grade of colonel, at which time he was awarded the Legion of Merit for his long and distinguished service.

Dan then joined the faculty at The Citadel, teaching English there for two years. From 1968-70 he edited publications of the Association of Graduates at West Point but had to give that up because of continuing problems with his heart. He then retired fully, taking up residence with Ree at Fort Walton Beach, Florida, where he remained until his heart finally failed. In addition to Ree, Dan is survived



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by his daughter Diane Finley and two fine grandsons. He will be long remembered by them, and by his classmates and many friends, as a devoted husband and father as well as a dedicated professional who proved on the field of battle, in a variety of other military assignments and in the realm of academia that he was a true son of the Long Gray Line, completely devoted to "Duty, Honor, Country."

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## Frederick Dana Standish, II

NO. 13002 CLASS OF 1942

Died: 25 November 1988 in Charleston, SC, aged 69 years.

Interment: Beaufort National Cemetery, Beaufort, SC

**Frederick Dana Standish, II**

On 6 July 1938, 19-year-old Fred Standish wrote home: "After the first two days, things began to straighten out a little. But believe you me, West Point is synonymous with HELL. We tear around and then go to bed and then get up and tear around, all day, every day. The only time I guess we'll have to see straight is at Christmas, which seems centuries away."

Christmas wasn't that far away, and neither was the growth of dad's love for the Academy, for its people and, most of all, for what it stands. He proudly wore his Class of '42 ring every day for more than 47 years.

He didn't come from a military family. His father was in advertising and his mother was a writer and social secretary in the Detroit area. He was the youngest of three brothers, born 19 Jan 1919 in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. From an early age he gathered quiet pleasure from collecting postage stamps and working with wood.

After a year at Brown University and an unbending drive to be accepted to West Point, dad was appointed to the Class of '42 by Representative Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan's 14th District. While at the Academy, dad sang baritone in the Cadet Glee Club and the Protestant Choir. As he had at Brown, he played soccer, a game he once described as "played for the pleasure of the students rather than for football scholarships."

Immediately after graduation, he married the late Jean Frances Taylor of Grosse Pointe. He then joined the 376th Infantry of the 94th Division. In early 1945, near the little town of Trier, Germany, he won the Silver Star for galantry in action during the crossing of the Saar River.

After serving in the occupation forces in France and Czechoslovakia, dad returned to the States, winding up in San Antonio, Texas as part of the Inspector General's Office at Fort Sam Houston. There, he met and married Helen Schubach on 21 Aug 1948. An assignment to Fort Benning followed, then on to the Reserve Officers Training Course staff at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, where his only child was born.

Following were transfers to Alburqueque, New Mexico; the Physics Department at Georgia Tech in Atlanta; and to the Pentagon before being assigned to the Eighth Army in South Korea. During most of that time, he was attached to a special weapons project.

Upon his joyful return to the States, when he made good on a promise to be the first person off the plane, dad was assigned to the Combat Development Section at Headquarters, CONARC at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

After three years at Fort Monroe, it was off to the West to learn Greek at the Army Language School in Monterey, California. Occasionally, dad would emerge from a cramped study into our slightly less cramped quarters, shaking his head in utter disbelief that he actually was learning the language. As a class project, he delivered a presentation in Greek on the history of the country as reflected in its postage stamps.

While in Greece, he held further combat development responsibilities but found time to revel in the history not only of the nation, but also of others during trips through the Middle East and Europe. There also was an emotional return visit to Trier and the Saar River that our young taxi driver just couldn't understand.

Returning to the States again, dad was assigned to another ROTC unit, this time at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, a town named after a Greek general.

At his retirement in June 1967, dad was awarded the Joint Services Commendation Medal. Upon the recommendations from two West Point classmates, he moved to Charleston, South Carolina the following month.

Dad stayed tied to national defense by joining Lockheed Missile & Space Company as a technical writer for the next 13 years. Meantime, he set up a business of designing, making and marketing wooden toys. He took particular pride in that no screws, nails or paint ever were used.

Years ago, when dad was recovering from a childhood illness, his mother wrote a poem about him that captured his spirit better than anyone has since. It's called "The Joker:"

Dear little boy with golden hair,
Often I see you standing there,
Laughing aloud in childish glee
At this great joke you've played on me.
Sometimes you romp at hide and seek;
Sometimes 'round his arm you peek;
Laughing aloud—yet proud to see
This great big man you've turned out to be.

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## Rollin Thomas Steinmetz, Jr.

NO. 12740 CLASS OF 1942

Died: 3 March 1985 in Auburn, Washington, aged: 66 years

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

**Rollin Thomas Steinmetz, Jr.**

Rollin Thomas Steinmetz, Jr. was born in Sigourney, Iowa on 17 June 1918. Subsequently he moved to Buffalo Center, where he attended high school. Tom had a good, scientific mind, and he expanded his education at the State University of Iowa with over two years of chemical engineering. While at Iowa Tom revealed his military bent in the ROTC Engineer Battalion, becoming a sergeant. It was with this fine start that Tom entered USMA at West Point in 1938. Assigned initially to L Co., Tom was transferred to I Co. after plebe year, where he remained until graduation. His academic background and ROTC experience made Tom's introduction to West Point considerably less traumatic than it was for some. He reacted by being very helpful academically to some less prepared classmates. He continued his scientific outlook, based not on potential personal gain but on a deep-seated intellectual interest and curiosity. Balancing academic excellence was his expert qualification with the pistol, an achievement which eluded many other cadets.

When Tom graduated from USMA on 29 May 1942, Armor/Cavalry was the branch of most revolutionary change and impressive military results. Tom was commissioned in the Cavalry and exercised his armor expertise in the European Theater of Operations. He was with the 2nd Cavalry Group throughout the war, involved in their major role as the eyes and flank security of General Patton's Third Army. In these wartime operations, Tom demonstrated his dedicated professionalism and bravery. He won the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Croix de Guerre and a Purple Heart, among other decorations. He was S-2 of the Group at the close of World War II. In this position in April 1945 Tom was instrumental in the timely Cavalry rescue of the Lippizaners of the Spanish Riding School (Vienna) from Hostau,



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Czechoslovakia. He selected the evacuation route and rode herd during their movement to safe haven in Moosbach, Germany.

After duty with civilian components and further schooling, Tom returned to Europe, where he succeeded then-Lieutenant Colonel Creighton Abrams in command of the 63rd Tank Battalion of the 1st Infantry Division. On return to the United States, Tom attended the Command and General Staff College and was held over to attend the prestigious Special Weapons Course. This general period provided stategic analytical growth. It included assignment as an advisor in Indo-China, where he was able to envision and analyze logistical aspects of the area. Early on he noted the lack of a suitable industrial base in South Vietnam to sustain extensive military operations.

Tom's Pacific area orientation was confirmed in the 1960s with assignment to Headquarters Pacific Command, from where in 1965 he went to Okinawa with the 2nd Logistical Command. There he became director of Plans and Management, devoted primarily to support of US forces in Vietnam. Tom threw himself into this task with the great vigor and intellectual excellence typical of him. His dedicaiton extended to taking leave to Taiwan, where he explored and arranged for heavy maintenance/rebuild support for the forces in Vietnam. This provided more responsive support to units in the field at a reduced cost to the American taxpayer. Throughout his service with the 2nd Logistical Command, Tom frequently overcame obstacles to unit support and the well-being of individuals in successful struggles with less perceptive elements—an effective Don Quixote. He often challenged the world to correct injustice. He motivated soldiers and managed resources remarkably well.

In 1969 Tom retired in Okinawa after thirteen years of service outside the continental US. Fittingly, the Chinese awarded him the Medal of Cloud and Banner for his Sino-American friendship achievements. After retirement Tom stayed on in Okinawa for a while as an import-export entrepreneur. Successful at this, Tom moved with his family back to the state of Washington in 1975. Here he established a good US-based business which prospered until his death, from long-standing heart problems, at Auburn, Washington on 3 March 1985.

Tom was an intrepid soldier, a giant intellectual and a dedicated man of many facets. He achieved fine things and is sorely missed. He is surrounded by the respect and love of many friends, classmates and family members.

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## Hugh Pat Williams

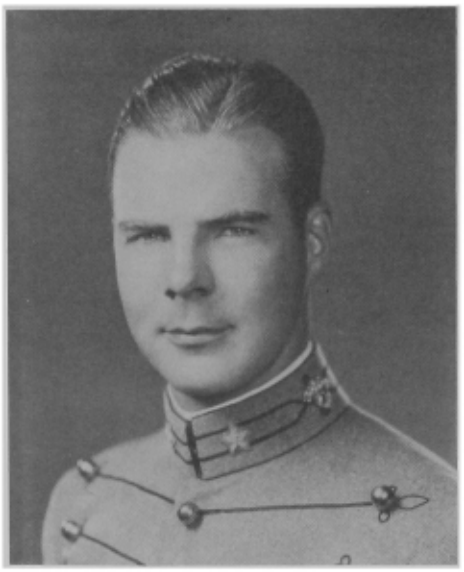
NO. 12675 CLASS OF 1942

Died 21 December 1986 in Virginia Beach, Virginia, aged 69 years.

Interment: Parsons Cemetery, Salisbury, Maryland

Pat was born in Macon, Georgia 28, Feb. 1917 son of Benjamin and Genivieve Williams of Decatur GA. He had a sister Felice Williams.

During high school, as a member of the CCC when times were tough and jobs scarce, he pointed to the Captain, and asked his 1st Sergeant how one got to be one. Advised to join the Army, then go to West Point Preparatory School and compete for an appointment, he went on to win a highly competitive



**Hugh Pat Williams**

Army appointment on his first attempt.

Also, about this time, Hugh engaged in professional wrestling.

Charlie Coleman, his roommate for their first three cadet years, says Pat was always relaxed and never seemed to be under pressure. Charlie feels his own survival may well be due the expert coaching Pat gave whenever he asked for it. Even in Beast Barracks, John Anderson remembers Pat visiting during 'walking hours,' a Beast Barracks feature not likely to be recalled by many harried fellow beasts.

During his cadet days he met his lifelong friend and mentor, Lieutenant Colonel (later Lieutenant General) Robert W. "Ace" Harper.

Hugh achieved academic stars during second class year and was appointed Cadet Sergeant and Cadet Instructor of third class English during first class year. He qualified for the Pistol Marksmanship medal.

In spite of a hectic schedule during that last year, Hugh never commented on an overload or lack of time. On the contrary, he was always goal oriented, calm and objective.

After graduation he and Elizabeth Roberts of Montclair NJ were married. They had four sons, Christopher R. of Sturgeon Bay WI, Marshall C. of Virginia Beach VA, Mark E. of Virginia Beach VA, and W. Scott of Greenboro, NC, and a daughter, Elizabeth W. Arnold of Virginia Beach. There are eleven grandchildren.

After graduation he underwent flying training and then four-engine bomber training at Boise, Idaho. Pat was selected as group operations officer. In late 1943 or early 1944 he was selected by Col. (later Gen.) Hugo P. Rush to be part of a Wing staff to be assigned overseas.

He departed for overseas assignment by train and Liberty ship in January 1944 along with classmates John Anderson and Floyd Robison. On this long journey, Hugh is reported to have put in more sack time than anyone thought humanly possible.

On arrival in Bari, Italy about 29 February 1944, plans for the wing had been canceled by HQ 15th AF, and Pat was assigned to the 449th BG near Taranto as a casual officer.

While visiting Bari, Hugh lost a leg as a result of a car accident. It is understood that because of the narrow streets, trolley cars veered widely from the center of the intersections towards the curbs in order to enable the cars to complete turns—quite different from conditions in the USA.

John Anderson learned of Hugh's accident on 9 March and by 14 March, he had visited him in the hospital.

After being sent stateside, Pat remained on active duty at the Pentagon until 1945.

Kenny Hanst writes, "When I was returned to an Atlanta hospital in 1945, Pat was my first visitor, coming by train from New York City. It was a great morale booster."

Hugh chose a career in the then-young frozen food industry. After learning everything about frozen foods, from growing to processing and marketing, he began his own business in Trappe Maryland—Trappe Frozen Foods, Inc. This led to the presidency of his company and later the vice presidency of United Frozen Foods from 1955 to 1973. United eventually bought him out, but he stayed vice president to manage his own plant. His inflexible rule was that no higher management was ever to visit his plant. Because his return was always 0.5% or more above that of other plants in the company, this rule was never violated. At the time of his retirement, in 1974, he was well known nationally for his expertise in the frozen food field.

While not ostentatious, Pat did want to share his financial successes and did so with family and friends.

Betty and Pat enjoyed their family a great deal. Through the years Pat encouraged many get togethers at home and on vacations. He tried to share the values important to him with his family—fairness, loyalty, and self discipline. His gravestone is marked, "He taught us all how to live."

Hugh had a wry sense of humor, always ready to react to false modesty with a down to earth repartee. He accepted his disability amiably, ready to play 'kick-shin' with anyone having either a real leg or a prosthesis.

So, undaunted by disability, he went forward to a life full of accomplishments. One cannot help but feel that the military service would have had another star without the unlucky accident. Lt. Gen Robert H. Warren remembers him as a very bright and outstanding officer.

Pat had continual problems with his leg, but never complained nor even let friends know when he went to Walter Reed for treatments.

He died 21 December 1986 in Virginia Beach General Hospital at the age of 69 and is buried in Parsons Cemetery in Salisbury, Maryland, where his mother and sister are also buried.

*Yates M. Hill*

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## Clifton Lewis Butler, Jr.

NO. 13213 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died: 11 September 1991, Salt Lake City, Utah, aged 71 years.

Interment: Salt Lake City Mausoleum (Cremation)

Born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, Cliff Butler got some college under his belt at Oklahoma A & M before entering USMA via 1942 and Sully's. He also had considerable scouting experience, and his musical background covered both playing and arranging in dance bands of the era. As our *Howitzer* notes, Cliff had little trouble in our Class. He became the



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**Clifton Lewis Butler, Jr.**

brigade color sergeant, played in the Cadet Concert Orchestra for four years, and was active all four years in the Debating Society. Yet, as he himself would mention, he liked solitary pursuits and was a member of the Fishing Club. Graduating just above the middle of the Class, he chose Anti-Aircraft Artillery.

Cliff was a battery commander when the 128th AAAW Battalion joined Third Army, and he started a trek across France, Germany and Austria supporting various Armored Divisions of Patton's Forces. By January 1945 he was a major and battalion executive, with a Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. After combat ended he spent the next two years attached to the Consulate in Munich, looking after 250,000 displaced persons. It was there he met and married Pat, mother of his two children.

In 1947 he transfered to the Air Force, got a master of science degree in aeronautical engineering at Michigan, and started a long career with guided missiles and the space program. In 1952 he left the Pentagon for four years at Holloman Air Force Base doing missile testing for future space flights; it won him an Air Force Commendation Medal.

In 1959 Cliff went to Vandenberg AFB to activate and command the 6594 Satellite Launch Squadron, which made the first "Blue Suit" DOD Satellite Launch. Two years later he came back to Andrews as executive officer to the Deputy in USAF Systems Command (basically in Research & Development); by then he wore eagles. Then it was back to the 6595 Aerospace Test Wing, with jobs in personnel, manpower, testing and plans. The first heart attack hit him during this period. A transfer to Patrick Air Force Base for two years resulted in a Legion of Merit for work involved with the increasing accuracy of the Minuteman Missile.

From Florida, Cliff moved to Fort Douglas, Utah to be the deputy commander of the Desert Test Center. Here he met and married Dot, his wife and companion for the next twenty-three years. His final move was back to DARPA in 1968, where he worked on devices to help the troops see better in the jungles of Vietnam. During that critical period of the war, he traveled back and forth to Saigon with improved devices for the ground troops. In 1969 he was finally retired for physical disability; however, he continued his space work as project manager within Owens-Illinois, designing and emplacing a 36-inch telescope for a C141 aircraft, a job requested by NASA.

Later, for over ten years, he worked for the Small Business Administration, advising persons going into business or those who were in trouble. He also was a volunteer at the Salt Lake City VA Medical Center for many years. The retirement years were good ones for Cliff, despite heart problems, bypass surgery and an artificial knee. He became an expert on Space-A travel and found a gift for languages in his travels.

Cliff is survived by his wife Dot; his son Cliff III; his daughter Susan Styger; three step-children; and 12 grandchildren. As his son and daughter said in Cliff's eulogy, "Mankind—not just family and friends—is at a loss with his passing, but all have gained so much by his living. A beacon of light has dimmed. Our hero is gone. Our father, Colonel Clifton L. Butler, Jr."

*Classmates*

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## William Joseph Cook

NO. 13386 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died: 30 August 1989, Shreveport, Los Angeles, aged 71 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

**William Joseph Cook**

Bill Cook seemed destined to be a military man. Born to William M. and Lassie R. Cook on a plantation near Mansfield, Georgia, he was raised and educated in Georgia, as were his three sisters. Graduating from High School in 1936, he was a LTC in the ROTC unit and simultaneously a T/SGT in the 122nd Infantry Regiment of the Georgia National Guard. There would be no contest when he won an Honor Military School appointment to our Class.

While setting no academic records at West Point, he was on his way to becoming a good athlete when an operation on a trick knee confined him to intramural sports, particularly in lacrosse, where he won a monogram on a championship team.

Especially noted in our *Howitzer* were his strong character and his ability to command the respect of those around him— talents which would reappear as an officer.

In our final year, Bill went off to flight training with Class 42-K, winning his wings before graduation. Subsequent crew training in B-17s took him to Oregon and then to Washington with the 137th Bomb Squadron. Before the Squadron left for a final station in Florida, Bill both met and married Janice DeVorce, the youngest daughter of a doctor from Oakland, Oregon. That happy marriage lasted a lifetime and produced a daughter Candy, now a LTC in the USAF.

In July 1944 Bill joined the 8th Air Force, became a flight commander in the 366th Bomb Group and then operations officer in the 422nd, 364th and 365th Bomb Groups, the last of which he commanded in October of 1945. He won the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Air Medals for his combat tours plus five campaign stars.

After a unit move to Bavaria and TDY to North Africa, Liberia and Egypt, Bill went on to become G-3 of EUCOM in December 1946 and family life could start for Janice and him. In the summer of 1947 he returned to Fort Worth, from which he traveled a lot. Candy joined the family in January of 1948 at Carswell AFB. In addition to school, Bill served for four months in Baghdad, Iraq, for the UN. After Air Command and Staff School, he arrived in Washington in the spring of 1951 for service with Officer Assignment Division of the Air Staff and lived in McLean, VA.

Our 25-year book cited more command in Puerto Rico with exercises in the Mid-East and North Africa. Then it was SAC with B-52's as the Operations Deputy for a SAC wing. In 1963 Bill started what he considered the most informative and interesting job of his career at Norton AFB with the Inspector General. Vice Commander duties in Hawaii were followed by wing Command in Osan, Korea. In 1972, Bill retired after an enviable career.

For five months Janice and Bill traveled about the US with their travel trailer and their dogs. Ending up in Shreveport, LA, Bill was called to a leadership post again, this time with the Air Force Junior ROTC. Ten years later he retired again. In his recent words, "Janice, Candy and I have never lacked for hobbies. We have shown horses, played Palmetto Polo and ridden for pleasure. For the past 25 years Janice has bred and shown her dogs, making several champions. My time is taken up with 'honey-do' projects, hunting and shooting."

This idyllic life ended in Shreveport in August of 1989, when Bill was 71. He had lived a full life with a family of whom he was very proud. In his lifetime he experienced the exhileration, sadness and rewards of combat for his country. He built progressively to Wing Command in the trying posts of SAC. A born leader, he found that quality to be in demand even after retirement. Our *Howitzer* said that he would be successful because of his strong character and ability to command respect. Right on both counts! Add to that a loving family and a list of active hobbies and one has a recipe for contentment both in and out of uniform. He was particularly pleased that Candy has carried on in Air Force blue. May his spirit continue to soar in the heavens.

*Classmates*



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## Charles Lester Heltzel

NO. 13356CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died: 24 May 1991 in Falls Church, Virginia, aged 72 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

Charles Lester Heltzel

Charles "Les" Heltzel was born on 19 October 1918 in Indiana, one of eight children of Elmer and Lilian Heltzel. Young Charlie always aspired to be a soldier—his grandfather Samuel Dawson had fought in the Civil War and his oldest brother Bill was an Army officer. Charlie set his sights on attending West Point and becoming a member of "The Long Gray Line." He attended Manchester College while awaiting an appointment to USMA.

As a cadet, "Les" was known for being serious-minded and sincere, and he left his mark in both sports and academics. As a Yearling he was on the boxing squad. For all four years he worked on the Howitzer and was the assistant business manager for our volume. On graduation he was commissioned in the Artillery.

Charlie trained with the 981st Artillery Bn in the Mojave Desert and went to the UK in 1943, joining the 195th Artillery Bn (155 mm Long Tom). He waded ashore at Utah Beach in Normandy in June 1944, and was one of the few classmates to wear five battle stars on his EAME ribbon—by the end of the war in Europe he had earned a Bronze Star and four Air Medals.

Three of Charlie's brothers also served in World War II. Older brother Bill served in the Signal Corps and retired as a colonel. Brother Art served as an Army dentist during the war. Youngest brother Earl was killed in a glider accident during training in England prior to the Normandy invasion.

When he returned home in 1946, Charlie was sent to ROTC duty at Iowa State, where he and Margaret were married in 1948. In 1949 he attended the Advanced Course at Sill, where daughter Sandy was born in 1950. This was followed by a tour with Fifth Army in Chicago. A year later Charlie was off to Korea, where he earned three more battle stars as S-3 of the 69th Artillery Bn (105 mm). After CGSC in 1955-56, he and Margaret were off to Europe, where he spent half his tour at USAREUR Headquarters and half commanding the 3-35th Artillery (8 inch) in V Corps. Daughter Leslie was born in 1957 during this European tour.

In 1959 Charlie joined MA&E at West Point, teaching military history to cadets until 1963, when Korea called again with an unaccompanied tour at Eighth Army. A year later, he returned to Washington as the Manpower Chief for the Defense Atomic Support Agency. Meanwhile, Sandy graduated from Congressional Prep and Margaret solidified her hold on the real estate business in Washington. In 1969 Charlie retired and was awarded the Legion of Merit. He worked for the Veterans Administration until 1980, serving as assistant director of Planning Service in the Department of Veterans Affairs—another post in which he could help soldiers.

For over 20 years, Charlie and Margaret led an idyllic life on Lake Barcroft, enjoying their boat, neighbors and classmates. In 1984 their life was marred when Sandy died, but they carried on well. Leslie married Vernon Cornwell and continues to live in nearby Manassas. Then in 1990 cancer was diagnosed, and Charlie and Margaret bravely faced their future. He died on daughter Leslie's birthday and was buried with full military honors at Arlington in the presence of many classmates and friends. He is survived by Margaret, Leslie and two beloved grandchildren, Megan and Christopher.

Charlie Heltzel set his course early to become a good soldier. His gentle good humor and habitual friendliness, combined with the enduring quality of approaching problems with total equanimity, won him the respect and admiration of all with whom he served. Our *Howitzer* correctly prophesied that his foresight, calmness and determination would win him the soldier's accolade "Well Done." We have bade farewell to a combat soldier, a loving family man, a true comrade and a patriot. In all respects, he lived a life of true service without thought of gain or self. The world needs more men of his quality.

*His family, classmates and friends*

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## Winfield S. Scott

NO. 14188 CLASS OF 1944

Died 23 November 1982 in Falls Church, Virginia, aged 60 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Winfield S. Scott came to the Army from Providence, Rhode Island, where he had joined the National Guard in 1940 as a private in the 103rd Field Artillery Regiment. He left this promising career to enter West Point in 1941. Four days after graduation in 1944 he married Ruth Kerney. After Army schooling, he joined the elite 10th Mountain Division and served with it in Italy as a field artillery forward observer. He returned from World War II and earned a master's degree in electrical engineering from Northwestern University. This led to his later transfer to the Ordnance Corps and his contributions to Defense Department management of the acquisition of new material. He attended the Command and General Staff College and The Industrial College of the Armed Forces and also earned a master's degree in

Winfield S. Scott

business administration from George Washington University. Scotty added to his combat experience with a tour in Vietnam, where he was General Westmoreland's Ordance officer. He was selected to establish the Defense Systems Management College at Fort Belvoir, Virginia and, as a brigadier general, served as its first commandant. In 1986 a new academic building was dedicated to, and named for, him. His decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal and three awards of the Legion of Merit.

Anyone who worked closely with Scotty for any length of time was impressed with his determination that every job be well done. His goal of complete military professionalism in the finest sense of the word was evident in every task he undertook. No one took his sense of duty and devotion to achieving the best more seriously than he did. In the words of our Alma Mater, "Well done, be thou at peace."

Scotty left memorable contributions to West Point and to his classmates, one of which will be evident for many years to come: the stained glass windows over the main entrance to Washington Hall. Scotty came up with the idea of stained glass windows over this much-used entrance and pursued it with dedication and characteristic persistence. He located an artist, Henry Willet, of the Willet Stained Glass Studios in Philadelphia. Mr. Willet's father was the designer and producer of the stained glass windows in the Cadet Chapel. Scotty asked Mr. Willet to design windows for the dining hall entrance and presented the design to his classmates, with a proposal that the project be funded as a Class gift. We were very much impressed with the idea and quickly agreed to make it a Class project. The result is most impressive. Anyone leaving Thayer Hall cannot help but see the inspiring magnificence of the windows and appreciate the beauty of one man's dream fulfilled. The Academy and his classmates owe him much for this idea and his determination to make it part of West Point.

Scotty's personal contributions to his classmates were also remarkable. Those of us who were privileged to be present for one or more of his clambakes will never forget them. Scotty's New England background and love of the informal fun of a clambake left him with a desire to show the pleasure of this special event



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to all of us, as well as to other groups with which he worked. He was frustrated with locating a site for the digging of a proper pit for the seaweed and the coals, so essential to his efforts, so he designed and built a portable clambake pit that stood above ground! It worked like a charm and drew admiring friends in droves. For years the highlight of Class activities was a "Scotty Clambake."

He is survived by his wife Ruth Kerney Scott, a son, Army Colonel Bruce K. Scott, three daughters, Bette Scott Meuleners, Carla Scott Thompson and Jeanine Scott Carter, sister Marjory Solomon Day and sixteen grandchildren.

Scotty left us in 1982, probably not realizing how much he meant to us and how much he contributed to the tradition of West Point which he so dearly loved. He stands tall in the memory of his friends and beloved family.

*A Classmate*

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## William Estes Farrar, Jr.

NO. 14493 CLASS OF 1945

Died: 14 November 1990, Newport News, Virginia, aged 67 years.

Interment: Peninsula Memorial Park, Newport News, Virginia

**William Estes Farrar, Jr.**

William Estes Farrar, the only child of Agnes and William Farrar, was born on 2 March 1923 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He grew up there and attended local schools—Dickinson Elementary, Burton Junior High and South High School. He and his future wife Louise met in the second grade. They made their fiftieth high school reunion in June 1990. In 1941, he started at the University of Michigan, studying engineering, but Pearl Harbor changed many things, including his career goals.

At West Point, Bill generally stayed out of trouble with the Tactical Department, ranked high in all his classes, breezed through flight training and caused no end of wonder at the multicolored underlining with which he highlighted entries in most of his textbooks. Colors denoted everything from nice to know to must know. Plebe year he won the intercollegiate skeet championship with his old pump shot gun—it was fascinating to watch him break a hundred clay pigeons without a miss. Bill was always ready for a mixer. He was one of the first proponents of what today is the "normal" way to dance. For his less enterprising classmates, he was most reliable in rounding up dates for a football game or a weekend in New York. Notwithstanding these many diversions and frequent absences due to flight training, he ranked 58th out of a class of 852.

Graduating with pilot's wings on 6 June 1945, he trained in fighters in Texas, with his end assignment flying P-51s out of Johnson Air Base in Japan. Stephen Farrar was the first dependent born in the 5th Air Force hospital in Japan.

After Japan, Bill was assigned to the Pennsylvania National Guard, where he served primarily as a war-dead escort. In 1949 he returned to the University of Michigan to earn a master of business administration degree. He worked two years at Wright Patterson Air Force Base until entering the pipeline for the Korean War. Along with a number of classmates, he saw that war end while in F-86 training at Nellis AFB, Nevada. He was diverted from Korea to Palmdale, California for procurement duties with Lockheed.

In 1955, after two interesting and demanding years flying T-33s, F-94s and F-104s, the personnel system caught up with him for a remote tour to Thule, Greenland, flying F-89s. He returned from Greenland to duties as a test pilot and procurement officer with North American Aviation. There he continued flying, but now in the F-86 and F-100. In addition to Stephen, two daughters, Marcia and Susan, were added as the Farrars made the many moves of a service family.

Early in 1957, he resigned his commission for employment with Lockheed as a procurement test pilot. After a short period in California, he was assigned to Lockheed's Washington, D.C. office to work with the USAF in procurement. During his eight years in Washington he moved up to assistant director of the office. In mid-1965, the Farrars moved to Lockheed's Hampton Roads, Virginia office. Bill remained there until 1987, when he retired as the office manager after 30 years with Lockheed.

Bill liked speed. Besides flying, he owned and drove sports cars. As a younger man, when he couldn't fly the real thing, he flew radio-controlled model airplanes. Later, he turned to model railroading. Bill was active in his early years in skeet competitions. He also was a very good golfer. Throughout his life he was an avid photographer and, as always, he had his books.

Bill succumbed to cancer after a valiant fight. To the end he was composed, confident in his faith in God and comforted by Louise, his children and grandchildren.

In his funeral message, Bill's pastor, who knew him well, said: "Bill Farrar had a zest for life, and he added energy to the world rather than draining energy out of it. Bill Farrar lived with zest and a sense of adventure; and he died with courage, dignity and trust in God. I would not mind having that for my epitaph."

*His roommate*

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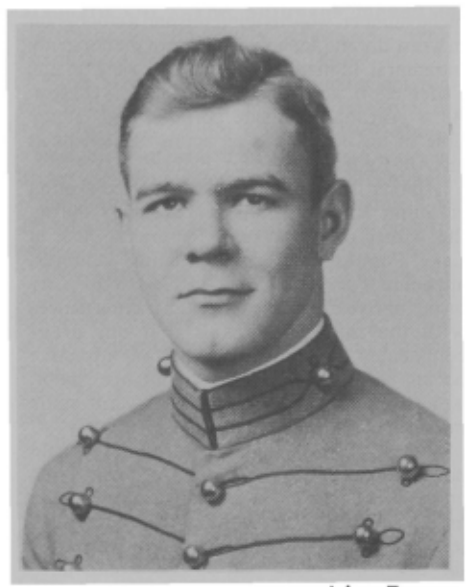
## J. Lee Forney

CLASS OF 1945

Died 19 August 1944 near Ramsey, New Jersey, aged 21 years.

Interment: IOOF Cemetery, Ponca City, Oklahoma



**J. Lee Forney**

Our memories of J. Lee Forney are still fresh after almost half a century. He was a person whom one does not easily forget. The memories, with one exception, are warm and happy, for they are engendered through association with a classmate whose company we sought and whose friendship we treasured. The bitter exception was the blow brought by the news that J. Lee was killed in the line of duty as a result of an aviation training accident near Ramsey, New Jersey on 19 August 1944 while engaged in an aerial flight training prior to graduation. J. Lee was one of the five Air Cadets in his class who lost their life during the course of that training.

J. Lee hailed from Oklahoma, where he was born on 23 April 1923 in the town of Cherokee. J. Lee's mother died when he was only eighteen months old, and he and his sister were raised by his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Overstreet. After attending four grades of school in Cherokee, the family moved to Ponca City. J. Lee attended public school until entering Kemper Military Academy, winning scholastic and athletic awards at both institutions. He reported to West Point as a member of the Class of 1946, which was later designated the Class of 1945 with the initiation of the three-year course on 2 October 1942.

J. Lee always spoke with pride of being from Oklahoma; he felt that its sons subscribed to a high code of conduct and were unencumbered by any need for flamboyance or elegant veneer. He never tired of listening to the records of the musical *Oklahoma*, which took the country by storm during our yearling year (1943/44).

Primary flight training for Air Cadets was conducted at a number of airfields in the south-central states. J. Lee was assigned to Cimmaron Field near Oklahoma City for his training. On one of the free weekends, J. Lee invited two of his classmates to visit Ponca City and meet



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his family and friends. The gracious hospitality shown this pair by J. Lee's Aunt Hazel and Uncle Frank transformed their guests into instant Oklahoma boosters.

J. Lee was an all-around cadet. He did not fight the system but accepted it and strove within it to prepare himself for a career in the military service. He was a conscientious student, standing well in the upper half of his class. He fired expert with the M-1 rifle during plebe summer, won his numerals and a monogram in wrestling and anchored the line of the company intramural football team. J. Lee sang in the Cadet choir and joined the Cadet orchestra. As a yearling, he made corporal and, at the time of his death, was an acting lieutenant as an Air Cadet at Stewart Field.

Among the happy memories are ice skating at Smith Rink on Saturday evenings during the winter of plebe year, fishing at dusk at Lake Popolopen during yearling summer, attending *Porgy and Bess* in New York City on our one yearling weekend, and trading dances with the inevitable result that our drags commented favorably on what an attractive person he was. They were right—his candor, understated sense of humor and warm smile made one inherently like J. Lee Forney.

We can only speculate what the future would have held for J. Lee in the US Air Force. What commands would he have held; what role would he have played in the Berlin Airlift; or flying jets over Korea and Vietnam? We would bet the old home place that J. Lee would have worn stars. That assessment flows from our appreciation of the two attributes that he held in abundant measure—character and professionalism. In our all-too-brief association with J. Lee, we remember his integrity above all else. He was so honest in all of his dealings. We can recall no incident in which he spoke disparagingly of a fellow cadet or stooped to pettiness. There was about him a quiet, unflappable confidence as he appplied himself to each task. He did not find it necessary to steal a march on a classmate.

J. Lee is survived by his sister, Mrs. Henry C. Noll of Mesa, Arizona.

In paying our last respects to J. Lee Forney, we will summarize our affection and admiration for him with these lines from Hamlet: "Give me that man that is not passion's slave, and I will wear him in my heart's core...as I do thee."

*Classmates Levin B. Broughton and Roland D. Foley*

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## Edwin John Gilmore

NO. 15149 CLASS OF 1945

Died 19 April 1982 in Wahiawa, Hawaii, aged 59 years.

Cremated; ashes placed into the Des Moines River running through his property.

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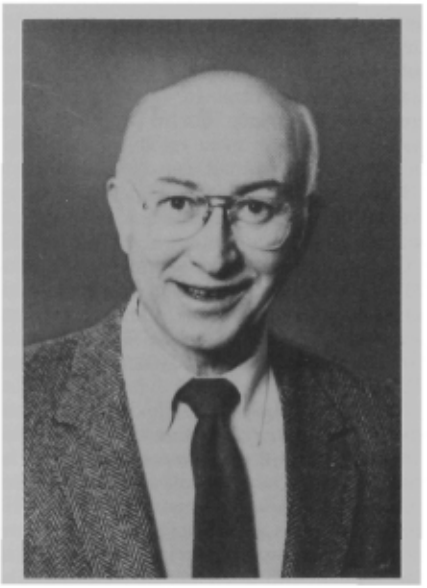
Edwin John Gilmore was born on 7 August 1922 in Algona, Iowa, the son of Harold and Katherine Gilmore. He grew up in Algona and graduated from Algona High School in 1940. Ed then attended Kemper Military school. While there he received his appointment to the Academy and entered in July 1942, joining what was to become the Class of 1945.

Ed took on the challenges and privations of cadet life without fuss. He was a quiet man, not given much to ceremony or celebration. He is remembered, however, for a ferocity on the squash court, belaying the composure he displayed on most other occasions. He spoke often of his beloved home town and lived for the weekend visits of his Bette.



Edwin John Gilmore

Ed married his Bette (Beatrice Dorothy Cunningham) at the Old Cadet Chapel on graduation day, 5 June 1945. After military service at Fort Benning, Korea, Fort Lewis, the Presidio of San Francisco, Fort Carson and Fort Meade, he resigned his commission and returned to Algona.

Two sons were born to Ed and Bette during his military service. Two daughters followed during civilian life.

Upon returning to Algona, Ed followed in his dad's footsteps and went to work for the Iowa State Bank. Prior to his death, Ed had announced his retirement plans after 32 years of service and after having risen to vice-president and membership on the Board of Directors.

During his years in Algona, Ed served in a number of community projects. He held the office of president of both the Lions Club and the Algona Chamber of Commerce. He was a long-time worker on the Community Concert Board and an active member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and the Masons.

Ed died suddenly while playing golf with several of his classmates at the 1982 mini-reunion in Hawaii.

Besides his wife Bette, Ed is survived by his four children, John, Jeffrey, Sherri and Katherine, and a growing list of grandchildren.

Well done, Ed.

*His classmate Walter H. Root, Jr.*

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## Arthur Raymond Morrison

NO. 14883 CLASS OF 1945

Died 24 May 1945 in Newburgh, New York, aged 23 years.

Interment: Presumed to be in San Rafael, California.

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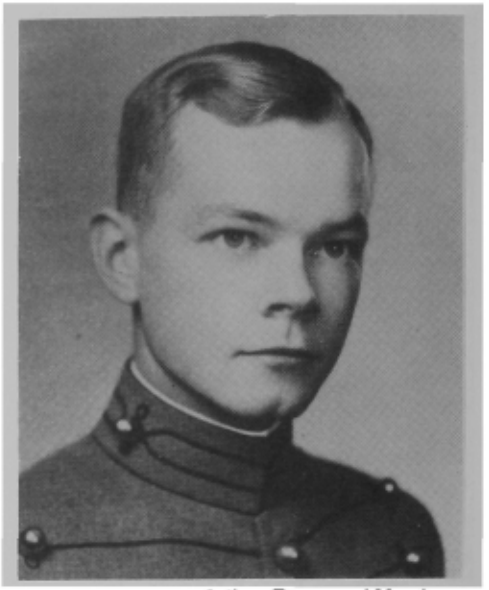
Arthur Morrison joined us in a third-floor, back room of the 15th Division at the beginning of yearling year in 1943. He moved in with us after our previous roommate had vanished down the voracious maw of the Mathematics Department at Christmas of plebe year.



Arthur Raymond Morrison

Adaptable Art, with his sunny Californian disposition, was an ideal replacement. Bob Tongue and I had agreed early on about a direct relationship between the rapid passage of cadet days and the amount of time spent in the redboy. Industrious Art would have none of this, and I still envision him moving quietly around the room or studying at his desk so as not to disturb our slumber. This conscientious attitude was rewarded by a much higher class standing than his roommates. Free time was spent at pistol practice and on *Pointer* magazine business. Later, he was totally absorbed in flight training.

A third-generation Californian and an "Army brat," Art had prepared himself for the Academy with a year at St. Martin's College at Lacey in Washington State and another at Millard's Preparatory School in Washington, DC. Intent on a career in the then-Air Corps, he already had obtained a pilot's license. His parents had retired in San Rafael, California, and I have no recollection of their ever visiting him during his cadet days, probably due to the complexities of wartime travel from such a distance. After his death I had a very moving letter from his mother telling me how eagerly the family had been anticipating his return after graduation and such a long separation.

Happier recollections dwell on his absent-mindedness and the good nature with which he accepted kidding about having the most cluttered desk drawer in the company. His fey sense of humor was turned on me during the 1944 presidential election. I was then a fanatic supporter of a fourth term for FDR. To annoy me, and possibly temper my partisanship, Art snipped pictures of Thomas Dewey from periodicals and inserted them in the fairly neat stacks of my locker so that when I selected a handkerchief or undershirt I would encounter the moustachioed likeness of FDR's opponent.

The mists of time have obscured specific memories irretrievably, but all who knew Art share a consensus of affection and regard. Said one classmate, "Art was a quiet man who did not intrude himself on others. Thus, he did not make a big splash, but he was always most kind and friendly." That quite well summarizes my own memories. I do recall vividly, however,



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the afternoon two weeks before graduation when Gordy Allen came to our room to convey the sad tidings that Art had been killed when his plane stalled on landing at Stewart Field. Knowing how he loved flying, it is comforting to imagine that his last flight was a joyful one.

*Jim Alfonte*

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## Charles Brown Rupert

NO. 14812 CLASS OF 1945

Died 23 September 1985 in San Francisco, California, aged 64 years.

Interment: Palm Cemetery, Winter Park, Florida.

**Charles Brown Rupert**

Charles Brown Rupert was born in New Kensington, Pennsylvania on 11 December 1920, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown Rupert, Sr. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a bachelor of science degree in engineering on 26 May 1942 and received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Chuck graduated on 5 June 1945 with a bachelor's degree in military engineering, a commission as a second lieutenant in the US Army and wings in the Army Air Corps (soon to be the US Air Force).

In 1943 Cadet Rupert went to Corsicana, Texas for Primary Flight Training in the PT-19. After graduation from USMA, Rupert was assigned to Enid Air Force Base, Oklahoma, flying B-25's; later he moved to Seward Air Force Base, Tennessee for training in B-24's. He attended the Junior Officers Staff Course at Orlando Air Force Base in 1945 and was assigned to the Air Transport Service in the European Theater of Operations. In 1948 Rupert participated with the first group in the Berlin Airlift flying B-47's. While at Templehof Air Force Base, Germany, Rupert attended the USAFE personnel management course.

Chuck returned to the United States in 1949 and was assigned to Floyd Bennett Field on Long Island, New York, where he married Valleda Stoneham on 4 June 1949. Chuck's next assignments were to Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi for electronics training; Sandia Base, New Mexico for special weapons; Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama for the Academic Instructor Course; Norfolk, Virginia for the Armed Forces Staff College; and in 1960 to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas for jet aircraft qualification. Rupert was promoted to lieutenant colonel on 28 April 1963.

Other than flying, Rupert's primary military duties were as aerospace munitions officer and system program manager. His final assignment was at the Los Angeles AFS (Vandenberg), HQ Space Systems Division, AFSC, where he retired from the US Air Force on 1 July 1966. For his contribution in the Joint Atomic Energy Commission/United States Air Force Nuclear Ion Engine (SNAP-10A) Program, Rupert was awarded the Legion of Merit. Other military decorations were the Air Force Commendation Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War Victory Medal, Germany Occupation Medal with Berlin Airlift Device, Medal for Humane Action, National Defense Medal and Longevity Service Award with four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.

After retirement from the USAF, Chuck accepted the position of executive vice-president and secretary-treasurer for the San Francisco Giants Baseball Team. Rupert served with distinction in this very successful professional baseball franchise.

On 23 September 1985 Chuck died of cancer at Fort Ledderman in San Francisco, California. He was buried beside his father in the Palm Cemetery in Winter Park, Florida, with military honors provided by the honor guard of Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. Charles Brown Rupert, Jr. was survived by his wife Valleda of Hillsborough, California; his mother Geneva of Winter Park, Florida; his sister Elizabeth Ann (Rupert) Stewart; his son Peter and his daughters Susan, Kim and Jaime.

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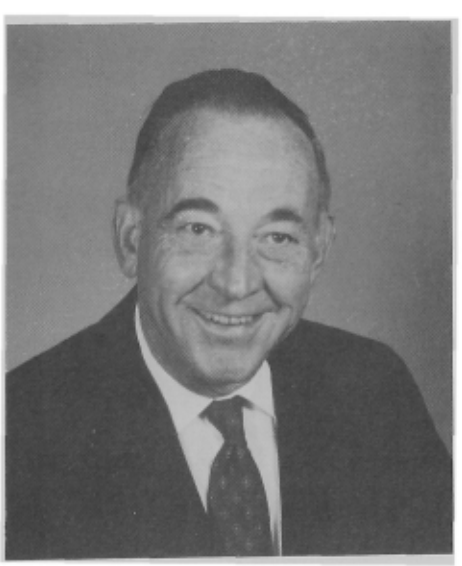
## Camillus Caruthers Sullivan, Jr.

NO. 14834 CLASS OF 1945

Died 8 October 1988 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, aged 64 years.

Interment: Roseland Park Cemetery, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.



**Camillus Caruthers Sullivan, Jr.**

Flags were lowered the morning of 8 October 1988 to mourn the death of a friend and fine officer, Lieutenant Colonel Camillus Caruthers Sullivan, Jr. AUS (Ret.). "Sully," Class of 1945, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi was taken suddenly at his home of an apparent heart attack.

Sully was born 4 May 1924 in Prentiss, Mississippi, where his father was an agent, petroleum distributor and local jobber for Standard Oil. The Sullivans moved to Hattiesburg and Sully graduated from Hattiesburg High School in 1942.

He received a congressional appointment from the Sixth District and entered West Point on 15 July 1942. Sully found himself almost immediately immersed in Beast Barracks and often wondered whether he was dreaming—if not, why was he undergoing treatment as a plebe that seemed unlikely in a country renowned for individual freedom?

Denouncing any and all physical events that required exertion on his part, Sully managed to survive quite well. Notwithstanding, he was a rabid supporter of many of the Corps sports, especially football. Seldom late, but never early for a formation, everyone on his floor grew accustomed to getting dressed to the beat of his many records of the hits of the early 40's. Without Hops and 100th Night Shows to look forward to, he might not have survived. No plebe or upperclassman ever knew better than he "how many days until graduation?" Never was he more elated than when the original Class of 1946 became the Class of 1945 as a result of accelerated graduation during World War II. Sully nearly went into shock when one his history classes revealed that the Civil War was long over. Had he been queried as to the outcome, he most likely would have failed.

Always anticipating the near daily letter from "Libber" and seemingly never talking about anyone else, Sully and childhood sweetheart Elizabeth "Libber" McLeod were married immediately after graduation.

Upon completing the Basic Armor Officers Course at Fort Knox in 1945, Sully was assigned to the 20th Infantry Division in Korea for some 26 months, ending up as an Infantry company commander. He graduated from the Army Language School in 1948, speaking relatively fluent Chinese. He was doing graduate work at Yale when his particular program was terminated as a result of the communist takeover in China.

Sully served in Korea and Japan during the Korean War from 1949-53 in the G-2 Division, Far East Command. For this service he was awarded two Army Commendation Medals.

Sully resigned from the service in November 1953 and returned to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where he joined his father in association with Standard Oil of Kentucky. By 1979 Sully was associated with Chevron USA as agent and then jobber for that corporation and other companies serving southern Mississippi. Obtaining his master's degree in commerce from the University of Southern Mississippi, he taught economics on a part-time basis in evening college. In 1958, Sully joined the Mississippi National Guard and rose to the grade of lieutenant colonel.

Among his many civic activities, Sully was selected as Carnival King of the Mystic Krew of Zeus in 1976 and served as president of the Hattiesburg Civic Association. He was a member of the vestry at Trinity Episcopal Church; a member and secretary of the Chamber



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of Commerce; a member of the Kiwanis Club and of the Hattiesburg Country Club. Sully served as president of the Forrest County Chapter of the University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association. An annual scholarship has been established in his name for the economics student deemed most promising by professors and peers.

During his lifetime, Sully exemplified the attributes of Duty, Honor, Country in his home life, his church, civic work and his profession. He will never be forgotten as he joins the "Long Gray Line." His beloved wife Libber joined him for the last time in the summer of 1991. They leave behind four children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild as a living testimonial to their life, love and memory.

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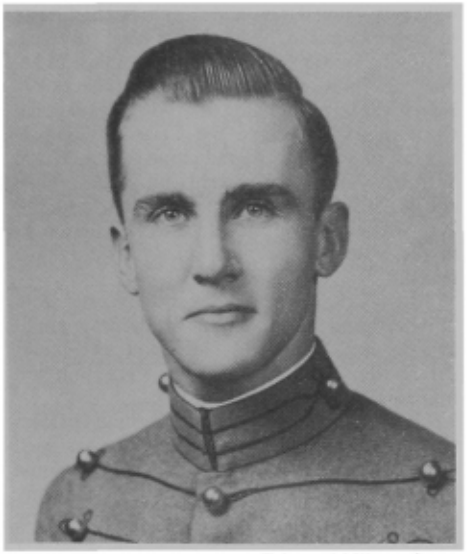
## Edward Milton Carr

NO. 16044 CLASS OF 1946

Died 23 April 1948 near Howard Air Force Base, Panama Canal Zone, aged 26 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



**Edward Milton Carr**

Edward Milton Carr was known to his family and friends as Ned. Born into an Army Air Corps family, Ned thoroughly enjoyed the life of an "Army Brat." His actual place of birth was Rantool, Illinois on 13 March 1922, but the whole world was his home. His high school years were spent in Fairbanks, Alaska and he graduated from Fairbanks High School. From Alaska, Ned moved to California to attend the University of California at Berkeley. When World War II began, Ned enlisted in the Army Air Corps and spent a year on active duty before obtaining his coveted appointment to West Point to join the Class of 1946 on 1 July 1943.

From day one as a cadet, Ned's driving ambition was to follow in his father's footsteps and fly in the Army Air Corps. Academics were something to be tolerated as a means to his goal, and he studied just enough to make sure he would graduate. His family background had prepared him for the discipline of cadet life and he fared well. When the Class was offered the opportunity to obtain pilot's wings in the spring of 1945, Ned jumped at the chance. At last he was to make tangible progress towards his goal. He knew it would be difficult to get both his degree and his wings, but it was just the sort of challenge he relished. He did both very well, managing his efforts for maximum efficiency. In fact, he managed most of his life in the same effective, cheerful way. His friends and classmates remember well how his happy nature came through in the tales he told of his experiences as an "Army brat" and his desire to follow in his father's footsteps. So, it was with a great deal of pride and fulfillment that, at graduation, Ned became a second lieutenant with the pilot wings of the Army Air Corps.

One of Ned's good friends and classmates, Arthur G. (Bill) Moore, Jr., recalled that he and Ned were together after graduation for fighter transition at Williams Field, Arizona. Ned really found everything he had hoped for flying P-51's at Williams Field. Ned and the P-51 were a natural pair. He excelled at aerial gunnery and formation flying, and there was every reason to believe this was the first step in a long and brilliant Air Force career.

Bill Moore recalled: "After we completed transition training, we anxiously awaited our orders and were delighted when they came through assigning both of us to Shaw Field, South Carolina—he to the 20th Fighter Group and me to another unit. Ned was elated because the 20th was a famous unit with a great history and, best of all, they were equipped with P-51's. This was our first permanent station, and we were all set for a good experience. I had a new Ford and Ned had a decrepit Lincoln Zephyr, so most often we got around in my car—since his seldom worked. It became routine for Ned to go along on my trips to see my family in a nearby town. It soon became obvious why he was so eager to go along: my younger sister. Ned was smitten, and so was she. The last time the three of us were together was in Athens, Georgia over a Georgia-Georgia Tech game weekend, after which I was transferred to Panama. They became engaged but put things off because she had accepted a role in the road company of High Button Shoes. In the meantime, Ned had received orders to Panama."

When Ned reported to the 53rd Fighter Squadron at Howard Air Force Base, Canal Zone, he was immediately scheduled for a geographical orientation flight of the base and local flying area. On 23 April 1948, Ned and the orientation pilot took off in an AT-6 aircraft for this flight. The Army Air Forces Report of Major Accident reads: "Subsequent to take-off and clearance, no further communication with subject aircraft was completed. Upon passing of ETA, local communications and local aircraft search was ordered. Upon passing of actual time of endurance, complete search facilities were alerted under control of Sixth Fighter Wing and through First Emergency Rescue Squadron. Negative results of search over extended period of time caused search to be abandoned, with aircraft and personnel officially classified as missing." Bill Moore remembers having no sadder duty than on 23 April 1948, when he called his sister in Boston to tell her that Ned had died in a crash while on a routine flight. Ten months later a native hunter discovered the wreckage of Ned's plane. Subsequent investigation revealed the aircraft had flown into a hill approximately 300 feet high. Ned was survived by his mother, sister Mary and brother Harold.

It is impossible to rationalize the death of Ned Carr. He had everything going for him—a brilliant future in the Air Force, a career that was the fulfillment of all his dreams as a young man; a fianc[acu]ee whom he loved very much; and friends who thought the world of him. There is consolation for his family, friends and classmates in that, having known Ned for his short time on this Earth, he made each of their lives just a little bit better. He was a good friend and a fine person. His country and the Air Force lost a shining light on that tragic day in April 1948. Bill Moore provided a fitting eulogy for Edward Milton Carr: "I miss Ned Carr and think of him often. I just wish he could have had a bit more time with us.

Man with the burning soul
Has but an hour of breath
To build a ship of truth
On which his soul may sail—
Sail on the sea of death
For death takes a toll
Of beauty, courage, youth,
Of all but truth."

To these beautiful words, the Class of 1946 can only add: "Well Done, Ned; Be Thou At Peace!"

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## Edward Joseph Collins

NO. 15654 CLASS OF 1946

Died 12 October 1984 at Fayetteville, North Carolina, aged 60 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

**Edward Joseph Collins**

The term soldier means many things to many people, but it has a special connotation to those who have spent their lives as professional soldiers. A "soldier's soldier" is a term of respect given to a select few, but one unanimously bestowed upon Edward Joseph (Woodie) Collins. He will be remembered as a soldier to all, a mentor to many and a father figure to the fortunate few who had the opportunity to serve under him. More than a soldier was lost the day he died, a shining light was lost that showed all who follow after him where the moral high ground is and how to get there.

Woodie Collins was born 18 February 1924 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He grew up in



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the Boston area and graduated from Boston Latin School in 1941. A strong sense of family and a deep belief in his Catholic faith were to be the bulwarks of Woodie's future endeavors. A stint at Northeastern University and the Army Air Corps Cadet program intervened between his graduation from high school and his realization of a lifelong dream of entering the United States Military Academy.

As a cadet, Woodie worked hard at academics, and what he learned he retained. His friends from cadet days recall him as a person of impeccable character, thoroughly honest and dependable in every respect. A classmate, Bill Studer, recalled:

"...He was a steady and self-disciplined person who applied himself conscientiously to whatever task needed to be done at the time....Honor didn't seem to be something that he had to learn at West Point; he had quite evidently learned it at home and practiced it all his life. He was a devout Catholic who never seemed to have any doubts about his religion..."

Another classmate, Billy Pendergrass, recalled: "Woodie was a quiet but fierce defender of the right as he saw it. Everyone in G-1 Company knew and respected Woodie."

Graduation saw Woodie go into the Infantry and attend the usual courses at Fort Benning, Georgia. He married his long-time sweetheart, Marie A. Belmonte, in Revere, Massachusetts on 12 April 1947. Marie recalls that Woodie loved being a part of the Army. It came first and Marie, and later the children, accepted and understood that fact. His first assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry in Vienna. From Vienna, he attended the Infantry Advanced Course and then went to Korea, where he served as S-4 with the 17th Infantry, 7th Division. In 1957, Woodie began a series of assignments with the 82nd Airborne Division ranging from company commander, assistant regimental S-3, assistant G-3 to assistant chief of staff, Division Headquarters. From the 82nd, Woodie went to France, where he served with the Support Operations Task Force. In 1964 he received what he considered his most rewarding assignment: battalion commander, 2-327, 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Woodie deployed with his battalion to Vietnam and served there with distinction. One of his company commanders recalls that Woodie embodied the ethic of duty, honor and country and provided a command climate that allowed his subordinates to grow professionally and spiritually. Woodie demonstrated the best sense of balance between mission and men that this officer had ever seen. Before mentoring became the buzz word, Woodie was doing it as a matter of course.

From Vietnam, Woodie attended the Air War College and then served as G-3, Special Warfare Center, Fort Bragg and later became a brigade commander at the Infantry Training Center. From Fort Bragg, he served with the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations in Washington, DC. In 1973, Woodie and Marie traveled to the Presidio of San Francisco, where he served his terminal tour with Recruiting Command. Woodie retired from tbe Army in 1976 as a colonel.

After retirement, he served one year as commandant of a small military school in South Carolina. The Collins finally retired in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Woodie died of cancer on 12 October 1984. He is survived by his wife, Marie, two daughters, Marylee and Lucy, a son, Edward J., Jr. (USMA '72), and his three grandchildren who were the joy of his life, Stephen, Beth and Mike.

Woodie Collins had a dramatic impact on those who served with him. They all recall him with a heartwarming fondness and respect:

"In my opinion, Woodie was one of the finest officers and gentlemen I ever served with."

"He was a tireless worker, extremely loyal to his unit and his superiors."

"As a company, battalion and brigade C.O., he took care of his troops."

"As a staff officer in the 82nd Airborne Division his reputation was well known: Give the job to Woodie if you want it done correctly. Or Ask Woodie, he will know the answer."

"I never once met, talked, marched or sat down with Woodie Collins without thinking that his was the kind of man and soldier that USMA strived to produce."

"Woodie represented everything that West Point intended each graduate to be."

"Above all, he was continuously aware of his responsibilities to the men he commanded. It is noteworthy that they returned this same sense of affection and trust to him."

"His loyalty to home, Marie, friends and moral values was absolute."

Woodie was a quiet, shy man with an inner strength that often surprised his family. He was a loving and caring husband and father. His sense of family and his faith remained an integral part of his life throughout his career. He loved the Army and he was proud of his West Point heritage. His passing left a huge void in the lives of all who knew and loved him. The Class of 1946 joins Marie and the children in declaring, "Well Done, Woodie; Be Thou At Peace!"

*'46 Memorial Article Project and his wife Marie*

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## John William Gillespie, Jr.

NO. 15988 CLASS OF 1946

Died 2 October 1987 at Aberdeen, Maryland, aged 64 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

**John William Gillespie, Jr.**

John William (Jack) Gillespie, Jr. was born 25 April 1923 in Brooklyn, New York. As a youngster, his life paralleled that of most of his contemporaries. He enjoyed sports and was as excellent runner on the St. Augustines High School track team. One of his fondest memories was participating in the 100-yard and 220-yard dash in Madison Square Garden. After graduating from St. Augustines in 1941, Jack attended St. John's University in Brooklyn for a year before receiving his much-sought-after appointment to West Point in 1942. He found academics more than he had bargained for and was turned back to join the Class of 1946.

Starting over was not much easier for Jack. The academic side of cadet life was a constant struggle, but he managed to survive. His roommate, Bernie Janis, recalled that Jack's perseverance was what carried him through the tough struggles with the Academic Departments. On the other hand, he breezed through all other aspects of cadet life. Bernie Janis remembered that Jack was jovial, humorous, a lot of fun and a warm-hearted person. Jack became a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery upon graduation.

Following the usual basic schooling, Jack's first assignment was to Japan in 1947, where he served in various positions with the 865 AAA AW Battalion. He returned to the States in 1949 and was assigned to the 19th AAA Group at Fort Meade, Maryland. While there, Jack married Helen Louise Lewandowski in Brooklyn, New York on 14 April 1950. From Maryland, the Gillespies moved to Fort Bliss, Texas, where Jack attended the Guided Missile Course. This was followed by a year of instruction in Special Weapons at Sandia Base, New Mexico. From there, the Gillespies traveled to Killeen Base, Texas, where Jack was a training officer. In 1955, Jack transferred to the Ordnance Corps. Following the Ordnance Officers Advanced Course, Jack and Helen moved to Germany, where he was assigned to the 12th Ordnance Battalion. Returning to the States, Jack was selected to attend Babson Institute in Wellesley, Massachusetts, where he received his Masters in Business Administration. It was while at Babson that Jack had occasion to renew ties with a childhood friend, Robert (Bob) Walker. The two had been inseparable as youngsters but had only maintained their friendship through correspondence after adulthood. Bob had gone into the oil business and was stationed in Venezuela. In 1958, Bob's wife became ill and returned to the States for treatment in Boston. Their two older children had returned with them and when Bob's wife required lengthy hospitalization, Bob realized that he was in a real bind. His longtime friend Jack and Helen came to his rescue and took the girls into their home for the length of the hospitalization. As Bob recalled: "...and what a blessing that Jack was there to help me. But that was Jack—always there—ready to help and lend support." From Babson, Jack moved to the Springfield Armory, Springfield, Massachusetts, where he served as assistant to the Chief, Operations Division, and later, as chief. In 1964, Jack had a short tour to Korea as chief, Maintenance Division, Camp Carrol Depot. Returning to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland in 1966, Jack retired from the Army on 29 November 1966 with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Jack's first venture into civilian life was with the AAI Corporation in Cockeysville,



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Maryland. He first served as assistant to the president and then as assistant director of manufacturing. In 1973, Jack joined the Dundalk Community College in Dundalk, Maryland as director of Community Services. In 1976 he was promoted to Director of Career Education, a position he held until his retirement in 1985. Jack died on 2 October 1987. He was survived by his wife, Helen, a daughter, Deborah and two sons, John and Robert and his sister Dorothy.

Jack Gillespie was proud of his West Point heritage. He lived by its principles and treasured what it meant to him. He was a loving husband and devoted father. One of the joys of his life was to see his daughter and two sons graduate from college and launch their own successful careers in education, industry and military service. His family was very important to him and he devoted much of his energy to their well-being. In addition to being a patriot and devoted family man, Jack was a good and true friend. Bob Walker recalled: "Jack was a friend in the true meaning of the word. He was there when you needed him. Always thoughtful—compassionate to your needs...As you well know, you may meet many many people in your life and it is truly wonderful when you can say I do have a friend. Jack was and always will be my friend." Jack Gillespie was taken from his family, friends and classmates just when he had reached that point in his life where he could begin to do the things he had dreamed of all his adult life. That he could not do those things is the world's loss, for who knows what accomplishments lay ahead of him. He is missed by all who knew and loved him. The world is a better place for the relatively short time he was here. He will always be remembered. The Class of 1946 joins his family in say, "Well Done, Jack; Be Thou At Peace!"

*'46 Memorial Article Project and His Wife, Helen*

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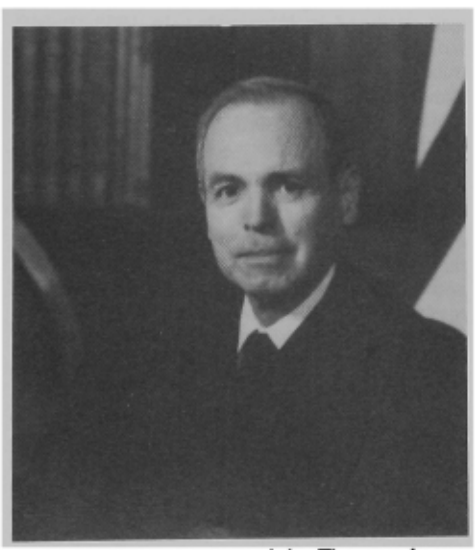
## John Thomas Jones

NO. 15615 CLASS OF 1946

Died 2 September 1991 in Arlington, Virginia, aged 67 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



John Thomas Jones

John Thomas Jones was born 28 September 1923 in Decherd, Tennessee. He was always known as Tom except to a few close cadet friends who knew him as J.T. Tom graduated from Franklin County High School in Winchester, Tennessee in 1942. He was active in sports in high school, being co-captain of his basketball team. Tom entered the University of Tennessee, but after two quarters he was called to active duty from a Reserve status. While receiving Engineer training at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Tom learned his coveted appointment to West Point had come through. On 1 July 1943, he trudged up the hill from the railroad station at West Point to join the Class of 1946.

Though West Point was a far cry from small town life in Tennessee, Tom had little trouble adapting to cadet life. As with so many of his classmates, his goal was to graduate and learn as much as he could in order to reach his full potential as an Army officer. One of his roommates, John J. Schmitt, recalled: "J.T. was an easygoing, good-natured cadet. He had a great sense of humor—accepting the good experiences and the adversities with equal resolve and with a smile. He gained from every experience. His outlook was always positive... Tom was a loyal friend—caring and concerned—ready and wanting to help anyone with any problem at any time." Tom's other roommate, Kibbey Horne, recalled: "...An easy man to live with, he was always thoughtful of other people and willing to help where it was needed. As a cadet, one of his great passions in life was watching sports events. Schmitt and I used to say that the Academy should have awarded him an 'A' for spectating."

Following basic Infantry training at Fort Benning, Georgia, Tom was assigned to Puerto Rico. While traveling back and forth to the States to visit his family, Tom met a Pan Am stewardess, Rachel Larner, whom he started dating. In 1949, Tom transferred to the Judge Advocate General Corps and was sent to Columbia Law School. Tom and Rachel Grace (Skeets) Larner were married in the West Point Chapel on 21 December 1949. Their first son, John Thomas, Jr. was born in 1951. After completing his law degree, Tom was assigned to Headquarters, Third Army at Fort McPherson, Georgia. A second son, Stephen, was born in Georgia. Next Tom and Skeets moved to West Point where Tom became an instructor in the Law Department. During the summer of 1954, Tom developed bulbar polio and was kept alive in an iron lung. He survived, but the paralysis and tissue damage sustained would affect him for the remainder of his life. One result was a restricted air passage which reduced his voice to a whisper. Tom never complained about any of this; he faced his condition as he faced every hardship—with fortitude and a smile. While at West Point, a daughter, Lucy, was born. From West Point, the Joneses moved to Fort Bliss, Texas. This tour was followed by assignment to Okinawa. Two additions to their family, Rachel and Bill, were born during the Okinawa tour. In 1963, Tom returned to the States for assignment to the Office of the Judge Advocate General in Washington, DC. In 1967, Tom volunteered for Vietnam.

Originally slated for a staff job in Saigon, Tom became the Staff Judge Advocate for Task Force Oregon, which was to become the Americal Division headquartered in Chu Lai, Vietnam. Returning to the States, Tom became the Executive Officer, US Army Judiciary in Washington. In 1973, he was appointed to the Army Court of Military Review as a senior judge. He served on the Court until his retirement as a colonel in 1976. Tom was immediately recalled to active duty to serve six more years on the Court. He retired a second time in 1982 after nine years as a military appellate judge. After a brief retirement, Tom joined the administrative office of the United States Courts. In 1984, he was appointed Chief, Magistrates Division. In May of 1991, Tom learned he had a brain tumor. Surgery and radiation treatments were unsuccessful and Tom died 2 September 1991. He is survived by his wife, Skeets; three sons, John T. Jr, Lieutenant Colonel, Judge Advocate General Corps; Stephen, Lieutenant Colonel, Medical Corps; William; and two daughters, Lucy and Rachel.

John Thomas Jones left behind a legacy of professionalism, wisdom, strength of character, devotion to a set of high ideals in every aspect of his life, and respect from all who knew him. His classmates know what a great person he was, but it is revealing to learn the respect and admiration he gained from his associates in the later stages of his career. Wiliam S. Fulton, Jr., now the Clerk of the U.S. Army Court of Military Review, recalled: "Colonel John T. Jones served as an appellate military judge on the US Army Court of Military Review for nine years from 1973-82. The Court sits in three-judge panels, and Tom was the senior judge or presiding judge of his panel....It was immediately apparent that all the judges—not just the two of us on his panel—sought his advice. We turned to him not merely because he had researched and written on nearly every major appellate issue, but because he was fair and wise....Only a few judicial opinions, selected for their contribution to the growth of the law and precedential guidance of lawyers, judges, and staff judge advocates, are published. In all, 140 of Tom's opinions were published..."

James E. Macklin, Jr., Deputy Director, Administrative office of the United States Courts, remembered that the younger people in the magistrates division looked to Tom as the expert in all things. Duane R. Lee, Chief, Court Administration Division, was Tom's immediate superior when Tom joined the Administrative Office. He recalled: "...Most of us are lucky if we find in our lifetime a mentor to guide us on the right path. Usually our mentor is a particularly talented, long-experienced and wise individual who happens to be our boss. I had the great pleasure—and humbling experience—to have my deputy, Tom Jones, some 20 years my senior, as my mentor...I still find myself using his techniques for managing the office and relating to people. They have served me and my staff well... I will always remember Tom Jones. His strength, warmth and friendship will continue with me throughout my days." Gary C. Petty, Tom's assistant, recalled: "...Tom brought a razor-sharp intellect and a prodigious memory to the tasks at hand, and focused on details without ever losing sight of the 'big picture'... Tom always called them as he saw them, acting impartially for the good of the federal court system. He was uniformly courteous to persons from all walks of life, famous judges and temporary employees alike..."

Tom's "course on earth is run." He leaves behind a host of friends and admirers. His family will always treasure their memories of a devoted husband and loving father. His classmates know that it has been their privilege to be associated with such an outstanding example of what a West Pointer should be.



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"Well done, Tom; Be Thou at Peace!"
*'46 Memorial Article Project and his Family*

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## John Donald McGregor

NO. 15936 CLASS OF 1946

Died 12 November 1948 at Eielson Field, Alaska, aged 26 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington Virginia.

**John Donald McGregor**

John Donald (Scotty) McGregor was born 7 October 1922 in Denver, Colorado. He grew up on a sheep ranch near Antonito, Colorado where his father was a flour miller, rancher and an officer and director in the Warshauer-McClure Sheep and Wool Company, one of the largest in Colorado. Scotty graduated from Regis High School in Denver and immediately entered Regis College, from which he received a Bachelors Degree in Mathematics before gaining his appointment to West Point. Scotty joined the ranks of the class of 1946 on 1 June 1943.

Scotty had no basic problems as a cadet but deep down always longed for the independence he had enjoyed as a Scotsman reared in the highlands of Colorado. As his roommate, Pete Grosz, recalled: "I don't believe he ever really understood how we lived by so many rules; however, he was conscientious in compliance and in helping others to comply. He often told us that he was allowed to think independently in college. The requirements for step-by-step presentations of mathematical and scientific solutions were particularly irritating to him." Pete Grosz also remembered that the same Scottish stubborness that caused him to question the system also gave him the perseverance to overcome the obstacles of cadet life. He recalled that Scotty enjoyed life and the people around him, and, after a struggle with the logic of a situation, he could and would laugh at himself. Another roommate, Ralph Meola, remembered that it was Scotty's determination, sense of humor and all-out effort to succeed that sustained him through his cadet days.

The high point of Scotty's cadet life was when he applied for and was accepted into Aviation Cadet Training. The independence he felt when flying reminded him of his youth in Colorado. Scotty had three roommates, and that room, plus one other three-man room in B-2 cadet company, lived in the 7th Division in Central Area. The rest of the company lived in North Area. So, those two rooms felt isolated and became known as the "Gang of Seven". Five members of this group opted for Aviation Training and insisted on attending the same Primary Flying School. One of the 7th Division Gang, John Molchan, recalled: "I don't think Brady, Texas ever recovered from the 7th Division Gang. We had some wonderful times during those 13 short weeks, and Scotty was usually in the middle of the planning and execution of our fun times. Scotty was the leader of the impromptu singing sessions that occurred after dinner and our weekend parties."

John Molchan also recalled that during First Class year the same five air cadets and their fiancees attended social functions as a group. Scotty was always the fun-loving catalyst of this group. Graduation saw Scotty pin on the bars and wings of a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.

Five days after graduation, 9 June 1946, Scotty and Louise S. Rosasco were married in Lynbrook, Long Island, New York. Scotty, along with his fellow multi-engine Air Corps classmates, went to Enid Army Air Base, Oklahoma for B-25 Indoctrination. It was during this training that John Molchan remembered, "Scotty invited a group of classmates and their wives to visit his home in Antonito, Colorado. It was a fabulous weekend that included duck hunting on the family duck ponds, fresh-caught brown trout luncheons, hiking the La Manga 10,000 foot pass between Antonito, Colorado and Chama, New Mexico, and many 'Happy Hours'." From Enid, Scotty joined the 63rd Bomb Squadron of the 43 Bomb Group at Davis-Mothan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona. This was one of about five B-29 Bomb Groups that later were to become the nucleus of the Strategic Air Command. In April of 1947, the McGregors had their first child, a daughter Susan, in Tucson.

A classmate, Merl Hutto, was in the 63rd Squadron with Scotty and remembered: "The social life for second lieutenants at Davis-Mothan centered around those we knew best, our classmates from West Point. Several of us who were married, including Scotty, would have parties at our various houses between trips we made with our squadrons. During this period between the fall of 1946 and the Summer of 1948, most of us went to the Air Tactical School, the Special Weapons School and out on various maneuvers. It was while at the Special Weapons School in March of 1948 that the McGregors had their second daughter, Mary. The Squadron was undergoing a change from B-29s to B-50s. My pilot was transferred out and a Captain Raines took his place. When I went to their Special Weapons School, Scotty replaced me as the copilot in that crew. The fall of 1948 the 63rd Squadron flew to Alaska for Arctic Training. The winter that year had plenty of ice fog and adverse weather causing many flying problems. Consequently, once an aircraft got airborne, there was much to do and most of the flights were long. It was after one of these long flights that Captain Raines and Scotty made a successful landing and were parked at the edge of the runway making their post flight checks. A C-47 was taking off, went out of control and landed on top of Scotty's parked B-50. Both aircraft burned with no survivors. I received this news with great dismay as I considered that crew in its entirety as my closest flying friends." Scotty was survived by his wife, Louise, two daughters, Susan and Mary, his mother and brother, Sandy.

When the news of this tragic event traveled around the world where Scotty's classmates were stationed, they were stunned. What a senseless end to a career of such great potential. Scotty had so much to offer the Air Force, his country and his friends and family. Scotty is remembered by all as a truly good person. John J. Schmitt, Jr., an Air Force classmate at Davis-Mothan with Scotty, recalled how much he and Elsa enjoyed their friendship with the McGregors. John remembered that Scotty was always upbeat, always the optimist, highly respected for his professional skills. Scotty's roommate, Ralph Meola, recalled: "If you had Scotty McGregor's friendship, you had something of true value."

Louise McGregor remembered how much Scotty loved and enjoyed his daughters. He would tuck one under each arm and go visiting while she was in church Sunday morning. Scotty was always outgoing and friendly with an irrepressible sense of humor. Scotty was proud to be a West Pointer. Duty, Honor, Country were not hollow words to him but the framework within which he lived. Those who knew and loved Scotty McGregor remember him as someone who made their life better for his short time with them.

John Molchan provided the following epitaph for Scotty: "Scotty's death was a devastating blow to his family and to his classmates and associates in the Air Force. This fun-loving, easy-going guy was a fine friend, a superb officer, an exemplary aviator, and a loyal husband. Scotty, we consider ourselves fortunate to have known you." To this, the Class of 1946 proudly adds: "Well Done, Scotty; Be Thou At Peace!"

*'46 Memorial Article Project and His Wife, Louise*

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## John Vincent McDonald

NO. 17078 CLASS OF 1949

Died 31 January 1991 in Brookfield, Wisconsin, aged 67 years.

Interment: Wisconsin Memorial Park, Brookfield, Wisconsin.

John V. "Jack" McDonald was born 25 October 1923 in Columbus, Ohio. He attended parochial grade schools both there and in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin and graduated from Campion Jesuit High School in 1941. He attended Marquette University and Xavier University. While attending Xavier he enlisted in the Enlisted Reserve Corps program on 15 December 1942 and was called to active duty in June 1943. After completing basic training in artillery at Fort Sill, he was selected to go to Amherst College on an Army appointment. Although he did not join that first group going to West Point, his determination to go was rewarded by an appointment for the next entering class. He entered the Academy in July 1945.

Jack graduated in June 1949 and shortly after married Linita Margaret Menzner. Their marriage was blessed and by 4 February 1956



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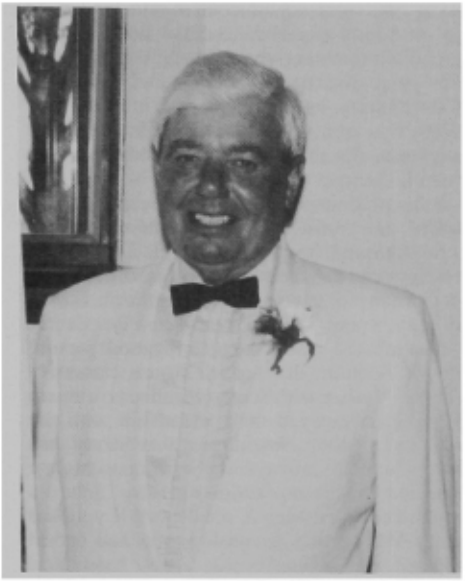

John Vincent McDonald

they had four children: Kathryn M.; John V. Jr.; Sharon M.; and Philip T.

Jack and Nita's first wedding aniversary was 25 June 1950, the day the Korean War began. Jack arrived in Korea in August 1950 and was assigned to the 99th Field Artillery Battalion of the First Cavalry Regiment. Later he was brought back to Battalion Headquarters as Reconnaissance and Survey Officer and then served as Assistant S-3. He was awarded two Bronze Star Medals for Valor and was promoted to captain on 17 September 1951. He returned to the US in December 1951 and was assigned as Assistant S-3 of the 130th Field Artillery group and then Assistant G-3 of the post at Camp McCoy in Sparta, Wisconsin. Later he was Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, where he resigned his commission in December 1953.

Jack then joined the Chippewa Shoe Company in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. He attended Marquette University to study Business Administration and spent six weeks with the United Shoe Machinery Corporation studying footwear manufacturing. During his early years with the company he was sales and advertising manager and later he became the vice-president. Upon the death of his father in 1961, he became president. During his 15 years of leadership sales quintupled and employment tripled. He obtained one of the first industrial bond isues in the state of Wisconsin and built a modern 90,000 square foot plant. He was one of the first in the shoe industry to computerize his firm and was an invited speaker on the use of the computer in the footwear industry.

Jack was active with the American Footwear Industries Asociation, serving as vice-president and director. He was also chairman of its National Affairs Committee, considering the implications of imports on the American economy in general and the footwear industry in particular.

Jack always felt that executives should be involved in their communities and showed he meant it by being involved in the funding and building of an Elks Lodge, a parochial high school, a hospital and a chemical dependency unit. Until he left Chippewa Falls in 1979, he was the only president of the St. Joseph's Hospital Advisory Council. He was also chairman of the United Fund, director of the local Chamber of Commerce and a state president of the Wisconsin Elks Association. He was involved in many other business and philanthropic organizations and was called on for leadership positions in all of them. Jack was installed as a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre in April 1976. Membership in this Catholic order is the highest papal honor which can be conferred on laity in the church.

Jack retired from the Chippewa Shoe Company in December 1976 and moved to Brookfield, Wisconsin in 1979. While in Brookfield, Jack became involved with his parish and grade school. He enjoyed golf, bridge and frequent visits with his children who by now had grandchildren. Jack and Nita traveled extensively and their last trip was a memorable five weeks in Germany and the Balkans. They returned home on 18 October 1990. On 18 December Jack underwent hip surgery and bone cancer was detected. He died at his home on 31 January 1991 of acute leukemia.

While in the hospital Jack prepared the liturgy for his funeral. He requested the West Point "Alma Mater" be played in lieu of a homily at his funeral mass and selected "The Corps" as the recessional hymn.

Jack was truly a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather. He instilled self-confidence in his children and was proud of their achievements.

*Linita M. McDonald and John V. McDonald, Jr*

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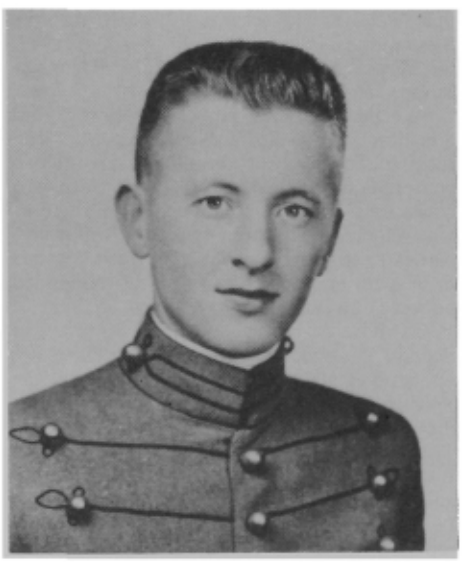
## John Otto Vogel

NO. 17240 CLASS OF 1949

Died 14 October 1986 in Elgin, Illinois, aged 59 years.

Interment: Wayne Township Cemetery, Wayne, Illinois.



John Otto Vogel

John Otto Vogel was born 14 January 1927 in Chicago, Illinois, the third child of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Vogel of Elmhurst, Illinois. He graduated from York Community High School in Elmhurst and went to Elmhurst Colege for one year. He then enlisted and served for three months as a private at the Infantry Replacement Training Center before receiving notice of his appointment.

In July 1945, John entered the United States Military Academy, an appointee of Representative Chauncey W. Reed of Illinois' 11th Congressional District. The appointment was awarded on the basis of a competitive qualifying examination. John's interests at the Academy were varied: He was manager of the lacrosse team in his plebe year; active in the Chess, Skeet, and Ski Clubs; and a Sunday school teacher for three years. He attained the rank of sergeant in his first class year. John's roommate during plebe year wrote that John was a good and loyal friend and a wise counselor. He recalled that John always spoke the truth to the point of self-incrimination. The words in the *Howitzer* were to prove most prophetic: "Caring little for personal glory, he derived his greatest contentment from helping others, a trait that will win for him the deep and lasting admiration of his fellow men."

From the Academy, John was commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps. He spent his first year in three successive school assignments as a student at the Ground General School, Fort Riley, Kansas; Anti-Aircraft Artillery Basic Course, Fort Bliss, Texas; and the Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. While at Fort Riley, John went back to Illinois to marry Joan Elizabeth Pustaver of Waukegan, Illinois, on 12 November 1949. From Fort Sill, John was assigned to the 49th Field Artillery Battalion and served in the Division Artillery Air Section, Seventh Infantry Division, in the Korean War. As a forward artillery observer, John was awarded the Air Medal for exceptionally meritorious service. The citation stated that by piloting an unarmed aircraft at low altitude over enemy-held territory, Lieutenant Vogel repeatedly exposed himself and his plane to Communist ground fire in his determined efforts to provide adjustment of friendly artillery fire. John's last assignment was in command of an artillery unit at Montauk Point, New York. He resigned in 1955 as a first lieutenant. Shortly afterwards, in 1955, he agreed to his father's deathbed wish that he stay in the Elmhurst, Illinois area to look after his mother.

Immediately after leaving the service, John sold insurance and worked in retail establishments. He then went to Point Barrow, Alaska, for 18 months and worked on the Early Aircraft Warning System. Upon his return from Alaska, John and Joan settled in Oak Park, Illinois, and John entered Loyola University in Chicago to become a lawyer. He could frustrate people by arguing one side of an issue and then turn around to argue successfully the other side. John received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence in 1963.

John and Joan then moved to Wayne, Illinois, and adopted two children, Andrew John, born 15 July 1964, and Mary Kay, born 1 July 1965. After working for a law firm, John joined the Public Defender's Office of DuPage County, Illinois. He quickly gained a reputation for successfully defending those unable to pay legal expenses. In his later private practice in West Chicago he often handled clients from the Hispanic community for no fee. His West Chicago practice was preceded by a venture into politics, in which he served for a number of years as a Wayne Township Supervisor.

John and Joan were divorced in 1974. He resided on the premises of his office in West Chicago with his dog, Ginger. John had a passionate love for animals and served as a member of the board of directors of the Anderson



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Animal Shelter, Humane Society of North Central Illinois, from 1972 to 1986.

To the end there was a spirit of youth in John. His transportation was a sports car and a motorcycle. His untimely death occurred in a one-car accident when he failed to negotiate a curve in the road at night on returning to his office from visiting a client.

Controversial at times, but always concerned and dedicated, John was laid to rest in a small, secluded cemetery in Wayne, Illinois in accordance with his wishes.

Yes, John, you helped many along the way. Rest in peace!

*Joan, Andrew, Mary Kay and his brother Lawrence*

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## Albert John Dombrowsky, Jr.

NO. 18741 CLASS OF 1952

Died: 24 January 1988 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 59 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

**Albert John Dombrowsky, Jr.**

Albert John Dombrowsky, Jr., known by his family as "Jack" and his friends as "Al" or "Alf," was born an "Army Brat" in the Canal Zone to Senta (Hawkins) and A. J. Dombrowsky, Sr. (Lieutenant Colonel Retired, deceased, USMA '24). As a typical brat he had a relatively undistinguished high school record in four different schools but, due to his persistence, won a qualified alternate appointment to West Point after some excellent preparation at Sullivan's School in Washington. Originally scheduled for graduation in '51, he finally graduated in 1952. Perhaps his greatest distinction as a cadet was his record-setting slug for an Army-Navy game rules infraction involving an encounter with the legendary Army Coach, "Red" Blaik. He served his initial tour after OBC at Fort Benning with the Second AD in Worms, Germany. Al often described his interesting military career as abnormal and especially different from what was popular and career enhancing at the time. How many infantry men have served in an infantry troop unit at Fort Devens, Massachusetts? How many have served as executive officer to the DCS Communications on the Army staff? How many have served as a commander of a Battle Group HHC? And he even tested BZ (LSD) while attending the Infantry Advanced Course.

Al's first real combat tour was in New York City, where he commuted from his parents' home in Queens to serve as a recruiting operations officer at 39 Whitehall Street. That assignment led to a below-the-zone promotion to major and his assignment to a JROTC Professor of Military Science assignment at Saint Johns Military Academy in Delafield, Wisconsin, where he met and married Julanne Danoski. Even this marriage came after his family had despaired of his ever marrying. That loving union produced sons Steven, of Grand Rapids, North Dakota; Scott, of San Antonio, Texas; Stuart, of San Antonio, Texas; and a daughter Senta, of San Antonio, Texas. In Vietnam Al commanded the First Battalion, 6th Infantry, Americal Division, and successfully defended Chu Lai from mortars and rockets in 1968-69. His final ten years of service were spent working with the Reserve components in the Mid-West as a Readiness Region Infantry Coordinator, the Fifth Army DCS Training and the Inspector General at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Al loved Texas and resided there during his seven years of retirement, which he spent in college and working with H&R Block and as a consultant to several local businesses.

Almost all of those who worked for Al had nothing but the highest praise for his sharp mind, his distinctive sense of humor and his concern for subordinates. Al's death was attributed to an extremely virulent strain of cancer, but it allowed him almost a month with the family he so loved. The funeral service conducted by an old friend, Father Russo, was perhaps the most touching and comforting all in attendance had ever heard. Over 100 mourners, including his immediate family, classmates and those who were lucky enough to have worked with him during his long career, attended. Al, you will be missed because you touched so many in such a positive way.

*His loving brother and family*

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## Silvio Pelosi

NO. 20669 CLASS OF 1956

Died 23 December 1989 in Red Bank, New Jersey, aged 56 years.

Interment: Holmdel Cemetery, Holmdel, New Jersey

If you are truly fortunate in life, you cross paths with a special person who builds your character, teaches you valuable lessons and, most important, is there to listen to you.

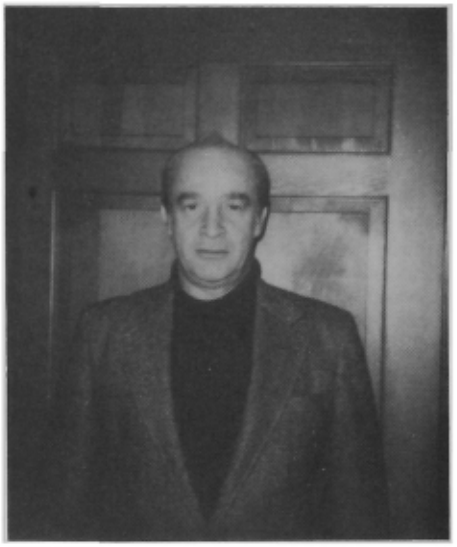
Sil Pelosi, who lost his long battle with cancer on 23 December 1989 was that special person.

A 1956 graduate of the United States Military Academy, he distinguished himself by being on the Dean's list all semesters and graduating 24th in a class of 480.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the Signal Corps and assigned to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, he later received a master's degree in industrial engineering from Stanford University.

In Vietnam, Pelosi received the Bronze Star for valor for rescuing wounded American soldiers under fire during an enemy ambush.

After his Vietnam tour, he was assigned to



**Silvio Pelosi**

the US Army Strategic Communications Command, Washington, DC, for the design of the AUTODIN and the Worldwide Defense Communications System. The formal cutoverceremony was presented by Pelosi entirely in French to the NATO defense community.

After 11 years of service, he resigned his commission in June 1967, just prior to being considered for promotion to lieutenant colonel.

After serving as program mananger of the TACFIRE engineering support effort for Auerbach Corporation, he rejoined DOD in 1972 and was promoted to Project Manager, US Army Tactical Data Systems.

He became deputy director of the Center for Tactical Computer Systems (CENTACS) at Fort Monmouth in 1978 and made significant contributions to automating various Army Field Artillery and Maneuver Control Systems.

At Teledyne Brown Engineering, a DOD Aerospace Corporation, he was the Director of Eastern Operations, which included the Washington, Fort Monmouth, AMCOM, Boston, Fort Sill, and Fort Leavenworth program offices, an operation involving 265 personnel at its peak.

In all his endeavors, he was committed to bringing out the best in people, doing it right the first time and training everyone he could in the process. Sil's participation in the West Point Dialectic Society amply prepared him with the powers of persuasion and logic needed to motivate his employees, who on many occasions were on the receiving end of his well-deserved bombardments and blessings.

If one of his employees demonstrated initiative or the resolve to undertake a new business venture or tasking, he was ready to assist with guidance or to challenge with a different perspective. He impressed us all with the need to see the big picture, to see where we were headed.

Lieutenant General Rodgers, Commander, US Army Intelligence, in a letter to Pelosi's wife Jan, said, "...all of us who had the chance to know Sil were better for the experience...and we are forever thankful."

Pelosi is survived by his wife Jan; daughters Donna, Karen and Vicki; son Ron; and grandson Brandon.

His son Ron wrote of his father, "To be



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able to describe my father in so many words would be impossible. The impact that he had on my life can never be measured. As a graduate of West Point, he dedicated much of his life to serving his country. When I was younger, he had to be away from home, due to either the war or business. To say how proud I am of him would surely be an understatement of how I feel.

"My father knew how to love, respect and better me throughout my life. He consistently showed others how much he cared about their ideas and dreams. If you failed at something, it was all right because he believed failure made you more determined to do it right."

Even though my father has passed away, he lives on inside of me. There isn't a day that passes that I don't think about his will and determination, whether throughout his career or in his fight with cancer."

"The day I lost my father, I lost my best friend — a man who gave his best, not for personal gain, but for that of others. My father's life stands as a tribute to West Point. He lived everyday with a fighting will, loyalty to his peers and giving the best he had to his family. Just as that "Long Gray Line" goes on, so does my father's spirit inside of me."

A Sil Pelosi Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established at Rutgers University in New Jersey. The goal is to collect enough funds for an endowed scholarship for an incoming freshman who exhibits academic excellence in the physical sciences, engineering or computer languages and who has made contributions to his/her community needs or has demonstrated leadership qualities.

Donations can be made to: Rutgers University Foundation, 191 College Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901, with the notation, "Sil Pelosi Memorial Scholarship Fund."

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## Gerald Joseph Lhotak

NO. 22680 CLASS OF 1959

Died 17 September 1991 in Maylene, Alabama, aged 54 years.

Memorial Services held at Indian Springs Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Pelham, Alabama, 21 September 1991, and body was donated to the University of Alabama's Research Center.

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Gerald Joseph Lhotak was born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, on 4 April 1937. He was the youngest son of Ferdinand R. and Theresa

Gerald Joseph Lhotak

Lhotak. He attended public schools in Wayne, Pennsylvania, then because his father had been bandmaster at Valley Forge Military Academy for many years, Gerald entered Valley Forge under his father's sponsorship in 1951. He received many gold stars for his achievements while at the Academy, as well as being in the band. (We do not have to wonder why he was in the band do we?) He graduated from Valley Forge in 1955 and went on to West Point. His classmates there have said that he hardly cracked a book, had a big heart but a sharp tongue, and was best known for his golden trumpet. He graduated with the K-1 class in 1959.

He entered the Army as a second lieutenant in June of 1959 at the United States Army Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He graduated in November 1959 and then attended the US Army Air Defense Missile School, Fort Bliss, Texas and graduated in January of 1960. Next he attended the US Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Alabama, from which he graduated in November 1960. He served at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, in the Headquarters, Fifth Region, USARADSCH, as command aviator and aviation supply officer from November 1960 to August 1962. After his discharge from the Army, he went to work for the Boeing Company as an aero-space engineer on the Saturn V Program in Louisiana, Florida and Alabama until June of 1967. He then took a job as a mathematics and science instructor for the Marjorie Walters School in Metairie, Louisiana until 1969. He left there to attend Tulane University to pursue graduate work in physics from 1969-70. In 1976 and 1977 he went to real estate appraiser school for both residence and commercial properties.

He was a life member of the Association of Graduates; a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics; and the American Meteorlogical Society. He was Training and Operations Officer, Assistant Rescue Chief (Captain) for Civil Defense; Aerospace and Ground Rescue Officer (Captain) for Civil Air Patrol; and a United States Air Force Auxillary Special Operations Group Training Officer (Captain). He was also a standard and advanced first aid instructor, American Red Cross; a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and a V.I.S.T.A. volunteer for the Alabama (Shelby County) Department of Human Resources. Whatever job he had he gave more than 100%, and he was one who wanted perfection and would work until he was satisfied that a job was completed. He married Edith Sellars in April 1980. They moved to Calera, Alabama in 1983 and lived there until her death in 1986. Gerald then became a priest in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He never had any children of his own, but he loved his stepchildren dearly.

He met his present wife, Ellen Fancher, and they were married in December 1988, then they renewed their vows, and had their marriage blessed by the Bishop of the church on 14 February 1989. Gerald baptized his wife on Easter Sunday, 15 April 1990. What a glorious day in their lives and what a way to start a marriage. They enjoyed their life, being together and doing things together. Gerald loved helping people in any way that he possibly could. His sudden death left everyone in a state of shock. He leaves his wife Ellen, three stepsons, Edward Braun, of Maylene, Alabama; James A. Fancher, of Malone, New York; and Paul A. Fancher of Fort Hood, Texas; five sisters, Marie Skarda, of Forest Park, Illinois; Frances Macak, of Chicago, Illinois; Lillian Hansen, of Edgerton, Wisconsin; Elsie Lucas, of Shaumburg, Illinois; and Anita Keithley of New Richmond, Wisconsin. Gerald loved God and lived by the words of DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY, while passing through this world to be at HOME with our LORD.

We bless him in the name of Jesus Christ.



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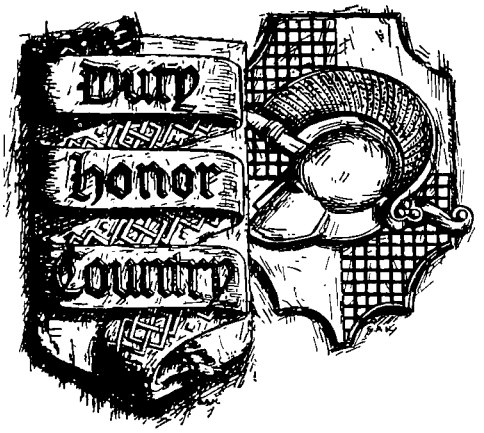


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| *Name* | *Class* | *Date of Death* | *Place of Death* |
|---|---|---|---|
| James A. Van Fleet | 1915 | 23 September 1992 | Polk City, Florida |
| William R. Gerhardt | Aug-1917 | 24 August 1992 | Fort Belvoir, Virginia |
| Alexander S. Bennet | 1919 | 27 August 1992 | San Antonio, Texas |
| Kenneth S. Sweany | 1923 | 8 August 1992 | Burlington, Vermont |
| Clyde D. Eddleman | 1924 | 19 August 1992 | Washington, DC |
| John H. McCormick | 1925 | 24 July 1992 | San Antonio, Texas |
| Henry R. Baxter | 1926 | 2 August 1992 | Coatsville, Pennsylvania |
| Frederick P. Munson | 1926 | 3 September 1992 | Washington, DC |
| Frank L. Blue, Jr. | 1929 | 9 July 1992 | Port Charlotte, Florida |
| Robert Alan | 1931 | 23 September 1992 | Branford, Connecticut |
| Frank A. Bogart | 1931 | 1 August 1992 | Pensacola, Florida |
| James B. Corbett | 1931 | 23 August 1992 | Bethesda, Maryland |
| Peter O. Ward | 1931 | 15 August 1992 | Charlottesville, Virginia |
| Frank H. Britton | 1932 | 27 August 1992 | Largo, Florida |
| Walter A. Rude | 1932 | 29 September 1991 | Tucson, Arizona |
| Arthur R. Cyr | 1933 | 12 September 1992 | Fort Sam Houston, Texas |
| Samuel S. Campanella | 1938 | 27 August 1992 | Newport, Rhode Island |
| Robert D. Offer | 1938 | 4 September 1992 | Lawton, Oklahoma |
| John W. Thompson | 1938 | 2 September 1992 | St. Augustine, Florida |
| William A. Hinternhoff | 1939 | 27 September 1992 | Newport News, Virginia |
| Samuel B. Magruder | 1941 | 21 December 1990 | Vicksburg, Mississippi |
| John D. McGowan | Jan-1943 | 9 September 1992 | Scottsdale, Arizona |
| William B. Arnold | Jun-1943 | 21 September 1992 | Washington, DC |
| Donald A. Detwiler | Jun-1943 | 29 August 1992 | Ridge, New York |
| Seth R. Frear | Jun-1943 | 4 August 1992 | Miami, Florida |
| Duncan Palmer | 1944 | 17 June 1992 | Wichita, Kansas |
| Fred C. Parker, III | 1945 | 10 September 1992 | El Paso, Texas |
| Cecil L. Rutledge, Jr. | 1945 | 9 August 1992 | Summit, New Jersey |
| William L. Clapp, Jr. | 1946 | 12 March 1992 | Knoxville, Tennessee |
| James R. Allen | 1948 | 11 August 1992 | Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland |
| George W. Miller | 1952 | 18 December 1990 | Charlottesville, Virginia |
| Thoralf M. Sundt, Jr. | 1952 | 9 September 1992 | Rochester, Minnesota |
| Sterling R. Nichols, Jr. | 1955 | 10 September 1992 | Guatemala City, Guatemala |
| Donald A. Fisch | 1956 | 18 August 1992 | Portage, Michigan |
| Darrold J. Erickson | 1957 | 27 August 1992 | New Port Richey, Florida |

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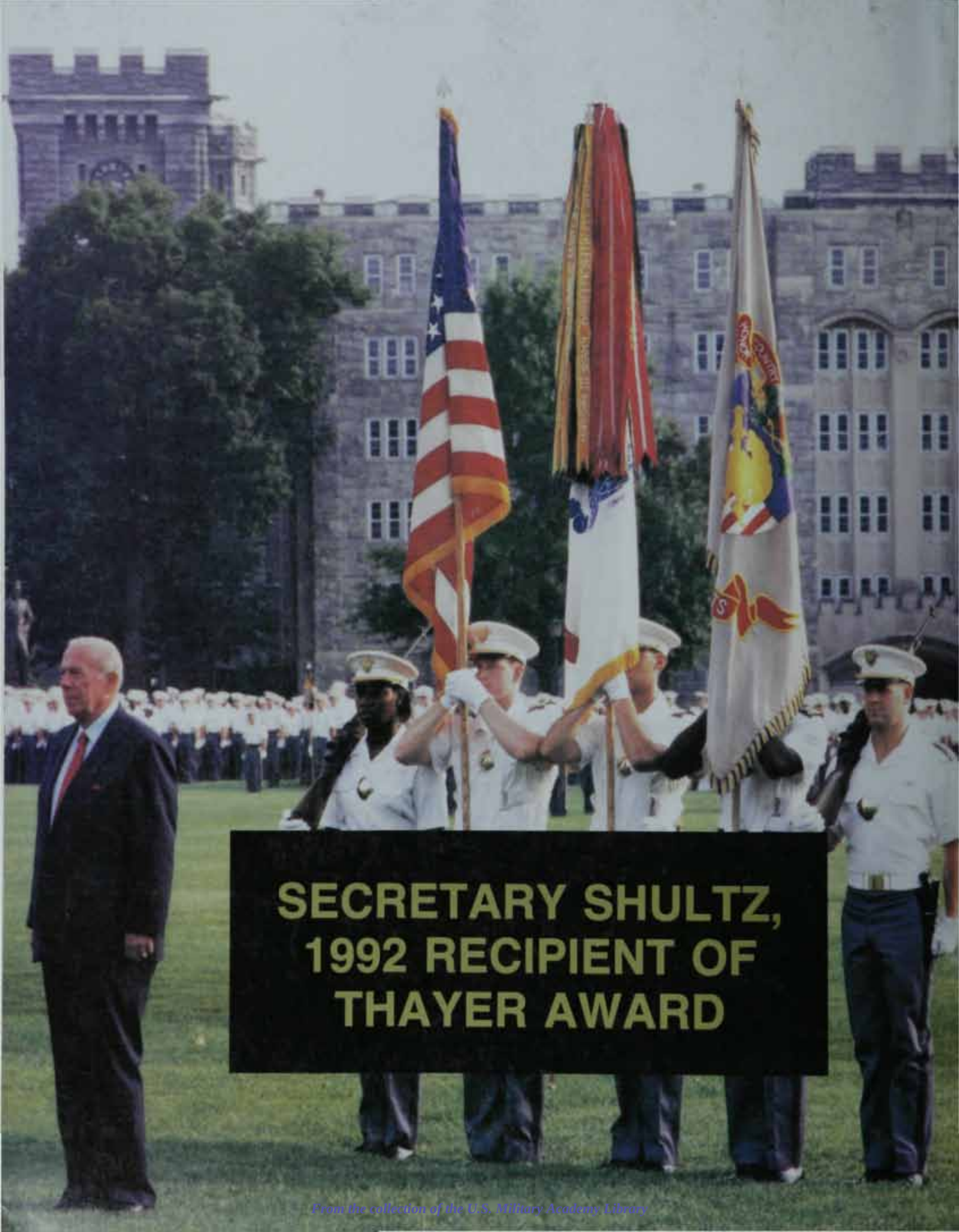


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