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Dear Graduates and Friends of USMA.

Spring is arriving and the green foliage of the Hudson Valley is beginning to come to life. Though the winter days have been gray, there has been no lack of life at West Point. Activity is a constant in the mission of both the Corps and the West Point community. This constancy of our mission and the revitalization of our surroundings are the topics of my letter this March.

General Gordon Sullivan, Chief of Staff of the Army, recently approved a minor revision to the USMA mission statement. The revision reinserts the words "throughout a career" into the one which was adopted in 1987. The mission statement now reads as follows:

> The mission of the United States Military Academy is to educate and train the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate shall have the attributes essential to professional growth *throughout a career* as an officer of the Regular Army and to inspire each to a lifetime of service to the nation.

Historically, all forms of the USMA mission statement in effect between 1941 and 1987 included the word "career." The statement in effect from 1924 through 1940 did not, and there was no earlier mission statement. We believe that restoring the phrase "throughout a career" to the statement is consistent with USMA's historical role as well as its future service to the Army and the nation.

The revised mission statement retains an important strength of the 1987 version, its reference to a lifetime of service to the nation. Earlier mission statements had been interpreted by some to indicate that the Academy had failed in its mission when graduates left military service short of a full career. This new statement preserves the goal of a lifetime of service to the nation by our graduates in or out of uniform, while restoring the emphasis that the Academy exists to graduate Army officers with attributes necessary for a successful military career.

We have retained the reference to officers of "the Regular Army" even through, after 1996, Regular commissions will be awarded only to officers who have served at least one year on active duty, because we anticipate that our graduates will compete successfully for the Regular commissions.

Revitalization of our physical plant is an important element of current mission accomplishment. We have a beautiful, historic facility at West Point that contributes greatly to the environment in which cadets develop into Army leaders. Any college president or military installation commander today will tell you that the backlog of maintenance of facilities is a major problem. Operational requirements frequently draw funds from facility maintenance accounts, aggravating the backlog. West Point is no exception.

Over the past several years, in coordination with the Army staff, we have developed a comprehensive facilities revitalization plan and have programmed funds to bring our deteriorated facilities back to standard. A full spectrum of work already has begun. The photographs accompanying this letter show some of the projects underway. These and other projects may well cause some inconvenience to those of us who live, work and study at West Point, as well as to the three million or so who visit us each year. But the work must be done, and it must be done now.

Our goal is to complete the revitalization program by 2002 so that the Academy will be in great shape for the Bicentennial. Complementing revitalization is a renewed program of cyclic maintenance to ensure that the facilities remain capable of supporting our mission. The program also will be a disciplined effort: We have agreed at all levels that funds will not be transferred from the revitalization program to offset reductions in operating funds. Another complement to the program is expanded self-help participation. Family housing occupants, equipped with power tools and supplies from our Self-Help Shop, are doing minor home repairs as well as installing fences and decks. Each cadet company also has a self-help program and is equipped with the necessary tools and supplies to perform minor repairs in the barracks.

A temporary smokestack carries exhaust from the power plant during the relining of the principal smokestack next to Thayer Hall.

Several major projects are now well underway: The top two floors of Thayer Hall are being renovated this year. Steam and gas line repairs have a high priority, as do roof and external building repairs. Roof or masonry projects are underway on the Cadet Mess Hall, Cadet Chapel, Mahan Hall and Lincoln Hall. And the power plant is getting a new boiler and a relined smokestack. In 1993, we expect to let contracts for numerous cadet barracks repairs, as well as for renovations of labs, offices and classrooms in Bartlett and Washington Halls. Similar projects will extend through 1997.

Four projects will require major Military Construction or Family Housing Construction funds. The troop barracks near Buffalo Soldiers Field are scheduled for renovation in

Decayed natural gas lines along Thayer Road are being replaced. This project is almost complete and should not interfere with traffic during Graduation Week.

Warehouse near Thayer Gate which formerly housed the Visitors' Center is being removed. The Provost Marshal/Military Police Operations Center will be constructed on the site.

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Exterior masonry repairs on Washington Hall. Total program for exterior repairs will extend over the next five years.

1994; we will retain the exteriors of the historic 9th and 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers barracks but will modernize the interiors to current standards. In 1995, we will renovate the Cadet Mess to bring food preparation, storage and ventilation systems to standard. Design contracts have been let for the barracks and mess projects.

The Cadet Gymnasium is being renovated over several years and will include a major construction contract in 1996. As many of you know, the gym has six sections, constructed at different times. We hope to better integrate the facility into one, efficient system, making the best use of its extensive capacity.

Our Family Housing program involves revitalizing all quarters that are over twenty years old and consolidating all Army family housing onto the West Point installation. Currently, some 200 staff and faculty families live at Stewart Army Subpost near Newburgh. Renovation of old quarters is moving deliberately, and plans for consolidation have support at Department of Army. We hope to replace the family housing units at Stewart, in Gray Ghost and in Dunover Court by constructing new units near Stony Lonesome. If we are successful in this venture, West Point will be able to divest itself of the Stewart facility and save over

Family housing repairs include repairing or replacing the 55-year-old slate roofing on the Field Grade Officer quarters in Lee Housing area.

Recently completed carports in the junior enlisted housing area along Biddle Loop have replaced deteriorated wooden garages in that housing area.

$5 million in annual operating costs.

Our plan is to have all contracts for the complete revitalization program in effect by 1997. The effort is ambitious— the total cost is over $300 million —but currently we have solid Army, Department of Defense and Congressional support. Of course, we hope that the support will continue, and we shall manage carefully each of the major construction authorizations and appropriations. We currently are ahead of schedule on the minor projects. The state of the economy has resulted in project awards from competitive bidding at about 80% of our original estimates, and we have advanced other projects as a result of these savings. Progress will be paced by fund availability and by quality control in planning, design and execution, as well as by whatever constraints are necessary to maintain effective Academy and community operations.

It is important that we alumni realize that this disciplined revitalization program increases the Academy's reliance on gift funds to provide a full and challenging program for our cadets in this environment of reduced appropriated funds. We expect to receive funds sufficient for the essential program, but, in a period of austerity, gift funds will be necessary to provide an effective and enjoyable program.

The effectiveness and enjoyment of current activities at West Point were enhanced considerably by our 25-24 football victory over Navy. I was proud of the team and the Corps, and I know you were, too. I've received numerous letters about the game, as Supes always do. Needless to say, this year's letters brought more joy than last year's, but one of the most meaningful was the one from Vice Admiral (Ret) Bill Lawrence, Superintendent of the Naval Academy, 1978-91. Admiral Lawrence wrote,

> "I have played in or attended Army-Navy games for 45 years, and I consider last Saturday's contest among the most hotly contested. But I must say that the determination and never-say-die spirit of the Army team in that game was the best I have seen. I congratulate all of you at West Point for this achievement. You are all obviously doing the right things there."

Recently completed storm drainage control project at the north end of Grey Ghost housing area, part of our post-wide infrastructure revitalization.

I continue to receive positive feedback on most of our efforts at West Point. For example, a student at Rutgers University, Glenn Dekhayser, wrote to me recently after his attendance at the Student Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA), sponsored annually by the Social Sciences Department and funded through gifts to the Association of Graduates. Glen said,

> "I cannot adequately express my gratitude for your having me at the Academy for the 44th annual SCUSA. The experience was unforgettable, and I really believe that those three days may have actually altered my career and life paths.
>
> "Let me say a few words about your cadets. When I arrived, I was unsure of the treatment we would receive from the students, who no doubt shoulder the heaviest burdens of any college student in the country. Upon leaving, I realized that your cadets deserve and command the utmost respect. They managed to field all of the questions of the SCUSA delegates, while still keeping up with their everyday work. The only thing that kept me from feeling sorry for them was the pride I felt emanating from both the cadets and those who were visiting them.
>
> I sincerely hope that students for years to come will benefit from the SCUSA as much as I did. I also hope they leave the Academy with as much respect for the cadets as I have."

The words by which we express the mission of USMA change now and then, as do the facilities which house our efforts to promote the mission. But the constant over our long history has been West Point's unfailing success in fulfilling that mission on behalf of the nation. I know you are as proud as I am of that success.

From Gracie and me, best wishes from West Point.

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

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Letters to the Editor

KUDOS FOR NOVEMBER 1992 ASSEMBLY DEDICATED TO FLIGHT

As a participant in the survey relating to the AOG and Army Air Corps/U.S. Air Force West Point graduates, I was probably one of your severest critics.

Now I welcome the opportunity to congratulate you on the November 1992 edition of the *ASSEMBLY*. Thank you for recognizing the relationship and background of cadet and post-graduation flying, and also thank you for the excellent article on General Partridge.

Seeing pilots and aircraft on the front cover was a very pleasant surprise.

In closing, please remember me to Seth Hudgins, Jr. I was fortunate to work as a TAC under his father.

Evan W. Rosencrans '48

WINGS OF WEST POINT

Colonel Pappas' "Wings of West Point" article was most interesting and enjoyable. However, COL Pappas must have had problems with Plebe math, as his counting through the 40's missed a very important number.

Yes, COL Pappas, there *is* life after 45! The Class of '46 also went to pilot training!

We left for Primary Flight Training in Florida, Texas, and Oklahoma on 15 April of 1945. As we marched to the railroad station wearing summer khaki and BROWN shoes, the Second Regiment was forming in North Area in FD, with rifles, to go to the funeral parade in New York for President Roosevelt.

Upon completion of Primary, we reported to Stewart AAF for Basic. In nine weeks of July and August, we completed the usual 16-week program. No grass grew under our tires! Our first summer triumph came when our formation escorted the Corps down Route 9W as they returned from Pine Camp.

Because the weekend flying program had been unsatisfactory, we were placed in separate academic sections for a shortened academic year, and in mid-March of 1946 we moved to Stewart. We then spent full time on our flying training. We received our wings at Stewart from General Spaatz in the hangar that is now the airline passenger terminal, and then put on our wings and sunglasses and returned to the Point. The second summer triumph came when the now full-fledged pilots provided an excellent fly-over at Graduation Parade.

The washout rate for '46 was terrible. Additional pilots were not needed as the war was ending. VE Day occurred during Primary and VJ Day during Basic. We were the final class at the civilian Primary schools. Despite this, about one-fourth (I believe the number was 209) of '46 was commissioned as pilots in the Air Corps. Our class wrote the final chapter in the pilot training of West Point Cadets.

Frederick L. Hafer '46

I read with interest the article, "Wings of West Point," by Colonel George S. Pappas '44 in the November issue of *ASSEMBLY*. The article was interesting and most informative, but I would like to correct some of the information concerning the Class of 1945.

In the course of flight training during our cadet days, our class lost five (not three) classmates because of air accidents. They were Robert B. Clark, who died on 30 April 1945; J. Lee Forney, who died on 19 August 1944; Vernon E. Hanson, who died on 11July 1944; Arthur R. Morrison, who died on 25 May 1945; and Donald M. Thrun, who died on 12 July 1944. Since Morrison's death occurred so close to our graduation, his diploma was awarded posthumously, and he carries Cullum No. 14884. We actually had 268 (not 294) who graduated with their wings.

James H. Elkey '45

JUNE IN JANUARY '43

Here are a couple of footnotes to George Pappas' article, "June in January," which appeared in the Jan 93 *ASSEMBLY*.

When we received our diplomas, we expected commissions in the Regular Army. Instead, we each received a letter from the War Department, Adjutant General's Office, reading: "By direction of the President you are temporarily appointed and commissioned in the Army of the United States." But we were given Regular Army serial numbers. No explanation was offered at the time. It turned out that appointments in the Regular Army

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Dear Fellow Graduates:

Although you are reading this in March, I'm actually writing it in January (editors are ruthless about deadlines!). So the 1992 Army-Navy game is still very fresh in my mind. It was certainly the most exciting Army football game I can remember, and perhaps the most exciting of this long series. Did you know that only *two* of the 93 Army-Navy games have been decided by one point? (The other was 1971: a 24-23 Army victory). Congratulations to Bob Sutton and his coaching staff! They prepared our team and imbued it with a determination to win that wouldn't be denied. The Army game plan, the wishbone offense, the defense led by co-captains Mike McElrath and Dan Davis, and the cool courage of kicker Patmon Malcom all combined to write a storybook finish to this once-in-a-lifetime football game!

A number of grads commented on the outstanding spirit in the Corps this year. And one fan, who hadn't attended West Point, was heard to say, when Army was behind 24-7, "you'd think they were winning, the way they are cheering!" I believe one more congratulation is in order: to the Class of 1993! To paraphrase an old political maxim, "As the First Class goes, so goes the Corps!" They are charged with providing the leadership, both on and off the field, and they did. Down seventeen points, the Army team, and the Corps of Cadets, again showed their mettle—a stirring victory and a fantastic finish for a tumultuous year.

Let's hope that the spirit and mettle shown in Philadelphia is alive in all the members of the Long Gray Line, for there are many challenges ahead—for the Army and for West Point (and in the opinion of some, right now the game is not going well). The environment is changing, Academy needs are changing, resources are changing.

To cope with these currents and those to come, the AOG is in the process of reassessing its role, its goals and its programs so as to better support West Point and our fellow graduates in the decade ahead. The AOG Strategic Planning Committee, under the leadership of Paul DeCoursey, has been charged to lead this reassessment.

The Committee is looking at our stated purpose and a proposed mission statement that would amplify how we would accomplish our purpose. The Committee believes that the AOG's primary focus should not be on the Academy itself, but rather on how the AOG can assist and support West Point as it faces an uncertain future.

Some grads have suggested the notion that the AOG should serve as the guardian of the "true essence" of West Point—that the AOG should speak out and advise when Academy policies and programs are perceived to diminish that true essence. In my view, such a notion is unrealistic and flawed. It presumes that there exists within the AOG, or elsewhere within our graduate constituency, some sort of consensual repository of core values, against which all Academy policies and programs must pass muster. Certainly, many of us have views and concerns about the directions the Academy is taking in a number of areas. For most of us, the West Point of today can never measure up to the West Point of the "golden age" (read, "when we were cadets"). That West Point, of course, was relevant to a world, to a society, to a nation, to an Army that bears little resemblance to today's conditions or to those of the future.

In my view, "the Corps has..."gotten a lot better. They are smarter, stronger and faster, and they are the same patriotic, hard-working young people they always have been. Considering the grave external challenges West Point recently weathered and those we all know are yet to come, should not the focus of the AOG be outward? The Strategic Planning Committee is following a fundamental paradigm that looks outward, that seeks the establishment of long-term goals and programs designed to equip the AOG to support the Academy and our grads in ways relevant to the challenges to be faced as we approach our bicentennial. Some areas of strategic focus under consideration include:

- How to enhance the image of West Point among all our citizens. West Point offers the nation a superb product, backed by an extraordinary warranty—its illustrious reputation. Any product should be judged by its performance and the performance of our graduates has stood the test of time. We need to find ways of conveying that fact to a broader band of U.S. citizens.
- How to enhance relationships among all members of the West Point family. Our family is diverse. It includes USMA, the Corps, the societies, the classes, individual grads, parents of cadets and friends of West Point. Each component has unique capabilities to offer. The task is to foster cooperation, coordination and unified effort.
- How to maintain and enhance communications among all members of the West Point family. This includes improving means of communication and improving our abilities to *listen* effectively to *what* is being communicated. We need to evaluate ideas, not the author of those ideas.
- How to increase services to our graduates. As an Association we have an implicit, if not explicit, duty to respond to the needs of our graduates—providing services and assistance as required.
- How to organize and prioritize within the AOG to better serve the future needs of West Point and our graduates.

These areas of strategic focus ask the question, How? The answers will frame the programs the AOG will implement to maximize our support of West Point and our fellow grads.

The Strategic Planning Committee is making great progress. I'm confident that we will derive great benefit from its recommendations. The challenges we face will be formidable. The Association will be prepared.

Finally, I want to report that our program to assist graduates in career transition continues to grow. The number of employers contacting the AOG grows weekly. Our résumé files of job applicants are being automated to facilitate matching applicants with job openings. Graduates well placed in the corporate sector are responding to our requests for their assistance. The effectiveness of our program is improving. We still need your help—so "keep those cards and letters coming."

Sincerely,

Denis F. Mullane

Denis F. Mullane
President
Association of Graduates, USMA

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1 March 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR Members, Association of Graduates, United States Military Academy

SUBJECT: Annual Meeting of the Association

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to announce that pursuant to the Provisions of Article VIII, Section 8.1 of the Association's Constitution, the 1993 Annual Meeting of the Association will be held at 5:00 p.m. (EDT), 12 May 1993, in the Rose Room of the West Point Officers Club, Bldg. 603, West Point, New York.

2. The business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting will include two items: election of the President and Trustees of the Association and adoption of proposed amendments to the Constitution.

3. The President (2 year term), the Trustees-at-Large, (3 year terms) and Class Trustees (1 year term), will be elected to assume office on 1 July 1993. The 1993 Nominating Committee, chaired by Morris, June '43, has proposed, and the Board of Trustees recommends, election of the President and Trustees listed on the enclosed proxy.

4. The second item of business is the adoption of changes to the Constitution. Pursuant to Article X, Section 10.1, the Constitution may be amended and new provisions may be adopted "at any meeting of the Association, provided that written notice of the proposed amendments shall have been given to the members at least 30 days prior to the meeting." The purpose of this letter is to provide that written notice and to list the changes proposed for adoption on the enclosed proxy. The Board of Trustees recommends adoption of all of the proposed changes to the Constitution.

4. Those Regular members (i.e. members who graduated from USMA) who do not plan to attend the Annual Meeting are requested to return the enclosed proxy no later than 26 April 1993.

SETH F. HUDGINS, JR.
Colonel, USA (Retired)
Executive Vice-President

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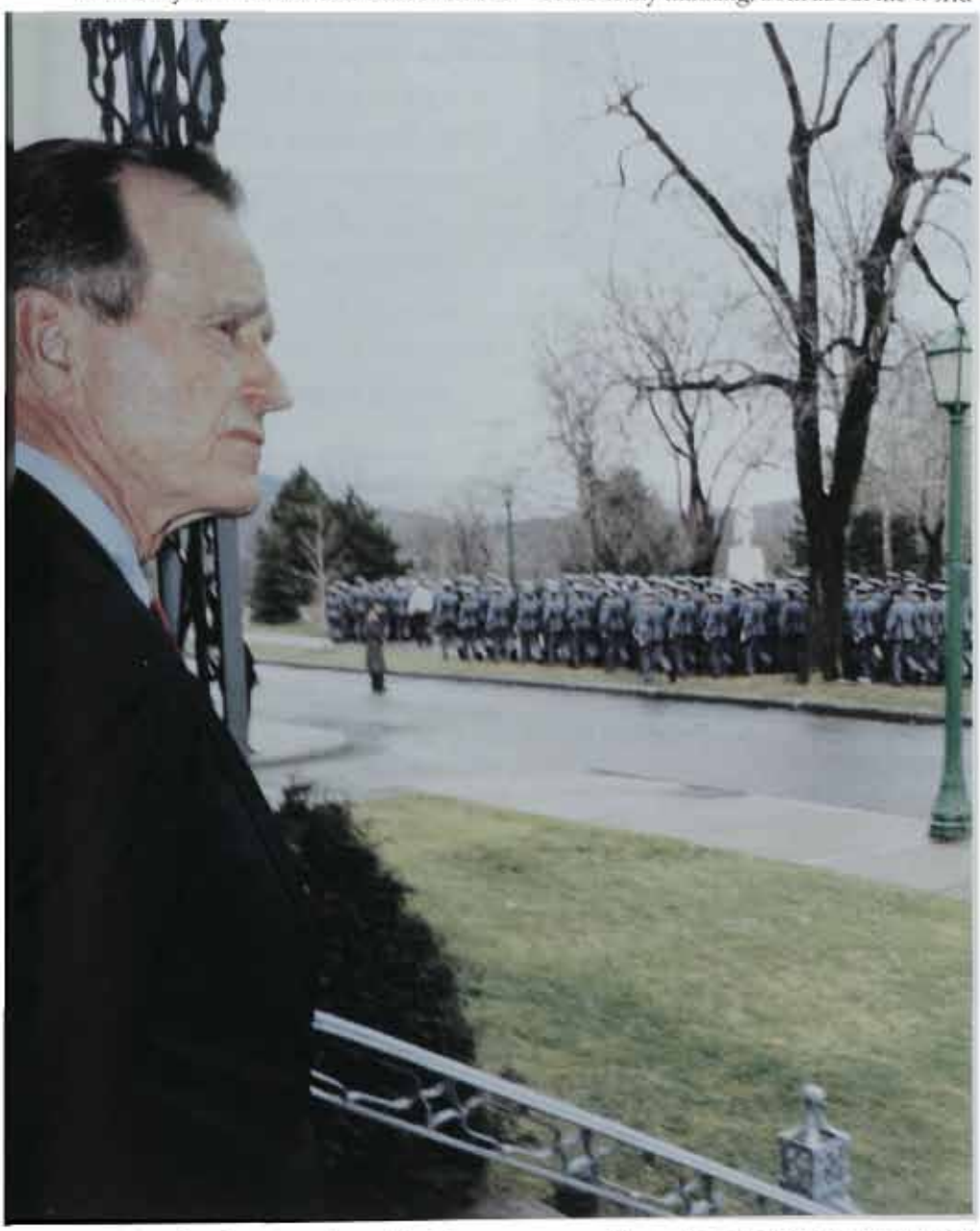
Remarks by President Bush to The Corps of Cadets

at the United States Military Academy, 5 January 1993

Let me begin with the hard part: it is difficult for a Navy person to come up to West Point after that game a month ago. (Applause.) Go ahead, rub it in. (Laughter.) But I watched it. Amazing things can happen in sports. Look at the Oilers, my other team that took it on the chin the other day. (Laughter.) But I guess the moral of all of this is that losing is never easy—trust me, I know something about that. (Laughter.) But if you have to lose, that's the way to do it. Fight with all you have. Give it your best shot. And win or lose, learn from it and get on with life.

And I am about to get on with the rest of my life. But before I do, I want to share with you at this institution of leadership some of my thinking, both about the world you will soon be called upon to enter and the life that you have chosen.



Any President has several functions. He speaks for and to the nation. He must faithfully execute the law. And he must lead.

But no function, none of the President's hats, in my view, is more important than his role as Commander-In-Chief. For it is as Commander-In-Chief that the President confronts and makes decisions that, one way or another, affect the lives of everyone in this country, as well as many others around the world.

I want to share with you at this institution of leadership some of my thinking, both about the world you will soon be called upon to enter and the life that you have chosen.

I have had many occasions to don this most important of hats. Over the past four years, the men and women who proudly and bravely wear the uniforms of the U.S. Armed Services have been called upon to go in harm's way—and have discharged their duty with honor and professionalism.

I wish I could say that such demands were a thing of the past, that with the end of Cold War the calls upon the United States would diminish. I cannot. Yes, the end of the Cold War, we would all concede, is a blessing. It is a time of great promise. Democratic governments have never been so numerous. What happened two or three days ago in Moscow would not have been possible in the Cold War days. Thanks to historic treaties, such as the START II pact just reached with Russia—the likelihood of nuclear holocaust is vastly diminished.

But this does not mean that there is no specter of war, no threat to be reckoned with. And already, we see disturbing signs of what this new world could become if we are passive and aloof. We would risk the emergence of a world characterized by violence, characterized by chaos, one in which dictators and tyrants threaten their

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neighbors, build arsenals brimming with weapons of mass destruction, and ignore the welfare of their own men, women and children. And we could see a horrible increase in international terrorism, with American citizens more at risk than ever before.

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We cannot and we need not allow this to happen. Our objective must be to exploit the unparalleled opportunity presented by the Cold War's end—to work toward transforming this new world into a new world order, one of governments that are democratic, tolerant, and economically free at home, and committed abroad to settling inevitable differences peacefully, without the threat or use of force.

Unfortunately, not everyone subscribes to these principles. We continue to see leaders bent on denying fundamental human rights and seizing territory regardless of the human cost. No, an international society, one more attuned to the enduring principles that have made this country a beacon of hope for so many for so long, will not just emerge on its own. It's got to be built.

Two hundred years ago, another departing President warned of the dangers of what he described as "entangling alliances." His was the right course for a new nation at their point in history. But what was "entangling" in Washington's day is now essential. This is why, at Texas A&M a few weeks ago, I spoke of the folly of isolationism, and of the importance—morally, economically and strategically—of the United States remaining involved in world affairs. We must engage ourselves if a new world order—one more compatible with our values and congenial to our interest—is to emerge. But even more, we must lead.

Leadership—well, it takes many forms. It can be political or diplomatic, it can be economic or military, it can be moral or spiritual leadership. Leadership can take any one of these forms—or it can be a combination of them.

Leadership should not be confused with either unilateralism or universalism. We need not respond by ourselves to each and every outrage of violence. The fact that America *can* act does not mean that it *must*. A nation's sense of idealism need not be at odds with its interests. Nor does principle displace prudence.

No,the United States should not seek to be the world's policeman. There is no support abroad or at home for us to play this role. Nor should there be. We would exhaust ourselves, in the process wasting precious resources needed to address those problems at home and abroad that we cannot afford to ignore.

But in the wake of the Cold War, in a world where we are the only remaining superpower, it is the role of the United States to marshal its moral and material resources to promote a democratic peace. It is our responsibility—it is our opportunity— to lead. There is no one else.

Leadership cannot simply be asserted or demanded; it must be demonstrated. Leadership requires formulating worthy goals, persuading others of their virtue, and contributing one's share of the common effort and then some. Leadership takes time, it takes patience, it takes work.

Some of this work must take place here at home. Congress does have a constitutional role to play. Leadership therefore also involves working with the Congress—and the American people—to provide the essential domestic underpinning if U.S. military commitments are to be sustainable.

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This is what our administration, the Bush administration, has tried to do. When Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, it was the United States that galvanized the U.N. Security Council to act and then mobilized the successful coalition on the battlefield. The pattern—not exactly the same, but similar—in Somalia: first, the United States underscored the importance of alleviating the growing tragedy, and then we organized humanitarian efforts designed to bring hope, food and peace.

At times, real leadership requires a willingness to use military force. And force can be a useful backdrop to diplomacy, a complement to it—or, if need be, a temporary alternative.

As Commander-In-Chief, I have made the difficult choice to use military force. I determined we could not allow Saddam's forces to ravage Kuwait and hold this critical region at gunpoint. I thought then, and I think now, that using military force to implement the resolutions of the U.N. Security Council was in the interest of the United States and the world community. The need to use force arose as well in the wake of the Gulf War, when we came to the aid of the peoples of both Northern and Southern Iraq. And more recently—as I'm sure you know—I determined that

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only the use of force could stem this human tragedy of Somalia.

The United States should not stand by with so many lives at stake, when a limited deployment of U.S. forces, buttressed by the forces of other countries and acting under the full authority of the United Nations, could make an immediate and dramatic difference—and do so without excessive levels of risk and cost. Operations Provide Comfort and Southern Watch in Iraq, and then Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, all bear witness to the wisdom of selected use of force for selective purposes.

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Sometimes the decision not to use force—to stay our hand—I can tell you, it's just as difficult as the decision to send our soldiers into battle. The former Yugoslavia—well, it's been such a situation. There are, we all know, important humanitarian and strategic interests at stake there. But up to now it's not been clear that the application of limited amounts of force by the United States and its traditional friends and allies would have had the desired effect, given the nature and complexity of that situation.

Our assessment of the situation in the former Yugoslavia could well change if and as the situation changes. The stakes could grow; the conflict could threaten to spread. Indeed, we are constantly reassessing our options and are actively consulting with others about steps that might be taken to contain the fighting, protect the humanitarian effort, and deny Serbia the fruits of aggression.

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Military force is never a tool to be used lightly or universally; in some circumstances it may be essential, in others counterproductive. I know that many people would like to find some formula—some easy formula to apply—to tell us with precision when and where to intervene with

force. Anyone looking for scientific certitude is in for a disappointment. In the complex new world we are entering, there can be no single or simple set of fixed rules for using force. Inevitably, the question of military intervention requires judgment; each and every case is unique. To adopt rigid criteria would guarantee mistakes involving American interests and American lives. And it would give would-be troublemakers a blueprint for determining their own actions; it could signal U.S. friends and allies that our support was not to be counted on.

And similarly, we cannot always decide in advance which interests will require our using military force to protect them. The relative importance of an interest is not a guide: military force may not be the best way of safeguarding something vital, while using force might be the best way to protect an interest that qualifies as important but less than vital.

But to warn against a futile quest for a set of hard and fast rules to govern the use of military force is not to say there cannot be some principles to inform our decisions. Such guidelines can prove useful in sizing and, indeed, shaping our forces and in helping us to think our way through this key question.

Using military force makes sense as a policy where the stakes warrant; where and when force can be effective; where no other policies are likely to prove effective; where its application can be limited in scope and time; and where the potential benefits justify the potential costs and sacrifice.

Once we are satisfied that force makes sense, we must act with the maximum possible support. The United States can and should lead, but we will want to act in concert, where possible involving the United Nations or other multinational grouping. The United States can and should contribute to the common undertaking in a manner commensurate with our wealth, with our strength. But others should also contribute militarily, be it by providing combat or support forces, access to facilities or bases, or overflight rights. And similarly, others should contribute economically; it is unreasonable to expect the United States to bear the full financial burden of intervention when other nations have a stake in the outcome.

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A desire for international support must not become a prerequisite for acting, though. Sometimes, a great power has to act alone. I made a tough decision—I might say on advice of our outstanding military leaders who are so well known to everybody here—to use military force in Panama, when American lives and the security of the Canal appeared to be threatened by outlaws who stole power in the

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face of free elections. And similarly, we moved swiftly to safeguard democracy in the Philippines.

But in every case involving the use of force, it will be essential to have a clear and achievable mission; a realistic plan for accomplishing the mission; and criteria no less realistic for withdrawing U.S. forces once the mission is complete. Only if we keep these principles in mind will the potential sacrifice be one that can be explained and justified. We must never forget that using force is not some political abstraction, but a real commitment of our fathers and mothers, and sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, friends and neighbors. You've got to look at it in human terms.

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In order even to have the choice, we must have available adequate military forces tailored for a wide range of contingencies, including peacekeeping. Indeed, leading the effort toward a new world order will require a modern, capable military, in some areas necessitating more rather than less defense spending. As President, I have said that my ability to deploy force on behalf of U.S. interests abroad was made possible because past presidents—and I would single out in particular, my predecessor, Ronald Reagan—and past secretaries of defense, sustained a strong military. Consistent with this sacred trust, I am proud to pass on to my successor, President-elect Clinton, a military second to none. We have the very best.

And yet, it is essential to recognize that as important as such factors are, any military is more than simply the sum of its weapons or the state of its technology. What makes any armed force truly effective is the quality of its leadership, the quality of its training, the quality of its people.

We have succeeded abroad in no small part because of our people in uniform. The men and women in our Armed Forces have demonstrated their ability to master the challenges of modern warfare. And at the same time, and whether on the battlefield of Iraq or in some tiny little village in Somalia, America's soldiers have always brought a quality of caring and kindness to their mission. Who will ever forget—I know I won't—those terrified Iraqi soldiers surrendering to American troops? And who will forget the way the American soldier held out his arms and said, "It's okay—You're alright now." Or in Somalia, the young Marine, eyes filled with tears, holding the fragile arm of an emaciated child.

There can be no doubt about it: the All Volunteer Force is one of the true success stories of modern-day America.

It is instructive to look at just why this is so. At its heart, a voluntary military is based upon choice—you all know that—the decision freely taken by young men and women to join, the decision by more mature men and women to remain. And the institution of the Armed Forces has thrived on its commitment to developing and promoting excellence. It is meritocracy in action. Race, religion, wealth, background count not. Indeed, the military offers many examples for the rest of society, showing what can be done to eradicate

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the scourge of drugs, to break down the barriers of racial discrimination, to offer equal opportunity to women.

There is no higher calling, no more honorable choice, than the one that you here today have made. To join the Armed Forces is to be prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice for your country and for your fellow man.

This is not just a result of self-selection. It also reflects the military's commitment to education and training. You know, people speak of defense conversion, the process by which defense, the defense firms re-tool for civilian tasks. Well, defense conversion within the military has been going on for years. It is the constant process of training and retraining, which the military does so well, that allows individuals to keep up with the latest technology, take on more challenging assignments, and prepare for life on the outside.

Out of this culture of merit and competition have emerged hundreds of thousands of highly skilled men and women brimming with real self-confidence. What they possess is a special mix of discipline, a willingness to accept direction, and the confidence—a willingness—to accept responsibility. Together, discipline and confidence provide the basis for winning, for getting the job done.

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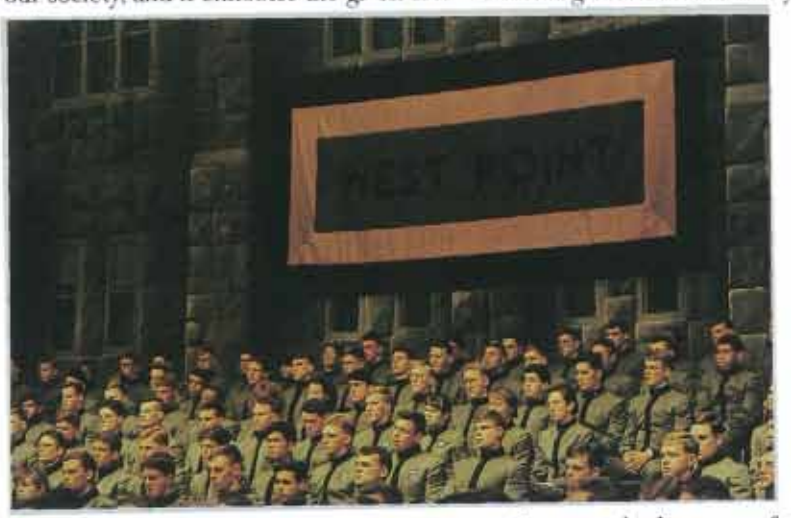
What you have done, what you are doing, sends an important message, one that I fear sometimes gets lost amidst today's often materialist, self-interested culture. It is important to remember, it is important to demonstrate, that there is a higher purpose to life beyond one's self. Now, I speak of family, of community, of ideals. I speak of Duty, Honor, Country.

There are many forms of contributing to this country, of public service. Yes, there is government. There is volunteerism—I love to talk about the thousand points of light—one American helping another. The daily tasks that require doing—in our classrooms, in our hospitals, our cities, our farms. All can and do represent a form of service. In whatever form, service benefits our society, and it ennobles the giver. It is a cherished American concept, one we should continue to practice and pass on to our children.



This was what I wanted to share on this occasion. You are beginning your service to country; and I am nearing the end of mine. Exactly half a century ago, in June of 1942—as General Graves mentioned—we were at war and I was graduating from school. The speaker that day at Andover was the then-Secretary of War Henry Stimson. And his message was one of public service, but with a twist—on the importance of finishing one's schooling before going off to fight for one's country.

I listened closely to what he had to say, but I didn't take his advice. And that day was my eighteenth birthday. And when the commencement ceremony ended, I went on into Boston and enlisted in the Navy as a Seaman 2nd Class. And I never regretted it.

You, too, have signed up. You, too, will never regret it. And I salute you for it.

Fortunately, because of the sacrifices made in years before and still being made, you should be able to complete this phase of your education. A half-century has passed since I left school to go into the service; a half-century has passed since that day when Stimson spoke of the challenge of creating a new world.

You also will be entering a new world, one far better than the one I came to know—a world with the potential to be far better yet. This is the challenge, this is the opportunity of your lifetimes. I envy you for it, and I wish you Godspeed.

And while I'm at it, as your Commander-In-Chief, I hereby grant amnesty to the Corps of Cadets. Thank you all very much. Good luck to all of you.

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Army-Navy Game Ends in Victory!

by Marc Berman

There isn't a day that goes by when Army football coach Bob Sutton doesn't hear someone make reference to *The game*. And certainly Sutton is never tired of hearing about it.

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"I've never seen a game have such a favorable impression on people," Bob Sutton said five weeks after the game, while traveling on a recruiting trip in St. Louis. "Traveling around, when people find out who I am, they tell me it was one of the best football games they'd ever seen."

It was the greatest comeback in the 93-game history of the Army-Navy football rivalry. And maybe it was the rivalry's greatest game. It was 5 December at Veteran's Stadium, and Sutton was on the sidelines hoping against hope the Cadets could erase the 1991 nightmare when Army was routed by winless Navy 24-3 in Sutton's first season as Army head coach.

According to research done by Army's Sports Information Office, it is believed no Army or Navy squad had trailed by 17 points or more and rallied to victory in this dynamic rivalry.

With 10:23 remaining in the third quarter, the Cadets looked like a beaten team, trailing 24-7. Senior Chris Shaw, who would become the most noteworthy holder in the history of this rivalry, told reporters, "I was thinking, ...we've got to do something, or it's going to be just like last year."

It was a treasured final 12 seconds at Veterans Stadium, when the drama was overwhelming and when things became too unbelievable to believe. It still would've been one of the best games in the rivalry if Malcom, a firstie who had endured a difficult senior year, had simply booted the 44-yard field goal with 12 seconds remaining. That would've provided Army a 25-24 victory on the fury of 18 unanswered points.

But, no, it was not that simple. Yes, Malcom made the 44-yarder—a true kick that soared through the goal posts by a good 10 to 15 yards. Malcom leapt into Shaw's arms, and other Army players had similiar responses.

Navy defensive back Chad Chatlos would say afterward, "I don't know what our guys were celebrating about. That guy (Malcom) had just kicked one 15 yards deep into the end zone. I knew he had the leg to kick another one."

Hold the celebration! A delay of game penalty wiped out the field goal and possibly the victory. Malcom had to do it all over again, this time five yards deeper. Malcom had never kicked one that long—49 yards.

"At first I was thinking, this really can't be true because I just won the game," Malcom said. "And then I saw people arguing and disputing the call. So I felt like there's really no need to do that. I've got to get ready for the next kick. I've got to do it again."

Navy players began celebrating the penalty flag. And Navy defensive back Chad Chatlos would say afterward, "I don't know what our guys were celebrating about. That guy (Malcom) had just kicked one 15 yards deep into the end zone. I knew he had the leg to kick another one."

The second kick was just as true, and that is how Army beat Navy 25-24—the only the second one-point victory in a series now tied at 43-43-7.

"To line back up and do it again—that's a great tribute to him, to have that kind of poise," Sutton said. Again, Malcom leapt

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To the victor belong the spoils—Army Chief of Staff General Sullivan with captured Navy B-robe, 5 Dec 92.

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Army Football '92—Character

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Army 22-Navy 24. Thirteen seconds remain on the clock. The ball is on the 32 following a penalty on what appeared to be the winning field goal. Pat Malcom must do it again. . .this time a 49-yarder, the longest of his career. The snap. . .set. . .and the kick. The ball sails through the uprights, straight and true. Army wins 25-24 and pulls off one of the greatest comebacks in the history of this great rivalry!

But the story actually begins on 6 December 1991, in Philadelphia, in the Army hotel room where Coach Sutton sits silently reflecting on the game and the terrible feeling after a loss to a 0-10 Navy team. At that moment, he vows that neither he nor his team will experience that feeling come 5 December 1992. And so, the '92 Army team took shape that empty night in Philadelphia.

Although the win-loss record does not reflect a successful season, this '92 team did reflect something else. Something to which the Chief of Staff of the Army, GEN Sullivan, referred in his remarks to the team after the Navy victory—CHARACTER—what this team displayed throughout the '92 season. The seeds of victory in Philadelphia were sown back in February, when the team assembled at 0500 on a Friday morning for what was to be the first of twelve weeks of the "Dirty Dozen". . . pre-dawn workouts that were designed to forge an attitude of total commitment and relentless hard work. The "dirty dozen" workouts represented Coach Sutton's main theme for the '92 season—the number "12." The "12" reflected the spirit, enthusiasm and pride that always has symbolized the Corps of Cadets and the Army football program. The Army team was determined to bring that pride back to Army football!

With just over a dozen seniors, a very young team approached Spring ball with a renewed spirit and a work ethic that would reap benefits as the season wore on. The greatest change for this young team was ATTITUDE. You could sense it everywhere. . .a feeling of oneness and a commitment to each other and the team. Many positions needed to be filled, and, by the end of Spring practice, Coach Sutton knew considerably more about the '92 team than before Spring ball.

The seniors and juniors returned early in the summer. They forged their own code of conduct and developed their common expectations about each other and the team. It soon became apparent that this senior class was going to lead by example. Individuals like McElrath, Davis, Manning and Pirog began to emerge as especially strong leaders, both on and off the field. Their tenacity, commitment and relentless pursuit of excellence would become the hallmark of the '92 team.

As the underclasses joined the team for the grueling two-a-day and pre-season practices, one could sense the enthusiasm, the spirit and the belief in what was to be accomplished. With the outpouring of rejuvenated spirit and genuine support from the Corps of Cadets, this would be a dif-

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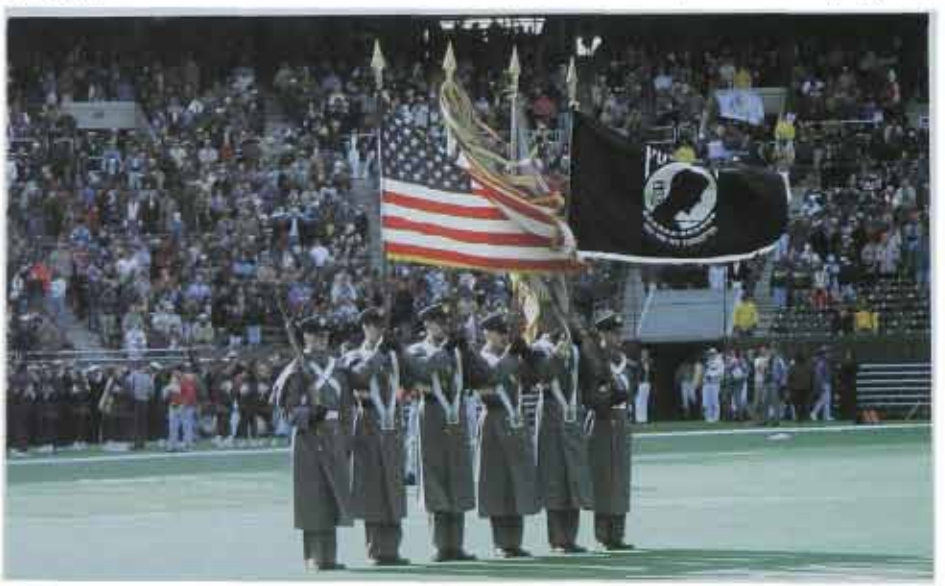

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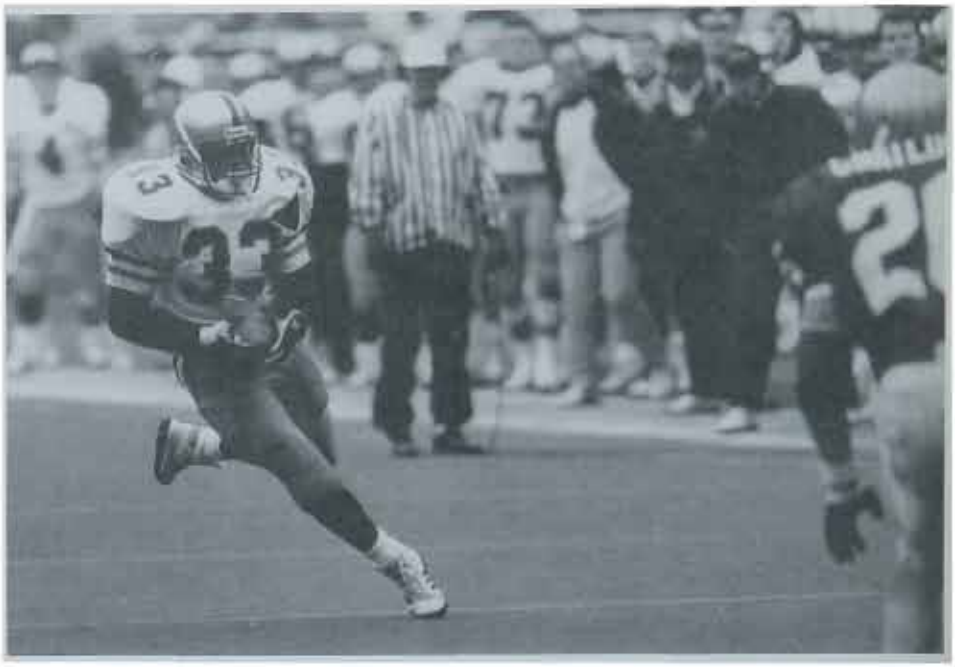

Army- Navy Game

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into the arms of Shaw, his best friend on the team.

Not often does a holder wind up as a hero like Shaw did. Shaw found himself in the spotlight midway through the fourth quarter, on what likely will be remembered as the most famous fake in the rivalry's history.

Since Sutton joined the staff as defensive coordinator in 1983, Army had never run a fake on a field goal or extra point. Entering the Navy game, Sutton decided to draw up such a play. He was given the perfect time to use it.

Army's yearling quarterback, Rick Roper, the game's MVP, scored on a 22-yard run with 3:14 remaining in the third period, and the deficit was 24-14 after the extra point.

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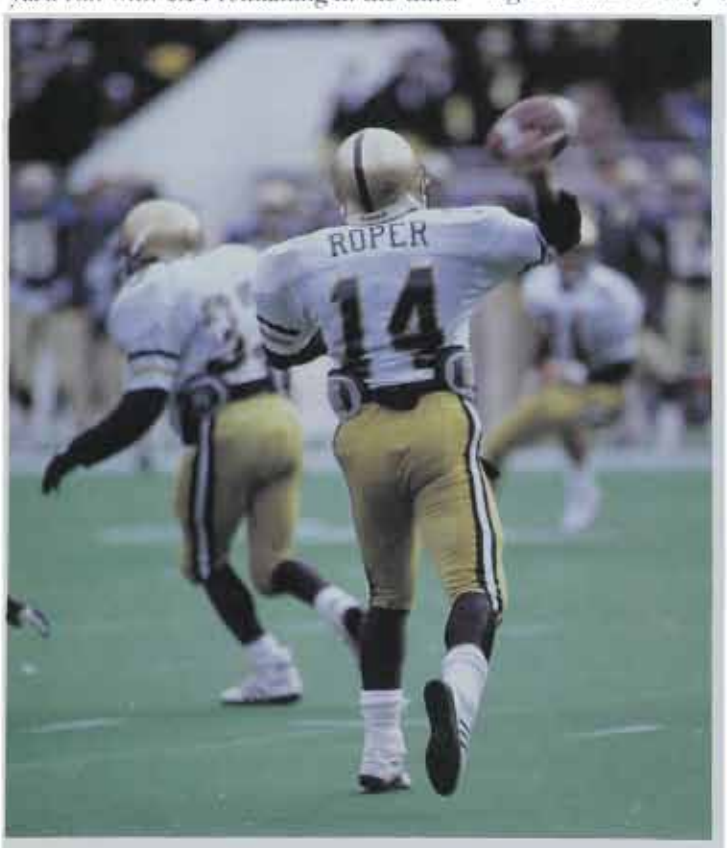
Sutton decided that on the next touchdown the Cadets would go for two; Sutton figured Army would try his newly-designed fake if they scored early in the fourth quarter; if Army's next touchdown came late in the fourth, the Cadets would line up for the standard two-point conversion attempt.

First classman Gaylord Greene caught a 68-yard touchdown pass, with 7:13 remaining, to make the score 24-20. As Greene raced into the end zone, Sutton knew exactly what to do. The fake. "We figured after that play, it might be tough for Navy to focus," Sutton said.

Army lined up for the extra point. Shaw took the snap and darted outside to the



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right. Navy was caught by surprise. Shaw sprinted into the right corner of the end zone. It was 24-22, the successful fake giving the Cadets a chance to win the game on a field goal, not just tie it. Malcom obliged.

"There were a lot of big plays packed into the last quarter-and-a-half," said Sutton, "but we didn't win it in the last 19 minutes. We won it throughout the season, overcoming adversity. You can't all of a sudden press a button and beckon that sort of resolve."

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"There's been a tremendous response from the game; we knew how much that game meant to the Corps of Cadets. And there's been a great deal of pride," Sutton said. "It re-energized a lot of people, and it provides us with a springboard to take off from."

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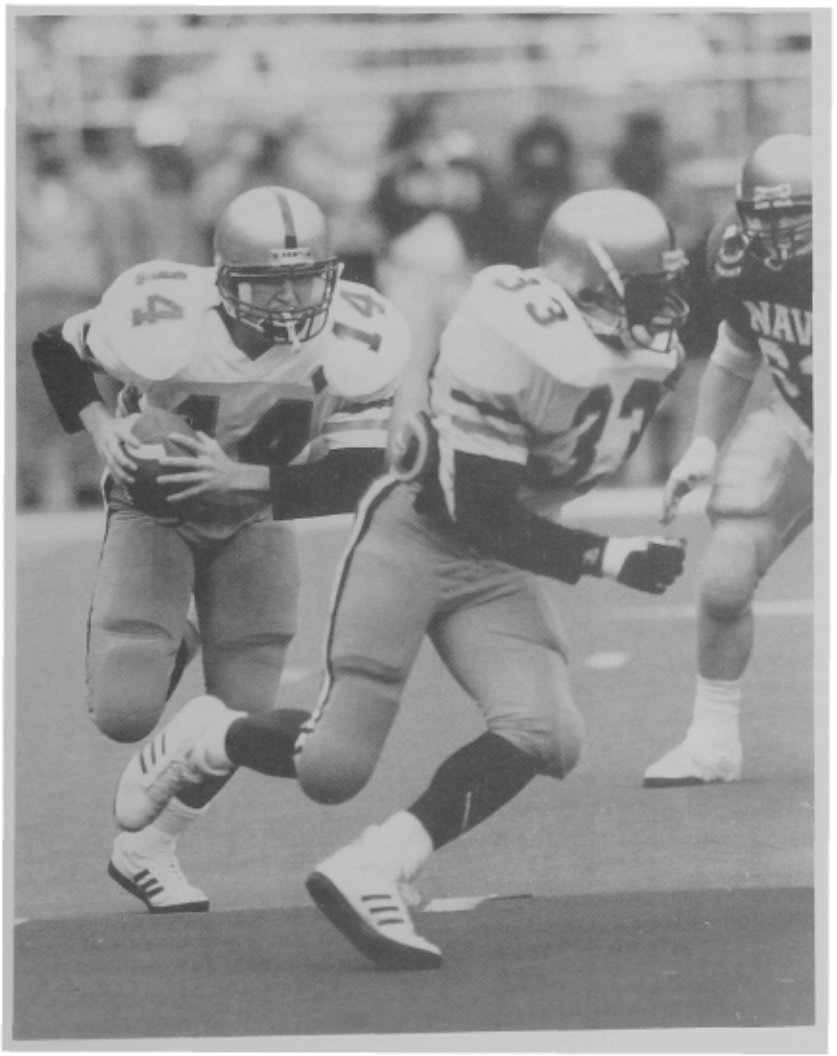

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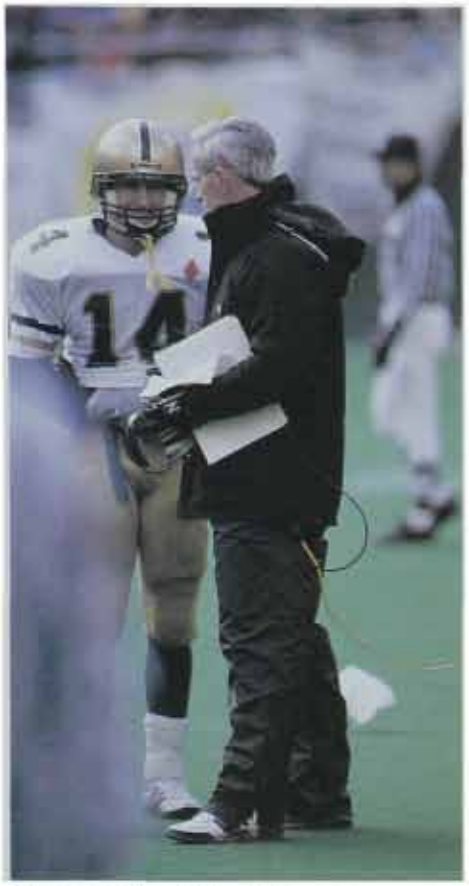

Army Football '92—Character

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ferent team and a different season. By the first game with Holy Cross on 12 September, some things were certain. This team would never quit. It would give everything it had in every game. There were many who gave Army little or no chance for any kind of success. But then they did not know the character of this team.

Coach Sutton outlined the 1992 season as the TIB (Take It Back) Campaign with operations "Jump Start"(September), "Raging Fury"(October), "Relentless Rage"(November) and "Desperation"(December). Great emphasis was placed on personal responsibility, fighting spirit, intensity, total commitment and belief.

Against a Holy Cross team coming off an 11-0 season in 1991, Army lived up to its own expectations with a 17-7 win. The young team passed its first test, and the new faces had seen battle. Although the offense was rough (seven fumbles), it managed to display a more diversified offense, to include some serious passing. The defense rose to the occasion, thwarting scoring drives by the Crusaders—including a blocked punt. What became apparent was that this team could, and would, overcome adversity. The Cadets outgained the Crusaders 376 yards to 173, controlled the ball for over 40 minutes, and stopped 12 of 16 third and fourth down conversion attempts.

Following the opening win, Army immediately faced a formidable North Carolina. Off to one of their best starts in a long time, they were a nationally ranked team deep with talent. Army came out fighting and battled the Tar Heels to a scoreless one-and-a-half quarters until the referee sent the two teams to the locker room because of severe thunderstorms. When the teams returned, momentum shifted, and North Carolina scored first. Army's inability to move the ball in the first half put tremendous pressure on a defense that played a great game overall. With 1:42 left in the half, Means cut through the Army middle for an 11-yard touchdown and a 14-0 lead. The third quarter turned out to be a defensive battle as neither team scored. Army drew to within 5 points halfway into the fourth quarter on a Malcom field goal and a touchdown run by Akili King. North Carolina scored again with 3:25 remaining to win 22-9. Army showed that it could play against a nationally ranked team. Mike Makovec went down with a re-injury of his knee, moving Rick Roper into the starting lineup. At the beginning of spring practice, Roper was at the bottom of the depth chart of quarterbacks but found himself running the offense due to Makovec's yet unhealed knee. He worked hard all through the preseason practices. Now he found himself preparing the offense for The Citadel.

Army had opportunities to win but missed critical field goal attempts, fourth-and-short situations, fumbled the ball away on its last possession and dropped a heartbreaker, 14-15.

Army, now 1-2, would play its Homecoming game against Lafayette. With a week break between games, the Cadets had plenty of time to think. It was a chance to show that this team would bounce back. The seniors proved to be a major factor in getting the cadets ready. A Homecoming crowd of 39,642 frantically watched an offensive showdown that eventually ended with Malcom's game-winning field goal with 10 seconds to go in the game. That field goal capped a 57-yard drive from Army's own 17-yard line to the 26 with exactly one minute left. Roper completed passes of 13, 18 and 11 yards to Andrzejewski; the wishbone had taken on a new look. In addition to 401 total rushing yards for the Army team, Roper completed 14 of 21 passes for 152 yards. Sutton commented after the game, "out there with a minute to go, we didn't flinch."

The next two games on the road could have spelled disaster for this young Army team as it came off a very lop-sided defeat by Rutgers (45-10) at Giants stadium and a disappointing loss to bowl-bound Wake Forest. At Rutgers, Army's defense struggled and the offense was plagued with turnovers. Wake Forest held Army to its lowest yards rushing (123) since the wishbone's inception. A bright spot in that game was DB Mike McElrath's career-high 21 tackles. The defense would bend but never break.

Most teams might fold at 2-4 midway in the season, but Coach Sutton exhorted the team to make "The Stand" for the remainder of the season. With a bowl game already out of reach, this team would play for "Pride, Poise and Team."

Army went to war. Eastern Michigan left Michie Stadium stunned by a 57-17 loss to a possessed Army team. Army intercepted four passes and rushed for a season-high 450 yards. Weber carried 22 times for a career-high 121 yards, while Roper added another 120 yards on 16 attempts. Plebe quarterback Steve Carpenter saw action in the fourth quarter, carrying 14 times for 98 yards. Meanwhile, the cadet defense held the Eagles to 97 yards

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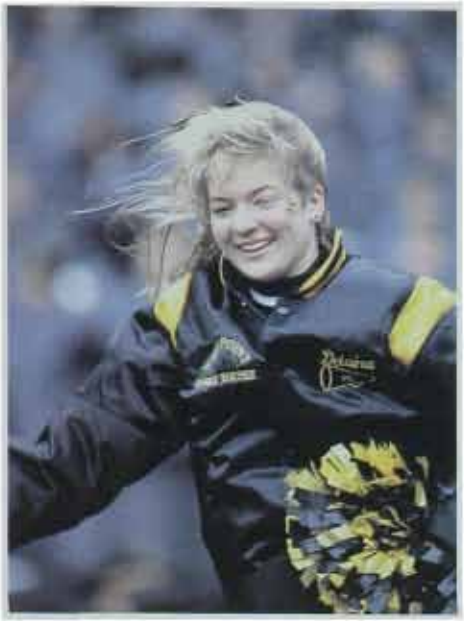
rushing. Vaughn made eight catches for 92 yards, and Chad Davis had five catches for 64 yards and a 40-yard reverse run for his second touchdown.

After a 25-0 loss to the Falcons in Colorado Springs last year, Army was determined to win. But it was not to be—Army fell short 7-3 in a defensive struggle that had a sell-out crowd of 40,765 looking at a 0-0 game into the fourth quarter. Then Air Force fullback Parisi broke up the middle for a 32-yard run to the Army 3-yard line, and quarterback Baber took the ball in for the touchdown. The Cadets only managed a 43-yard field goal by Pat Malcom late in the fourth quarter. For the players especially, it was a gut-wrenching loss, one they had to put behind them if they were to achieve any success in the remainder of the season.

Exemplifying the character of this '92 team, Army rose to fight again as Northern Illinois invaded Michie Stadium with the nation's third leading Division I-A rusher, LeShon Johnson. Sutton called him "the best back we've ever played here." Once again, Army rose to the occasion, 21-14. The Huskies drew first blood, but the Cadets came right back. Army orchestrated a time-consuming 15-play drive of short gains that eventually ended with an Akili King TD. In the second quarter, Army took the lead for good with a classic wishbone 83-yard, 14-play drive that saw seven different cadets carrying the ball. Roper continued to impress as he led the Cadets with 109 yards rushing and 5 of 9 passes for 63 yards. Army's defense held the nation's third leading rusher to 68 yards, made three interceptions and had two sacks. Army had come to demonstrate that this team would never quit!

Army next faced 19th-ranked Boston College. As 16-point underdogs, the Black knights fought the Eagles hard and stayed with them through the fourth quarter. Going into the second quarter, Army tied at 7-7 when Vaughn broke loose for a 54-yard run. In the second half, the Cadets closed to within 35-24 with a Roper to Akili King 13-yard touchdown pass with 3:40 remaining. The Cadets recovered the onside kick, but a penalty forced a second kick which the Eagles smothered. It was truly a valiant effort, by a team that never, ever quit. With a season record now of 4-6, Army looked to Philadelphia for THE GAME.

The spirit of the Corps of Cadets was evident everywhere. The preparation by the team and the cadets had been intense and very clearly focused. Only a victory would suffice. As the team left for Philadelphia, the Corps of Cadets and the West



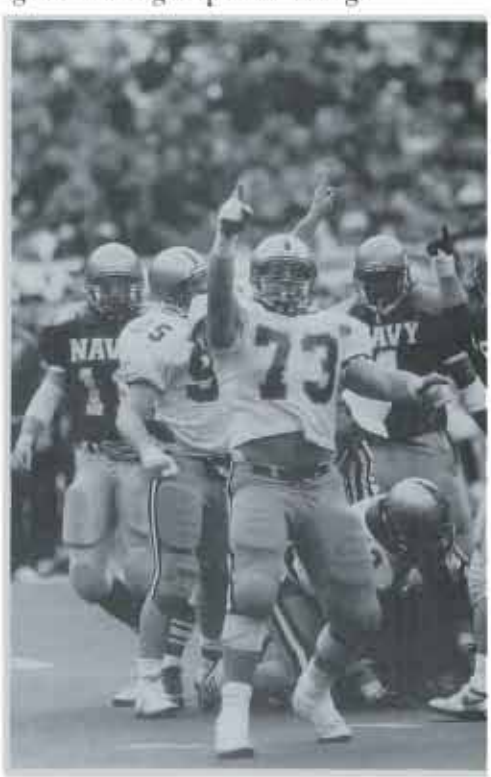
Point community provided a magnificent sendoff. The enthusiasm and spirit was electrifying. Army was determined to erase the pain of the '91 loss with a victory over Navy.

That outcome became less likely as Navy struck first and appeared headed for a possible win. But the Army team and the Corps never flinched. With the cadets trailing 17-0 in the second period, Roper began an Army drive that included a bootleg around left end for 43 yards to the Navy 22-yard line. Five plays later, Army scored with a 2-yard run into the end zone by Chad Davis.

At the start of the second half, Army was forced to punt and Navy drove down the field to score. But the Army defense continued to become tougher and tougher. Dan Davis sacked van Matre, causing a fumble. Gary Graves picked up the ball and ran 22 yards to the Navy 22. On the first play for Army, Roper took a bootleg around the right into the end zone to make it 24-14. Army's defense held Navy at bay as the momentum continued to shift.

Then came the fourth quarter, and Army went to work. With the defense shutting the Middies down, Army's offense began to make more big plays. Roper connected for a 35-yard over-the-shoulder pass to King. In the longest touchdown pass play in the history of this rivalry, Roper hit Gaylord Greene with a 68-yard touchdown pass that made it 24-20. On the PAT, Chris Shaw faked the hold and ran around the right end for a 2-point conversion—Army 22, Navy 24—with 7:23 left in the game.

Army took over after a Navy punt but was unable to move. Punting from the 43-yard line, Malcom kicked the ball inside the one-yard line, where it was downed by Aaron Mitchell. The Army defense held for three downs, and Navy had to punt out of its end zone. Army took over on the 35-yard line but failed to convert a first down. With 4th and 7, only one choice remained—a winning field goal. The ball was marked on the 27-yard line, making it a 44-yard field goal. Malcom hit it straight and true, and the celebration started—but wait. The play clock had run out and a 5-yard penalty was assessed. The ball was reset so that now Malcom was facing a 49-yard field goal—the longest of his career. Malcom now had to do the near impossible—kick the winning field goal a second time, and from further away! Without even so much as a blink, Malcom stepped up and booted the ball once again, dead center through the uprights for the victory. . .Army 25-Navy 24. Army had pulled off one of the greatest comebacks in the history of this great rivalry. In the locker room, the Chief of Staff, General Sullivan, congratulated the cadets with these words, "Let me tell you a little story. There was a movie once, and the drill sergeant took this guy and he said, 'Now look son, around here we are not talking about flying airplanes; we're not talking about driving tanks. We're talking about character.' Character. You won a great win. The whole United States Army, the United States of America knows about it. Army beat Navy. That is a big deal. Character did it. Character did it. We're all proud of you . . . coaches. . .players. . .supporters. We're proud of you. That's what made America great. Sucking it up and winning."



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At Rest Between The Wars

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When I was a boy, a period that, according to my wife and daughters, extends to this very day, I used to play on the rows of cannon near the parade ground. I lived on the opposite bank of the Hudson, in Ossining, Croton, and Cold Spring.

And I can tell you—on my authority as a local boy—that you are sometimes misinterpreted. For example, not too far from here is an emery mine that used to be run by two ancients who loved dynamite and were afraid of shovels. As a result of their loves and fears, our days were punctuated by huge explosions, for which the most common explanation was, "It's the cadets at West Point, in artillery class...wasting the taxpayer's money." Well, as you will find out, there are far better ways to waste the taxpayer's money, some less noisy, some even noisier.

This valley itself has seen many battles, beginning almost four hundred years ago, and when the battles were elsewhere, its people sent its sons in great number. There are many old soldiers outside these walls, and there always have been.

Once, in the Eisenhower years, when I was, as usual, a boy, I was sitting across from two veterans of the Great War, in a railroad car at Harmon, waiting for the connecting train from upriver. When finally it pulled in, a hundred tiny military school cadets surged across the platform and poured into our car like an invasion of extras from *The Wizard of Oz*. They were absolutely mesmerizing. They hopped from seat to seat, squealing like pink-cheeked organ grinder's monkeys. Although only in the first, second and third grades, these midgets, ladies and gentlemen, were wearing your uniforms. Each and every one of them was guilty of impersonating...a cadet.

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Seized with the impression that West Point was facing one of the major crises of its history, one of the old men looked at the other, and said, "Ooooooh! I sure hope we don't have another war!"

His friend was slightly more sanguine. Perhaps he thought that height has no bearing on military prowess. After all, think of Napoleon. Still, he asked, "Do you think General MacArthur knows?" to which he received the reply, "Who would have the heart to tell him?"

If only you were misunderstood more often with such good will and affection, but that is not the case, and this I know because I often speak in defense of military virtue, something now seldom understood and almost always maligned.

For someone in my walk of life to take this position, especially now, when it is widely believed that you are no longer needed, when generals and admirals are falling by the wayside, is not the epitome of discretion. But, quite frankly, I don't give a damn.

For even whole nations can be wrong in their sureties. Even whole nations, in a craze of fashion, can squander their carefully nurtured strengths. The American military is now everything to anyone except the one thing that it should be to everyone. It is a well from which to draw money for new social initiatives. It is an adjunct of the DEA. It is a teacher corps. It is a hurricane fighter. It is a battleground of feminism. It is an agency for the environment. In its reduction it is a symbol of the New World Order. It is a peace monitor. It is the solution to the problem of the deficit. It is the first refuge of a budget cutter. It is an electoral scapegoat. It is part of an industrial policy.

Anyone is free to make use of it in any way. The only view of it that raises eyebrows is that it should be none of these things, that its purposes, plain and simple, are to defend the interests of the United States, to be prepared for war, to deter it, and to win it. And this is something you cannot do if you are under-strength, under-armed, poorly funded, and rearranged to suit the notions and perform the tasks of every special interest group from Bar Harbor to Honolulu.

The forces that would dilute your purpose have been present since the creation. But now they are ascendant: they have risen like rockets. And the reason for this is the collapse and disintegration of the Soviet Union. Even before the echoes of the fall were silenced came the consensus, the certainty, the piety...that real war is a thing of the past.

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Is it? Not two years ago, the United States led its traditional allies, its former enemies, and then some, almost a million strong, into what was in many respects the greatest single battle in the history of the world. I don't know how many of you have been in the presence of a main battle tank, or, if you have, what you felt. I have an infantryman's view of tanks, which is to say that I've never been exactly comfortable with them. If you're on one side of a village and a tank arrives on the other side, you feel it before you hear it. You feel it in your solar plexus and in the soles of your feet. You would never think that something so massive could be so agile as it smashes through walls and pulverizes brick, the things you thought you could hide behind. And when it slews its gun, the sound of the turret turning is like the sound of death itself.

That's one tank. In the Gulf War, columns of armor rolled across the desert for days and days, so vast and long that the dust they raised could have been seen from the moon.

Twenty years ago, as an over-age infantryman in the Israeli Army, I got my first taste of tanks, half-tracks, AFV's and F-4's that passed so low over my head I was afraid my clothes might catch fire. These things always make me snap to attention. I can't put them out of my mind. And I could not put out of my mind the fact that,

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a few years ago, much of the Soviet harvest went to waste because the rolling stock that would have taken it to market was engaged in moving 70,000 tanks, AFV's, and artillery pieces east of the Urals, where, under the terms of MBFR Talks, everyone would treat them as if they did not exist. But they're still there.

I cannot put out of my mind the hardships and demoralization of the former Soviet peoples, the hyper-inflation, the dying economy that will go nowhere but down, the half-dozen little hot wars that, like the wars in Spain and Abyssinia, inoculate against the rejection of violence. I cannot put out of my mind the Russian Army, still possessed of a vast array of nuclear and conventional weapons, and strategic stores of food and war materiel.

Though it is true that it has been temporarily crippled by the loss of its strategic depth and the rot of its echelons, it is still intact. Many Americans imagine that it has ceased to exist, but it has 50,000 main battle tanks to America's 16,000, 43,000 artillery pieces to our 7,000, and it still produces modern equipment faster than we do. According to the 1992-1993 *Military Balance*, 4,200 main battle tanks have been added to the existing inventories of Russia, Byelarus, and the Ukraine since the demise of the Soviet Union.

If the United States produced this many tanks in a similar period, critics from many quarters would say that this was provocative, dangerous, and insane. They don't know the facts, and they don't want to know them. That is, I believe, because the facts are unpleasant, and the mass hallucination of a permanent peace is, to the contrary, very comfortable.

The Russian Army alone is still formidable, and it is built around its memory of compressing into a tight spring that then, shedding its rage, decompressed and threw back Napoleon, Deniken, Kolchak, Hitler. That memory, that capacity of an army with its back to the wall in the midst of a suffering nation, is, I submit to you, the most dangerous thing in the world today.

What do we see if we look for a counterweight to balance the instability of the shattered East Bloc? We see Europe breaking into smaller and smaller pieces while chasing the illusion that it can achieve political unity by means of an economic program that virtually no one wants. We see chronic unemployment in many countries, alarming debt, monetary chaos, and rapidly expanding fascist parties that may soon claim one voter in ten in the heart of the continent. Underlying all of this is a remarkable institutional instability not seen in so many countries at once since the immediate post-war period.

Deeply absorbed in dismantling its security apparatus, the West responds to the war in Yugoslavia by sending ineffective diplomats to hold meetings and have discussions.

Positioning himself falsely to the right of President Bush, Governor Clinton recommends air strikes on the Serbs. One has to be very careful in such a place and in a context that can lead to far wider war, but the Governor's view of Europe does not admit of this danger, which is why he can blithely ignore it. Even if greater risks did not exist, intervention would be, to paraphrase T.E. Lawrence, like cutting soup with a knife, and, quite simply, we've done enough of that in Vietnam and in Lebanon.

In its unrequited love affair with public opinion, NATO is begging for more responsibility in Central Europe, in the former U.S.S.R., and in the Middle East, while simultaneously and rapidly sloughing off its military capacity. A better invitation to disaster has never been invented.

Taking U.S. forces from Europe—Governor Clinton's plan is to leave less than 25%—is like lifting the control rods from a nuclear reactor. This false economy removes the customary constraints from forces that can rapidly assume a life of their own. Ethnic troubles are the least of them. The real danger is when countries with unstable politics and weak governments find themselves in a clash of irreconcilable national interests. What makes this prospect merely a thing of the past? Nothing. Clearly, nothing.

I ask you this: Had the United States left behind 10% of its World War I expeditionary forces (that is, about 200,000 men) to garrison Europe during the Twenties and Thirties, would the allies have found it impossible to enforce the disarmament provisions of the Treaty of Versailles? Would Hitler have marched into the Rhineland?

After the Second World War, we made up for this mistake, and our simple resolve worked to keep the peace in Europe for nearly half a century and to contain Soviet expansionism, thus binding the Soviet Union to the logic that brought it down. It could not produce, so to survive it had to conquer. When it could not conquer, it could not survive.

Some people will tell you that it collapsed entirely of its own weight. 'All your efforts were wasted', they will say, 'your preparations alarmism, your diligence obsession, your expenditures unnecessary, your sacrifices for naught. There was never any danger. You were just snapping your fingers to keep the elephants away.'

You have to give these people credit. Long before the disintegration of the East Bloc, they did insist that the threat was fiction, or that, to the extent that a threat did exist, it was purely defensive and of your own creation. They told you that the gentle and bewildered Red Army could not have invaded Europe because it was too busy as it, to quote the journal *International Security*, "repaired barracks, built dining halls, set up military posts, camps, and sports fields."

Apart from the fanciful view of no threat was another line of thought that managed somehow to co-exist with what appeared to have been perfect confidence in our safety, and that was that we were doomed. "Why fight the tide of history?" we were asked. For if we did, we were told, there would be no history. There was nothing to worry about, and yet the situation was hopeless. We were just paranoids, but we were facing the inevitability of history. Though the strange luxury and inconsistency of these positions ran together for decades, never for a moment was the threat not real, and never for a moment was it invincible.

Rule of thumb: When generals become colonels, colonels majors, and air force bases industrial parks, the fighting cannot be too far ahead.

Am I saying that war comes after swords are beaten into ploughshares? Yes, I am. I am saying that we are at rest between the wars. I am saying that, God help you, you have a future.

What it will be will depend in large part on the extent to which you are neglected, and I assure you that you will be neglected. I assure you that the United States will enter a future war with insufficient weaponry, numbers, materiel, and training—it has happened before—and that because of this, some of you in this room may give up your lives.

You will have done so in consequence of the mistaken belief that to hold power is to abuse it. Those who subscribe to such a tenet read history without making distinctions. They think they can abolish war solely by abdication, and are never sufficiently wary of others who see in transcendent acts only opportunities to exploit.

Truly moral, but less showy, is the impulse not to abolish war but to contain, avoid and minimize it. This requires, among other things, the willingness and ability to fight, which may seem like a contradiction but isn't. It does illustrate, however, why a uniformly pacific view often creates conditions that lead to war: if you refuse power, as the British and

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Americans did in the interwar period, and as some would have us do now, you will not be able to contain or suppress the anarchic or sometimes purposeful acts that lead to the great wars. In this, as in so many other things, perfection is the enemy of the good.

Once, in Rome, I had a conversation with an American who feared a coup from within your ranks. I thought, how odd. Following the dictates of civilian authority, the military took ten years in Vietnam to lose a war that, risking Chinese intervention, could have been fought to its conclusion in six months. (If you think that's optimistic, I refer you to the Gulf War and remind you that Hanoi is 60 miles from the sea.) For a decade the armed forces accepted failure and death in service of the principles of civilian rule, and then, in restaurants in Rome and at dinner parties in Manhattan, you are told that you are the main threat to it.

But before you overthrow that principle, you will accept virtually anything. You will accept redefinition. You will accept marginalization. You will accept failure. You will even die. For a long time now, popular culture has ridiculed this kind of belief and devotion, and though you risk disillusion and disappointment, do not envy the glib and the uncommitted. Even simple, tongue-tied, anonymous men live better lives than they do, for those who believe in nothing, are nothing.

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Having decided that you are not very necessary anymore, the country will now punish you, acting, among other reasons, on its contempt for what it perceives as interservice rivalry. Had this been done at the start, the Navy would not have aircraft carriers, because flying was the domain of the Army. After the Air Force split from the Army, the Army would not have gone into helicopters, because it was no longer in the flying business, and the Air Force would not have because it was not in the business of vertical envelopment. Why should the Navy have ballistic missiles, as that's the job of the Air Force, or is it the job of the Army, as the Air Force is not in the artillery business?

And the marines! What an outrage! They use boats, planes and armor. They just can't let the rivalry rest. Obviously, they've got to be the first to go.

The same impulse has spawned proposals for consolidating the service academies and civilianizing their faculties, ostensibly because of a lack of Ph.D.'s on the current roster. It would seem to me that the best way to solve this problem, absent a desire to punish the Army, would be to send out even more officers to get doctorates.

I went to college and graduate school in a place that was to Ph.D.'s what the Everglades are to alligators. One of the faculty members, David Riesman, was the Arnold Schwarzenegger of doctorates, having earned four of them. But I found that the professors to whom I gravitated and from whom I learned the most were those whose learning had been annealed in the fire of war—the refugees who had seen their families perish, the field surgeons, the bomber pilots, the resistance fighters, the professor who made his way to class on one leg that was real and one that was made of wood.

I sought them out not just because of their calm and their humility, their great wisdom, and all that they had seen and done. I sought them out because they had the light of survival in their eyes.

Your faculty is rich in such men. Not all of them may have Ph.D.'s, but my reading of history tells me that the Army has done pretty well up to now without indexing itself to the values of the academic world, especially as those values are currently expressed in the merciless rhythm of political correctitude. Critics may say that Army teaching Army is just another instance of the legacy of war being passed from one generation to another that once again will know war and know in its bones what to do when war comes, and I will say to them, you're goddamned right.

Though some who may not fathom the moral imperative of this may find it embarrassing, the purpose of the Military Academies is to train officers to lead the armed forces, and the purpose of the armed forces is to win wars and, with that unambiguous capability, nothing like a bluff, to deter them.

Let me tell you a little story. I was in a field security group in the Israeli Air Force. I had been in the Army, but was transferred into the Air Force, where they made me wear an Army uniform.

I was assigned to a base in the northern part of the country, in a forest that was a major terrorist infiltration route. These terrorists, whom cowardly American newspapers call "fighters" even though they massacre civilians and kill five-year-old girls by bashing their heads against rocks, used the forest to good advantage, as the Israelis relied on motorized patrols.

So, on my own initiative, and, shall we say, "parallel" to orders, I extended the area of my responsibility and used to go into the forest at night and in the day, alone, with my Uzi, extra magazines, and two grenades that I was not supposed to have. I had night vision equipment, too: It was called the moon. It worked only periodically and never when the sky was cloudy, but it didn't weigh me down, it was free and it was beautiful. I remember standing on a mountaintop in the full moonlight, listening to the sound of wild boar moving through the forest below. In the distance I could see the lights of Haifa, and Tyre, and towns in Syria and Jordan. The land was dark, the folds of the mountains black, and the moonlight covered the Mediterranean and the Sea of Galilee with a silent and ghostly sheen.

I did not want to participate in a war the conduct of which was often morally ambiguous. Now I understand that this was precisely my obligation.

Once, a few miles from base, near an Arab village called Jish (and when I got past it I'd say, "Jish!"), I ran into one of our armored patrols at about two in the morning. They trained their mounted machine-guns on me, and their arc light, and they said, "What the hell are you doing here?" I said I was doing exactly what they were doing, only I couldn't be heard and seen from two miles away. The commander wanted to know where the others were, and when I told him I was alone, he said, "I thought you were an American, and you are. Americans are nuts!" I've never received a finer compliment.

One cool, blue day, I was walking in the forest, where, as far as I knew, no one from the Army ever set foot, when I saw, although they did not see me, an Israeli Arab in full regalia, with a pistol on a Sam Browne belt, and a blonde woman in a bedouin checkered scarf. They were crouching in the brush, sketching the defenses of the base. He was describing to her things that he pointed out and that she then marked down on the paper.

The next thing they knew, I was standing ten feet away, pointing my Uzi at them and commanding them, in Arabic, to raise their hands into the air. But the old man, who had probably lived half a century before the day I was born, was not of the opinion that the game was over. He put his

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hand on the grip of his pistol, and he held fast.

Now, what was I to do? Every time I turned around I was reprimanded for one thing or another, and here I was, patrolling entirely parallel to orders. I knew what I would do in coming across a team of infiltrators, but this was a lot different, and I had not foreseen anything like it. The woman was undoubtedly a "tourist," and the old man was undoubtedly a citizen who lived nearby. Still, they had come miles through the forest and were sketching the defenses of what was called a "secret base," and what, after all, was my purpose? If he were to fight, I would have to fire a burst, to stop him from putting a bullet in me. She was actually holding on to him, standing slightly behind. Was I going to shoot—and possibly kill—two civilians? Certainly the enemy had satellite reconnaissance of our installation, but these people may have been watching the shift changes and the habits of the sentries. She was scared, and she was beautiful. He, although he was threatening to shoot me, resembled my father.

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I won't say what I did except to tell you that, though I didn't harm them, the ending was not pretty, it was shrouded in uncertainty, and I have never come to terms with it. In no way, however, did any of this resemble the hypothetical discussions, occasioned by the war in Vietnam, that I had had with plenty of Ph.D.'s. I had had the best training in hypotheticals that you can get, but when the question ceased to be hypothetical and was real, that training proved useless.

Before Congress civilianizes your faculty, it would do well to take a long look at the kinds of problems you will encounter, the difference between what is hypothetical and what is real, and the priceless value of learning from those who have been through the ordeals for which you are destined.

What I know of such things, compared to what they have seen, is nothing, and therein lies a tale that I would like to tell. I am frequently asked how it is that I, an American, served in the Israeli Army and Air Force, and not in the military of my own country. The first part of the question is easy to answer. I point out the long

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tradition of Americans serving in the armed forces of allies—the Lafayette Escadrille; Faulkner in the Canadian Royal Air Force; e.e. cummings and John Dos Passos in the Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps; the Eagle Squadron; the Flying Tigers. I mention that before I served under another flag, I reported to the Department of State and formally swore an oath of loyalty to the United States, and to defend the Constitution. And I remind my questioners that Israel fought not only armies trained and equipped by the Soviet Union, but, sometimes, Soviet soldiers themselves. In that period, the United States and Israel worked very closely together; how closely I think is not yet fully a matter of public record.

To the second part of the question, I reply that though the men in my family have served, since our arrival here, with Pershing in Mexico, in the First World War, so many in the Second World War that the welcome home had to be held in a hotel, and that though one cousin, Richard, was a Navy ace in the Pacific, and another, Robert, died in his B-25 in August of 1942, and another, Hank, was wounded twice in Korea, and half a dozen of my uncles served in all the branches in World War II, and my father came out of the war a major, that despite this tradition in which I was certain I would have a place, I did not serve.

If you think that it is easy to stand here in front of thousands of officers and future officers of the United States Army and explain this, think again. But just as the heart of your profession is your willingness to give your lives in defense of your country, even, as the case has been, as you are mocked, reviled and dismissed by those for whom you will die, the heart of my profession is to convey the truth, and what good is a profession without its heart?

Let me try to convey, then, what I have come to believe is the truth—or at least part of the truth—of a time that was over before many of you were born. I do so not to gain approval or to attain an end, but in service of illumination and memory, and I hope, as you will see, that you may be able to use the knowledge of my failure to clarify and strengthen your own resolve.

"Everyone" at the Republican Convention this summer was reading a book about Harry Truman. Yes, most of them knew Truman was a Democrat. I'm a Republican, and though I was not old enough to have voted in the election of 1948 except perhaps in Chicago—I was one—I would be proud to have voted for Harry Truman had he been running against anyone other than Abraham Lincoln or Theodore Roosevelt.

My conduct in the Vietnam era can be expressed by stating that although in the Israeli Army I had, but for corrective lenses, a perfect physical rating for combat, here I was officially, legally and properly 4-F.

I thought Vietnam was so much the wrong place to fight and that the conduct of the war was so destructive in human terms and of American power, prestige and purpose that I was justified in staying out. What the existence of the re-education camps and the boat people, and the triumph of containment have taught me is that my political assessment was not all that I thought it was, and I also have come to believe that, even if it had been, I still would not have been released from honoring the compact under which I had lived until that moment, and which I then broke. I did not want to participate in a war the conduct of which was often morally ambiguous. Now I understand that this was precisely my obligation.

So you may imagine what I felt when I

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came to a passage on page 102 of David McCullough's *Truman*, explaining how Truman had volunteered in the First World War: "He turned thirty-three the spring of 1917, which was two years beyond the age limit set by the new Selective Service Act. He had been out of the National Guard for nearly six years. His eyes were far below the standard requirements for any of the armed services. And he was the sole supporter of his mother and sister. As a farmer, furthermore, he was supposed to remain on the farm...

"So Harry might have stayed where he was for any of several reasons. That he chose to go...was his own doing entirely."

Truman had five unimpeachable reasons not to serve, and he tossed them to the wind. Had he tossed them at my class at Harvard, I assure you, they would have been fought over like five flawless versions of the Hope Diamond.

The truth is that the truth is divided. Vietnam was the most difficult war we have ever experienced, because it required us to justify a continuing horror with an abstract vision of what our perseverance would yield, and we are neither an abstract nor a patient people.

His actions were all the more impressive when it is remembered that the First World War was far more brutal than the war in Vietnam, far more costly, and far more senseless. At least the war in Vietnam was fought in the context of a policy of containment that, later, was to triumph. Even were Vietnam not the best place to make a stand, it was the fact that a stand was made that mattered. In contrast, the First World War was fought almost entirely for nothing. Though it is true that the country was more enthusiastic about it, that just drives home the fact, as did Vietnam, that you simply cannot know how things will turn out, and that a war may be right or wrong, opportune or inopportune, the proper time and place to make a stand, or it may not be, but that this is something to be determined in national debate and not in the private legislature of each person with a draft card.

The United States might easily have overwhelmed North Vietnam but for the threat of Chinese intervention. Therein lay the checkmate, the nettle that never was grasped, that then became the source of the indecision, the moral ambiguity, and, eventually, our defeat.

We neither made quick work of the North nor extricated ourselves with grace, choosing instead a war of attrition for which we had not the heart. It was not just a tangle of good intentions and bad judgments that put us there in the first place. History put us there. It is understandable, even commendable, that we tried to stay, and also understandable and at times, I think, commendable, that we left. The truth is that the truth is divided.

Vietnam was the most difficult war we have ever experienced, because it required us to justify a continuing horror with an abstract vision of what our perseverance would yield, and we are neither an abstract nor a patient people. In the context of history as we now know it, it seems that, had we persevered, decades of struggle and suffering might have been obviated. But, still, that we were ambivalent did not alter the final outcome. Perhaps the world saw in our ambivalence that we are a nation that seeks not power, but the truth.

Of one thing in this regard, and one thing only, I am absolutely certain, which is that, in not serving, I was wrong. I began to realize this in 1967, when I served briefly in the British Merchant Navy. In the Atlantic we saw a lot of American warships, and every time we did I felt both affection and pride. One of the other sailors, a seaman named Roberts, was a partisan of the Royal Navy, and maintained that it was more powerful than our own. As I was a regular reader of the *Proceedings of the United States Naval Institute*, and had almost memorized *Jane's Fighting Ships*, I quickly, let us say, blew his arguments out of the water.

And then, in riposte, he asked why I was not in uniform. I answered with the full force of the rationalizations so painstakingly developed by the American intellectual elite. Still, he kept coming at me. Although he was not an educated man, and although I thought I had him in a lock, the last thing he said broke the lock. I remember his words exactly. He said: "But they're your mates."

That was the essence of it. Although I did not modify my position until it was too late, I began to know then that I was wrong. I thought, mistakenly, perhaps just for the sake of holding my own in an argument, that he was saying, 'My country, right or wrong,' but it was not what he was saying at all. Only my sophistry converted the many virtues of his simple words from something I would not fully understand until much later.

Neither a man nor his country can always pick the ideal quarrel, and not every war can be fought with moral surety or immediacy of effect. It would be nice if that were so, but it isn't. Any great struggle, while it remains undecided and sometimes even afterward, unfolds not in certainties but in doubts. It cannot be any other way. It never has been.

In the Cambridge Cemetery are several rows of graves in which rest the remains of those who were killed in Vietnam. On one of the many days of that long war, I was passing by as a family was burying their son. I stopped, in respect. I could not move. And they looked at me, not in anger, as I might have expected, but with love. You see, they had had a son.

Soon thereafter, not understanding fully why, I was on my way to the Middle East, in a fury to put myself on the line. And though I did, it can never make up for what I did not do. For the truth is that each and every one of the Vietnam memorials in that cemetery and in every other—those that are full, those that are empty, and those that are still waiting—belongs to a man who may have died in my place. And that is something I can never put behind me.

I want you to know this so that perhaps you may use it. For someday you may find yourself in a terrible place, about to die from a wound that is too big for a pressure bandage, or you may find yourself in an enemy prison, facing years of torture, or you may find yourself, more likely, as I did, in a freezing rain-soaked trench, at four o'clock in the morning, listening to your heart beat like thunder as you stare into the hallucinatory darkness of a field sown with mines. You may speak to yourself out loud, asking, why am I here? I could have been someplace else. I could have done it another way. I could have been home.

If that should happen to you, your first comfort will be your God, and then you will have—believe me—the undying image of your family, and then Duty, Honor, Country. These will carry you through.

But if, after you have run through them again and again, you have time and thought left, then perhaps you will think of me, and this day at the beginning of your careers. I hope it will be encouragement. For that I was not with you, in my time, at Khe Sanh, and Danang, and Hue, and all of the other places, is for me now, looking back, a great surprise, an even greater disappointment, and a regret that I will carry to my grave.

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Artistic Endeavors of West Point Graduates

by Linda G. Berman, Editor, ASSEMBLY

What do sculpture, painting, wood-working, magic, motion pictures, acting and screenwriting have to do with the United States Military Academy? All are fields that its graduates have entered after serving in the military. A sample of West Point graduates who are sucessfully working in the fine and performing arts follows.

Colonel Ludlow "Pete" King '30 is president of the Class of 1930. After retiring from the military in 1946, he went back to his first love: sculpture. "Sculpting was my first real interest at the age of 14 and 15, when I served as an apprentice to the Washington sculptor, George Julian Zolnay. I was planning to make art my career. However, after he had taken me to the summer art colony at Gloucester, MA, and I saw the poor lifestyle of artists, I decided I couldn't raise a family and rely on such a precious [little] income. I told Mr. Zolnay of my decision and promised him that, when I retired, I would return to sculpting.

Ludlow "Pete" King with his bust of Admiral Thomas Moorer.

"During the past seven years, I have studied at the studio of Montgomery College in Rockville, MD under the art director, Orest Poliszczuk. I have sculpted many heads and busts, as well as small figures, animals and abstracts. In October 1992, I had a one-man exhibition at the Chevy Chase Club in Washington. I plan to continue sculpting on a five-day-a-week basis.

"One of my earlier pieces was a bronze plaque which is in the Memorial Room at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery. It is a relief showing my West Point crest on top. At the bottom, it shows a dying soldier on the ground with an angel behind him, ready to lift him up to heaven. The plaque also includes the names of my 20 classmates who gave their lives for their country in World War II and the Korean Conflict. To the best of my knowledge, it is the only memorial at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier that lists the individual names of soldiers who have died for their country.

"I have two life-size busts, General J. Lawton Collins and General Norman Schwarzkopf, in the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, GA. [King's bust of General Schwarzkopf is pictured on page 52 of the May 1992 *ASSEMBLY*.] General Collins was my commanding officer during the Normandy Invasion.

"One of my busts honors 'All of the Farmers and Cattlemen of Okfuskee County, Oklahoma.' It is in the Historic Museum of Okfuskee County, OK—my home state.

"I have just finished a life-size bust of Admiral Thomas Moorer, whose brilliant career included his being the Chief of Naval Operations and then the Chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff. His classmates commissioned me to sculpt their famous classmate so they could present the statue to the U.S. Naval Academy. It will be unveiled at the Academy at the graduation ceremony in May 1993."

Lieutenant General Harold C. Donnelly '33 started painting long after he retired from the Air Force in 1968. "I had a back operation in 1985, and, while recuperating, I was searching for something to do to occupy my time and get my mind off my pain. My wife, who had painted, and my daughter, who paints, suggested that I take some painting lessons. I did not think much of the suggestion, since I was not good in drawing at West Point.

"I did take some lessons, but both my wife and my daughter told me to quit...(because) if I continued, my teacher might try to change my style. They said that I had a style of my own, and they called me a primitive colorist. Colors have always intrigued me.

"I have a total of 35 paintings. I started out doing several of New Mexico...then branched out, doing paintings of places we have visited around the world. We use one each year for our Christmas card. This year's card (1992) featured the green hills of Guilin on the River Li, China. About 250 miles northwest of Canton, Guilin is famous as a wartime base of General Claire L. Chennault's American Volunteer Group, The Flying Tigers. [The card appears in '33's class column in this issue.]

"I have not exhibited my paintings since I feel like they are my children, and I am

LTG Harold Donnelly with three of his paintings: Mt.O'Temanu, Bora-Bora (top); Tanch Lot Temple, Bali (lower left); and Brown Mts., NM (lower right).

A plebe, running late because of a 100th Night Show rehearsal (he was the choreographer), forgot to change his shoes before dinner formation. On his way to the Mess Hall he was stopped by his tactical officer (identity to be revealed later) who, glancing at his ill-trodden shoes, asked him, "What are those things on your feet?" Several punishment tours on the area resulted from his answer — quite honestly — "Dancing shoes, Sir!"

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not interested in selling them. I give some to my children and grandchildren. I did sell one painting and had the buyer send a check to the Association of Graduates."

Lieutenant General Fred Dean '38's 1993 exhibition at the Hilton Head Art League Gallery practically sold out during the show's opening reception this past January. In fact, 35 of his fifty exhibited pieces sold that first night; the remainder sold out by the end of the week. The show, entitled "Les Bois Ensemble" (French for "the assembled woods"), contained bowls, trays, urns and candlesticks that were "creatively conceived, artfully designed and fastidiously fabricated," according to the 22 January edition of the *Island Packet*. "These pieces represent a slow accumulation of my work," said General Dean. "This represents quite a project."

General Dean made time for this project after retiring in 1972 from a successful 34 years of military service in the United States Air Force. His interest in wood working began while stationed in Taiwan (1957-60), where he began doing routine wood-working assignments around the house. After retiring, he and his wife Rosemary moved to Hilton Head, SC, where he began wood turning in earnest after receiving a new set of stand-up tools for his growing hobby. General Dean has since turned this hobby into a full-fledged craft.

General Dean rarely crafts his wooden bowls with only one wood; rather, he prefers to laminate (affix one wood to the surface of another) and inset his bowls with strips of natural woods combined to make sophisticated, abstract designs. Only occasionally will he produce a piece solely from one, plain, highly polished wood — and then only if the piece shows a "burl" or natural fungus in its grain, according to the Hilton Head Art League Gallery's newsletter, in which his show received rave reviews.

He previously exhibited there two years ago, in January 1991, and sold out in an hour. General Dean's tremendous success in turning a block of wood into a rounded, softened, decorated work of art has been attributed to his "accomplished sense of design, a reverence for and knowledge of his woods, and his gentle good humor," reported Nancy Wellard in the *Island Packet*.

General Dean's education at West Point, and especially his coursework in mechanical drawing, helped him to develop his feel for three-dimensional work. This knowledge is applied to his work every day. He begins a project by sketching an idea, roughing in the dimensions and turning the wood. Frequently he carefully drafts the entire design, using exact dimensions, before even beginning work with the wood.

Although he says that "I am a hobbyist, whose work lies between art and craft," few would dispute the fact that General Dean is a true artisan in the medium.

Colonel Robert W. Studer '39 has had two of his watercolors grace *ASSEMBLY* magazine's covers; September 1991's featured Trophy Point and January 1992's depicted the Cadet Chapel in wintertime. "I have periodically indulged a certain facility for drawing (cartooning)

Colonel Robert W. Studer

GEN Fred Dean with one of his pieces at the January 1993 exhibition of his work, at the Hilton Head Art League Gallery.

West Point Cadet Chapel (cover of January 1992 *ASSEMBLY*), painted by COL Robert Studer '39.

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throughout my life, since I took a $30 correspondence course as a boy. My products included magazine jokes (some for the *Pointer*), birthday and other greetings cards, etc.

"Painting as a hobby, specifically watercolor, interested me seriously about 15 years ago....Particularly the works of John Pike and Ted Kautsky made the medium look simple and eye-catching. Since that time, I have taught myself...about picture design, the mixing of colors and watercolor techniques—through buying and reading scores of books on watercolor—and sporadic application of what I have learned.

"My efforts are strictly local. I have sold scores of landscape paintings—and a few still-lifes—through art shows, bazaars, exhibits and word-of-mouth. As a member of the Simi Valley Art Association in a neighboring community, I have won some recognition in their annual show, including two best-of-show awards.

"I continue to practice only watercolor because, to me, the product here from a good painter is most fascinating—and because there there seems to be the chance of turning out, almost extemporaneously, something really striking. Hardly ever is this the development—much more often a botched job results—but the enticement to try again remains....The formula '5% inspiration, 95% perspiration' applies as much or more to painting as it does to any other worthwhile endeavor."

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth L. Hruby '61, who retired from the Army in 1982, writes: "Sculpting began for me in the early seventies, when I was stationed in Central Texas for three years with little to do. With help from recreational services, I taught myself to weld and carve and generally amused myself for a couple of years making perfectly dreadful steel, copper and wood sculptures to give away

"Insight II" by Ken Hruby

for Christmas. It began as a diversion, essentially, where process was more important than product. As military duties permitted, I kept at it over the years and eventually became a pretty competent welder. I enjoyed the creative process so much that, upon retirement, I began looking more at art school catalogues than at job placement ads. In spite of my meager portfolio, I was accepted at an excellent art school and thus studied sculpture for four years at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. I remained there for a post-graduate year, during which time autobiographical influences began to show up in my work, specifically those involving Vietnam and other facets of military service. That work was well-received, won a sculpture prize and was featured in an exhibition at the MFA in Boston. My first solo show ensued. It was critically acclaimed and declared by the *Boston Globe* to be the top solo gallery event of 1989.

"New work was included in a series of group shows that followed and, in 1991, I was given a solo show at the Class of 1929 Gallery, Ike Hall—the first solo show by a grad at the gallery. This show overlaid my 30th Reunion and the response by classmates could best be described as 'mixed'—I suspect because of their closeness to the subject matter and because the work dredged up painful memories safely buried years before.

LTC Ken Hruby with "Hyperbole"

"My work attempts to deal with the relationship between soldier and society; my military career fed and continues to feed the imagery I use....I have found that most of the visual art dealing with Vietnam and other facets of the soldier-society issue is so angst-ridden, so mono-dimensional and so in-your-face anti-establishment that the viewer is denied any opportunity to participate or interpret. I seek a less strident approach.

"It was difficult at first to see the common items of Army life as anything but functional objects....Upon re-examination, they became symbols of greater issues and gained an allegorical dimension that had gone unnoticed....These objects can be transformed from their quotidian functions and speak to the viewer on a variety of levels.

"Beyond the catharsis, I thoroughly enjoy the challenge of dealing with *change* on a daily basis: experimental materials, new forms, variable light and shadow, untried surfaces and textures, different scales, etc. There is no routine, only a continuous learning curve that makes each day in my studio an intellectual, emotional and physical adventure."

Colonel Hruby recently helped to establish a co-op with seventeen other sculptors from his area, Boston Sculptors at Chapel Gallery. His solo show there will be in December.

The five West Pointers above are involved in the fine arts of painting, sculpture and wood-turning. The next three graduates' artistic endeavors involve the performing arts.

Dick Steiner '68 spent 21 years in communications as a Signal Corps officer before retiring from the military in 1989. He turned an enjoyable hobby, reserved mostly for weekends, into a fun, lucrative and full-time career. According to *Army Times* (2 March 1992 issue), "Like magic, (he) has merged the various parts of his life and pulled success out of a hat."

Dick Steiner, magical entertainer

Steiner enjoyed magic as a child growing up in Minneapolis, but it wasn't until seven years ago, when he met magicians Fred Cook and John Bannon, a former Air Force officer, that he found the inspiration for his craft. "I've read hundreds and hundreds of books on magic, (but) the catalyst was meeting a magician."

As a magical entertainer, Steiner has traveled around the country performing for a variety of audiences; his specialty is providing entertainment for corporations and organizations. He performs strolling or close-up magic at cocktail hours, private parties, hospitality suites and conventions, and also performs stage shows as the after-dinner entertainment at banquets, often

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Dick Steiner performing magic for Baseball Hall-of-Famer Harmon Killebrew at the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association dinner.

introducing a corporate theme or product into his persentations. Steiner combines magic with mentalism and includes mind reading, forecasting the future and other aspects of ESP in his acts.

Steiner provided magical and mentalist entertainment at the 1992 Army-Navy Football Game party in Annapolis. Most impressive was this prediction of his: "Just before game time I was interviewed on the Navy football radio network and was asked for my prediction of the results of the game. I predicted that Army would win in an exciting game, 24-21, which turned out to be fairly close to the actual score [25-24]."

His list of clients includes 3M, Xerox, Coca-Cola, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and the 1991 World Championship Minnesota Twins. He also performed at the White House for the 1989 American Bicentennial Presidential Inaugural Show, "From George to George...Two Hundred Years." This summer, his magic will be featured at the major-league baseball All-Star Game.

Steiner is represented on occasion by The Speaker's Connection, run by Gerry and Roland Tausch '51, and is a member of the Psychic Entertainers' Association.

Merlin L. Miller '74 left active duty in 1980 and worked as an industrial engineering manager for Michelin Tire Company for three years before being accepted into the University of Southern California's graduate program in motion picture producing (the "Peter Stark Program"). According to Miller, "[This program] is designed to train and educate future studio executives and producers. The director/creator of the program was a former Naval commander (I don't hold that against him!), Art Murphy.

"I interned at Paramount Pictures and,...since graduation, have worked on low-budget productions rather than work within the studio system. The insecurity of being a studio executive did not appeal to me...and developing projects through the studio system (as a producer) takes years and [often involves] loss of control. I have line produced or produced four low-budget feature films 'for hire.'

"Two years ago I came to a crossroads and decided on a plan which is now coming to fruition. With the support of community and business leaders in the Springfield, Missouri region, we formed "Ozark Pictures Corporation" [incorporated in September 1992 with Miller named as its president]." Their first production is scheduled for this summer, based on a philosophy of producing quality motion pictures at modest cost. "Walt Disney was my idol, and, in keeping with what I believe are the wants and needs of America, we will produce entertaining, yet wholesome, films . . . With funding success, Ozark Pictures will have the chance to prove what truly can be done, and the motion picture industry can be put back in its place of positive leadership."

Among the projects in development for Ozark Pictures is "West Point Reunion," the story of a class of cadets at their 20-year reunion. A love story ties together several friends' lives with humor and passion. In the settings of an ocean cruise and West Point, their heroic deeds and tests of the last twenty years come to a patriotic and rewarding climax.

Merlin Miller (at right) during break in production of "Devil Rider" (1987).

Randy Rogel

Randy Rogel '76 was an ideal recruit for 100th Night Shows while at the Military Academy because of his high school background in theater. Even as a plebe, he helped with choreography, was involved in the show all four years, and starred in "As You Were" as a firstie. His entry in his class *Howitzer* is prophetic: "Quick to laugh, yet quicker to make us laugh, Randy brought a rare and immeasurable talent to West Point. His acting and dancing ability was only matched by the enthusiam, wisdom and warmth he showed us. Break a leg, Randy!" And he has.

Rogel served in the Army until 1986, when he entered the corporate world. In 1989, he moved to Hollywood in the hopes of breaking into either acting or screenwriting. The perseverance he had learned at the Academy was put to good

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use, as he knocked on every door, sent unsolicited scripts to producers, applied for every audition, and hoped for a lucky break.

Accolades for his acting finally came when, after portraying the Donald O'Connor role in *Singing in the Rain*, he garnered two Los Angeles Critics Awards for Performance in 1991. About the same time, a script he sent to the new television series in the making, "Batman," reached the producer level at Warner Brothers. Rogel was asked to write another script for consideration, and then yet another. As a result, he landed a staff scriptwriting position there and wrote scripts regularly for the successful animated series. A *Batman* movie, on which he also worked, is tentatively planned for home video release this summer.

At present, Rogel works for Steven Spielberg's production company, Amblin, within Warner Brothers Studio. An animated TV variety show called "Animaniacs" is planned for this fall, with Rogel providing music, lyrics and scripts for the new show.

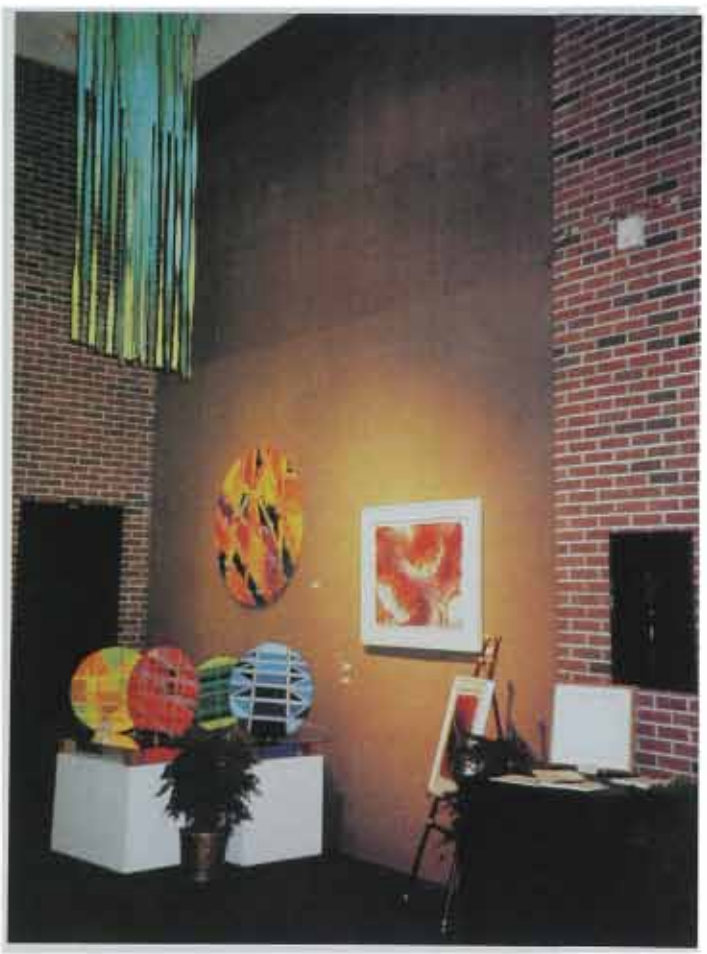
About his success in Hollywood, both as a scriptwriter and as an actor (he appeared in summer 1992 shows *Singing in the Rain* and *Me and My Girl*), Rogel says this: "West Point gave me the broad-based education and drive to excel, whatever the field. As a result, I'm happier than I've ever been."

As diverse as these eight West Pointers are, all share a love of the arts. Their wide-ranging abilities in sculpture, painting, wood-working, magic, movie-making, acting and screenwriting, combined with the leadership skills developed at the Academy, have enabled them all to succeed in in their artistic careers.

P.S. Randy Rogel is the plebe who was stopped on the way to dinner in his "dancing shoes" by AOG's very own Executive Vice-President, Colonel Seth F. Hudgins, Jr.!

The Class of 1929

The Class of 1929 has contributed significantly to the development of artistic appreciation at West Point by the establishment of the Class of 1929 Gallery on the first balcony level of Eisenhower Hall. Shown in the accompanying photographs are a portion of a recently completed exhibition of the works of Nan Gressman and Marjorie Tomchuk for the benefit of the Cadet Fine Arts Forum, and cadets and members of the West Point community enjoying the show. Ken Hruby '61 was the first—who will be the next graduate to exhibit there?



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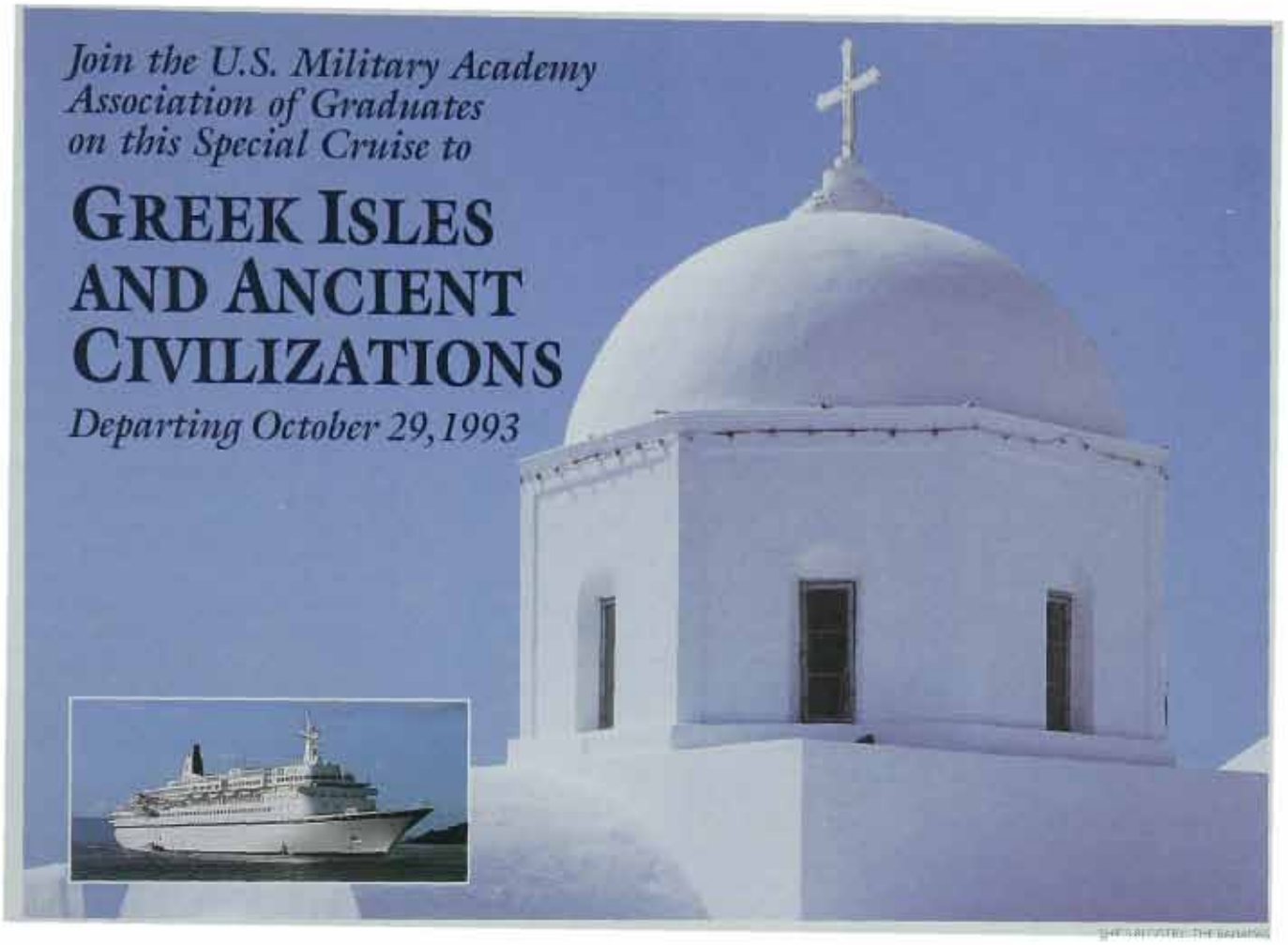

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IKE, ONE OF US

by LTC Thomas K. Littlefield, Jr. '75

Dwight D. Eisenhower was a great American: citizen, soldier, general, college president, President of the United States and senior statesman. According to his son, John S. D. Eisenhower, General Eisenhower would prefer to be remembered as the "Good Soldier." He followed the code of the "Good Soldier" as a public servant who placed his country ahead of himself.[1]

How does the career of the "Good Soldier" Eisenhower relate to the officers of today? One biographer stated that there was nothing in the first years of his career to distinguished him from many other army officers.[2] These early years are of the most significance to the officer of today. The significance is that Eisenhower was not "bigger than life," he was a real person. He worked hard, made friends and loved his family, while facing the trials and tribulations of Army life. Look at the first twenty-five years of Eisenhower's career and see what lessons can be learned.

The Years Through World War I

On 12 June 1915 Ike graduated from West Point and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the infantry. He had a satisfactory record as a cadet but was by no means considered brilliant or special. In academics he stood at 61 of 168 and in conduct he stood at 125.[3] Ike was not a model cadet. He spent a number of hours walking the area and lost his cadet rank more than once for indiscretions.[4] He saw himself as a "hell raiser."[5]

Some of Ike's cadet traits followed him to his first assignment at San Antonio, Texas. According to Ike, "Except when we had the money for an evening on the town, we often roamed the post in a rather aimless search for excitement."[6] Such was the case when he had an unfortunate meeting with his regimental commander. Another lieutenant bet Ike five dollars that he wouldn't climb the flag pole. It looked like easy money to pay for a night out on the town, so the wager was taken and Ike began the climb. At this time the regimental commander appeared. The commander called the luckless lieutenant down and explained how foolhardy, undignified, untrustworthy, undependable and ignorant his actions were.[7]

During this period a new and calming influence came into Ike's life when he met Mamie Geneva Doud. They were married in Denver on 1 July 1916, the same day Ike got his first promotion.[8] Ike found that Mamie knew even less than he did about cooking. Eventually, her talents improved to the point that guests could be invited.[9]

Ike felt doomed to run-of-the-mill assignments. His cure was to blow off steam in private and settle down to do the job.

On 1 April 1917, Ike was assigned to the 57th Infantry as the regimental supply officer. The regiment was thirty miles from San Antonio. Mamie, who was expecting a child in September, remained in San Antonio. Mamie and Ike missed each other terribly and could not bear the separation any longer. Mamie had a perfectly good automobile; the only problem was that she didn't know how to drive. The man next door showed her how to start the car and shift gears. She telephoned Ike that she was coming to see him, and, at 0500 on a Sunday morning, she began her adventure. Mamie fought her way over deserted roads as Ike waited for her. At last he saw Mamie. As she rode by she shouted, "Ike! Jump on the running board quick. I don't know how to stop!"[10] Ike spent a large part of the rest of the day honing Mamie's driving skills.[11]

Ike worked very hard as the regimental supply officer to get the 57th Regiment combat ready. He would have preferred to have a line job, but he did the best he could as a supply officer. In this job he had his first encounter with the bureaucratic blundering of the Army. A box of shovel carriers arrived that were the wrong type. Ike had them sealed and returned. By Army regulations, he should have removed the items, counted them and given a report on deficiencies. He received a bill from the ordnance department for a $22.04 to pay for items missing from the box. He paid the bill and kept the cancelled check. It was a good thing he saved the check, since the ordnance department tried to charge him a second time.[12]

Ike then received a devastating blow; orders came sending him to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia to train officer candidates. Ike's request to remain with the regiment and go into combat was refused. Additional non-combat assignments to train officers at Fort Leavenworth, organize a battalion at Camp Meade, and activate Camp Colt followed. Ike felt doomed to run-of-the-mill assignments. His cure was to blow off steam in private and settle down to do the job.[13] A few good things occurred during this period. One was the birth of David Dwight. Another was promotion to lieutenant colonel in October 1918. Ike lost this rank at the end of the war and didn't get it back until 1936.

Finally, orders came for overseas duty, but the Armistice came before Ike could deploy. He believed:

> "As for my professional career, the prospects were none too bright. I...saw myself in the years ahead putting on weight in a meaningless chair bound assignment, shuffling papers and filling out forms. If not depressed, I was mad, disappointed, and resented the fact that the war had passed me by."[14]

Ike received a surprise call from the Chief of Infantry. "I was told that my ideas were not only wrong, but dangerous and that henceforth I would keep them to myself."

Ike considered getting out of the Army. He was offered a job at double the salary he was getting as a lieutenant colonel. He seriously considered the offer, but "Mamie kidded me a little bit, and we decided to go on in the Army."[15]

Camp Meade Again

Ike's next assignment was to Camp Meade, where he met George S. Patton, Jr. Their interest in developing new tank doctrine contributed to their growing friendship. While Patton wrote articles for the cavalry community, Ike wrote them for the infantry community. Ike received a surprise call from the Chief of Infantry.

"I was told that my ideas were not only wrong, but dangerous and that henceforth I would keep them to myself. Particularly, I was not to publish anything incompatible with solid infantry doctrine. If I did, I

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would be hauled before a court-martial."[16]

Patton got the same treatment from the cavalry. This drew them closer, and they spent a great deal of time together, often blowing off steam.[17] It was through Patton that Ike met Fox Conner, a brigadier general who played a large role in Ike's future assignments.[18]

At last, Mamie and Icky (nick name for David Dwight) were able to join Ike. They were given barracks that they renovated and furnished at their own expense. These quarters became a rendezvous for all ranks. The Eisenhower family settled down to a fuller family life than ever before. Ike displayed Icky and his talents whenever given the chance.[19] Then disaster struck. Icky came down with scarlet fever, but Mamie also was sick and could not accompany him to the hospital. Ike took Icky to the hospital and stayed with him. On 12 January 1921, little Icky died in his father's arms.[20]

Panama with Fox Conner

Fox Conner went to Panama to command a brigade and asked Ike to come as his executive officer. Ike's request to go was rejected. Life at Camp Meade continued until, out of the blue, orders arrived for Panama. General Conner challenged Ike with a heavy work load. Each day field orders were written for everything the brigade did. Writing field orders became second nature to Ike.[21] Conner discovered his executive officer hated military history. He convinced Ike to read some historical novels, which wet his appetite for what really happened. As Fox Conner guided Ike's reading, they became close friends.[22]

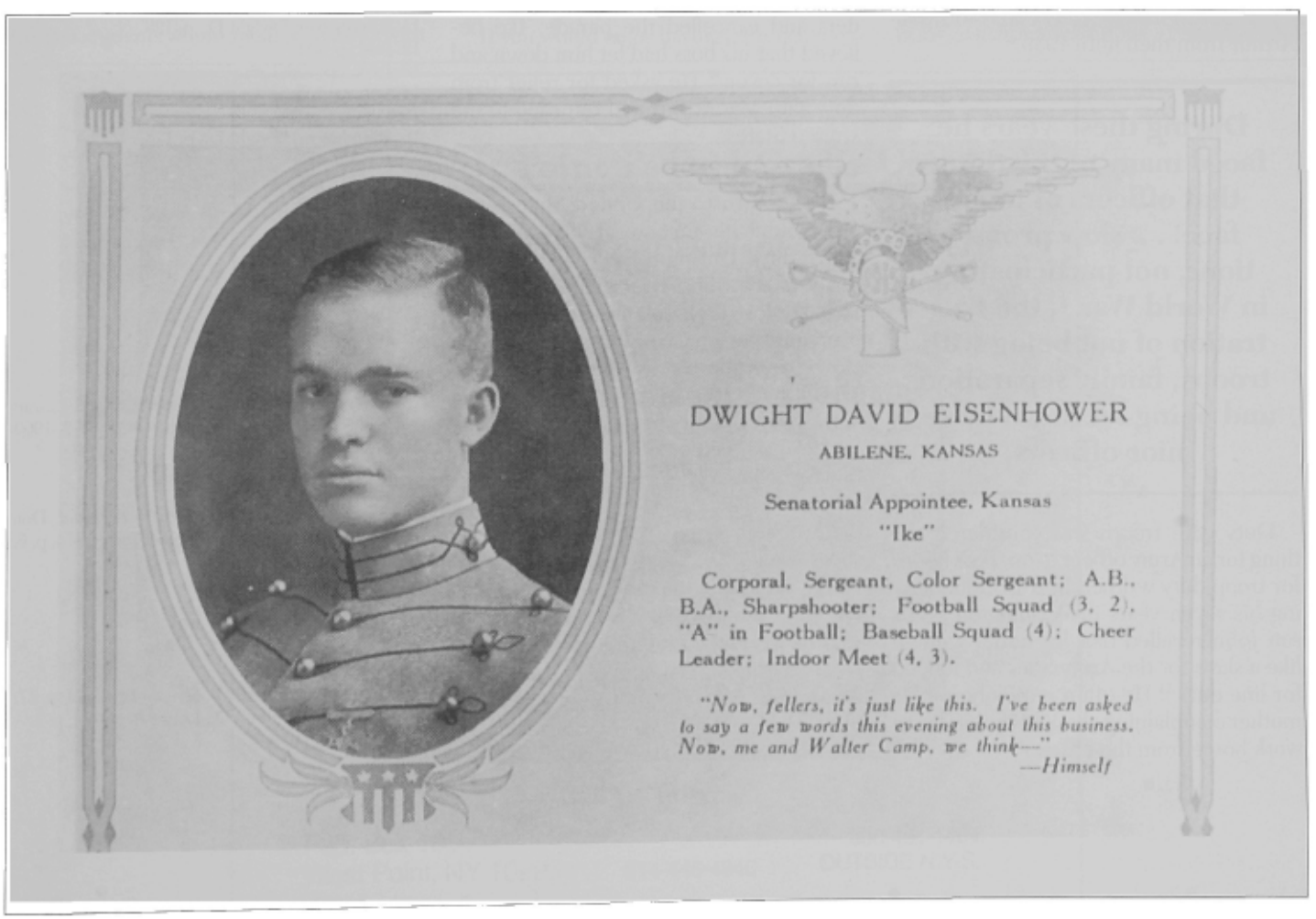
Panama was not always hard work. Ike found time for his friends and family. The Eisenhower house was a center of activity, and poker games were high on Ike's list of things to do. A highlight of Panama was the arrival of their son John. According to Ike:

> "The most absorbing interest in our lives was his growth into a walking, talking, running-the-whole-house-hold young fellow...The joy of life with Mamie and John would have made a station far worse than Panama a happy place for me."[23]

Upon returning from Panama, Ike's request to attend the Infantry School was refused by the Chief of Infantry. Shortly, Ike got a strange telegram from Fox Conner which said, "No matter what orders you receive from the War Department, make no protest, accept them without question."[24] He received orders detailing him to the Adjutant General Corps with recruiting duty in Colorado. A final order arrived assigning him to Command and General Staff College in an Adjutant General slot. In later years, when asked about the issue of "It's not what you know, it's who you know", Ike said:

> "Always try to associate yourself closely with and learn as much as you can from those who know more than you, who do better than you, who see more clearly than you. Don't be afraid to reach upward. Apart from the rewards of friendship, the association might pay off at some unforeseen time—that is only an accidental by-product. The important thing is that the learning will make you a better person."[25]

At Command and General Staff College, Ike made the most of his opportunity and graduated at the top of his class.[26] Ike studied hard but limited his studies to 1900 to 2130 on Sunday through Thursday. Ike saved Friday and Saturday nights for unwinding at the officers club or in quarters with friends.[27] He also found time to learn the game of golf.[28]



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Washington

Ike went to Washington, DC for duty in the office of General Pershing. His writing ability led to his selection to write a guide to the American battlefields of France.[29] The Eisenhower family went to France and found a small apartment in Paris, which soon became the gathering place for their Army friends.[30]

In November 1929, Ike and his family returned to Washington to work in the Assistant Secretary of War's office. In 1930 General MacArthur became the new Chief of Staff, and Ike's work caught his attention. In January 1933, MacArthur asked Ike to become his personal military assistant to draft statements, reports, and letters for signature. He worked for MacArthur from then until 1939.[31]

During these years he faced many of the things that officers of today face. . . slow promotions, not participating in World War I, the frustration of not being with troops, family separation and being let down by senior officers.

Duty with troops was considered the thing for an Army officer to do. Ike's hopes for troop duty writhed in frustration during his seven years in Washington.[32] His son John recalled that his father worked like a slave for the Army Staff and longed for line duty.[33] He often remembered his mother complaining about his father bring work home from the office.[34]

Even with all the work, there was time for some fun. Friends often gathered at the Eisenhower apartment, and it became known as "Club Eisenhower."[35] Ike played golf, but not as often as he would like. He had a powerful swing but a terrible slice, resulting in his being off the fairway more often than not. At such times the air would be filled with expletives.[36]

The Philippines with MacArthur

In 1953 General MacArthur became the military advisor to the Philippine government. Ike desired to be assigned with troops and did not relish going to the Philippines. MacArthur, however, insisted that Ike accompany him. Ike said, "Whatever was going on inside me, I was in no position to argue with the Chief of Staff."[37] His duties included drawing up the plans to defend the Philippines.[38]

MacArthur wanted to boost the morale of the Philippine people with a display of military might. He asked Ike to set up a parade in Manila. Ike was highly aware of potential political problems and protested. MacArthur ignored the protest and ordered the plan to proceed. The President of the Philippines learned of the preparations and became incensed. He protested to MacArthur, who denied giving the orders and cancelled the parade. Ike believed that his boss had let him down and run for cover.[39] He asked for relief from duty with MacArthur and returned to the United States.

Conclusion

Ike's return to the United States ends our look at his first twenty-five years of active duty. During these years he faced many of the things that officers of today face. His love for the Army and his country overcame personal considerations, such as slow promotions, not participating in World War I, the frustration of not being with troops, family separation and being let down by senior officers. John Eisenhower believes the secret of his father's success is that, along with some luck, he did every job so well that the right people sought his services.[40] In addition to hard work, Ike found time to make friends and enjoy his family. When a break came his way, he made the most of it. These are the lessons of Ike's first twenty-five years in the Army. He is not different from us, he is one of us. He could find meaning and satisfaction in an Army like ours. The only real satisfaction is doing your job to the best of your ability, with minimal regard for its impact on your future career.[41] In the words of John Eisenhower:

> "Ike is now part of history, gone from us for twenty-one years...But one sentimental line of the West Point Alma Mater meant a lot to him. The words read,
> 'And when our work is done,
> Our course on earth is run,
> May is be said, Well done;
> Be thou at Peace.'
> That is the way that Dwight Eisenhower would like to be remembered by those he has left behind."[42]

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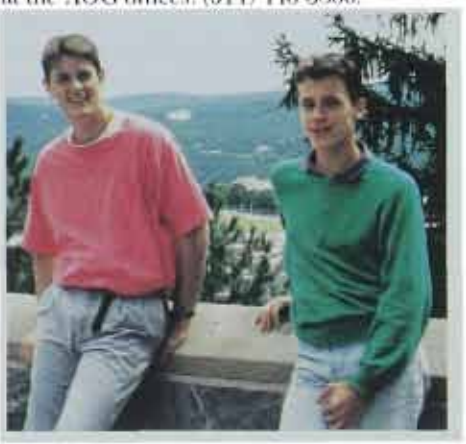

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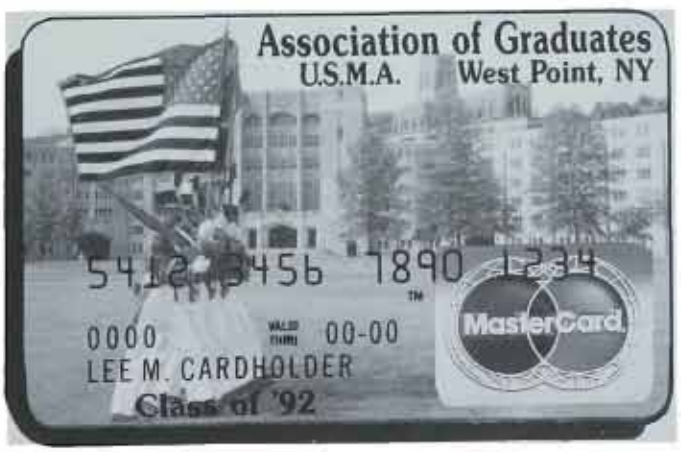

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At Ease—Ducrot Pepys

On 27 September 1940, the cadet diary of "Mr. Ducrot Pepys" made its debut in the first *POINTER* magazine of the new academic year, and the Corps of Cadets—especially the plebes—burst into laughter. And for 59 more *POINTER*s they kept on laughing, until Pepys put down his pen as his class, renamed from "1944" to "June 1943," graduated a year early and went off to World War II. As the year 1992 drew to a close, the real-life author of those 60 pieces died, only a few days after engaging to revive Pepys again for the 50th reunion of his class. The purpose of this special article in *ASSEMBLY* is to honor his legacy of both sense and laughter, to recall the lore of Cadet Pepys, and to bring a reminiscent smile to the generations of graduates who knew him and even to those (including the present Corps) who did not.

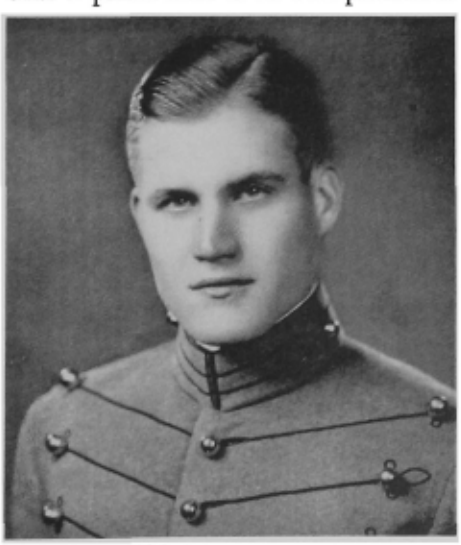
A biographical summary of Samuel Pepys (1633-1703) says that this literary ancestor of USMA's Ducrot Pepys left us in his renowned diary "an intimate record of the daily life and reflections of an ambitious, observant, and fun-loving young man . . . a graphic, inside picture of the social life and conditions of his time." So it was with the Pepys of USMA folklore, who, with his two roommates—the righteous "sane wife," who stored his world-class B-plates each in its own protective sack made of Blitz cloth, and the unforgettable, quasi-demented "other wife"—took the best and worst thrown at them by the Academic Departments, the Tactical Department, the Master of the Sword in his gymnasium, the horses in the Riding Hall, the Cadet Laundry (referred to by Pepys as the "land of no return") and The System in general. During their onward progression, the *POINTER* column entitled "Mr. Ducrot Pepys" became "Mr. Yearling Pepys" for a year, then, for five months, "Cadet Pepys—Second Class" (he declined to be called 'Mr. Cow Pepys" in print) and finally, for four months and a butt, "Cadet Pepys—First Class."

Who was he? In fact, Pepys was the alter-ego of his creator, Ronan Calistus Grady, a long, lanky Navy junior, appointed "at-large" and always called simply "Grady" by his cadet wives, his real-life wife Barbara (daughter of football's famous Colonel Biff Jones), his classmates and just about everyone else, with the possible exception of his children and grandchildren. Born on 14 July 1921, he died of congestive heart failure in Albuquerque, NM on 30 Dec 1992 and was buried with Barbara (who died 14 January 1991) in the West Point Cemetery on 6 January 1993.

Ronan Calistus Grady, Jr. 1921-1992

(See also "Notes" for the Class of June 1943, *infra.*).

And who were the cadet wives? Alphabetically, they were: Leo V. Hayes, now of Cos Cob, CT; William O. Peak (18 Nov. 1918-9 Sep 1972); and Richard C. Snyder, now of Lancaster, VA. But—we thought he had only *two* wives! It was like this: in the early fall of 1942, the expanded Corps of



Lewis Frazer Webster
1920-1952

"Clubbing it with the milk pitcher. . ."

"He persists on setting it by thumb breadths."

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Cadets was reorganized from 12 companies into 16 companies. Grady/Pepys' old flanker Co. "M" became Co. "H-2" and, in the transition, various personnel changes were directed. Dick Snyder was reassigned, and Leo Hayes then joined the Pepysian entourage for the final year. Throughout all three years, Grady's columns were illustrated by classmate Lewis F. Webster (8 Nov 1920-1 Jan 1952), whose familiar cartoons visualized Pepys for his readers.

But was Grady really Pepys? The answer has to be both "yes" and "no." As a cadet, Grady took on the persona of Pepys in order to write an allegory of daily cadet life in his time. It was an exciting time, as West Point faced the challenges brought on by the mightiest war in the nation's history, before or since. But Grady did not philosophize or theologize or comment on policy or the strategic conduct of the war. He wrote about what he saw and knew up close, as a cadet. For that reason, every cadet, especially his classmates, recognized and felt a personal identity with what he was saying, and even the most fantastical flights of Pepysian fantasy were somehow sensed to be true!

"My sane wife caused a disturbance at the hop. . ."

"This morning the Tactical Officer didn't know it, but . . ."

"Had qualifying bouts in boxing today. As I bleed quite easily, I got a good grade."

Grady himself lived in some contrast to the Pepys image. He graduated 133d out of 514 on the general order of merit and could have gone to any of the ground combat or combat support arms. He chose the infantry and airborne training. Assigned to the 513th Parachute Inf Regt of the 17th Airborne Division, he was badly wounded in Europe and awarded the Silver Star, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Purple Heart. After the war, he had troop duty assignments in Europe, on the airborne training board, with the advisory group in Vietnam, and with Headquarters, XVIII Airborne Corps. There followed mission duty in Venezuela, on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, duty as defense attaché in Paraguay, another tour in Vietnam, and a final assignment with the advisory group in Spain. Along the way he picked up four more decorations and retired, with disability, in 1972 in the grade of colonel. He wrote several moderately successful mystery novels, and, after periods of residence in Pamplona, Spain and Bethesda, Maryland, settled down to quiet retirement with Barbara in Albuquerque, near their daughters.

"Goodbye and Good Luck. . . ."

But he knew what he had done as Pepys. In 1988 his class assembled for their 45th reunion and, in ceremonies on 23 September, presented to USMA the new Thayer Gate and sidewalls at the entrance to the Academy at Highland Falls. Grady was one of the featured speakers at these ceremonies. When he faced his classmates in the stands, a wave of applause rolled up to him. He reminded them of how their class unity had been forged from the first day "when it seemed that every man's hand was against us." As for himself and Pepys, he said, "All I ever did was tell you what you already knew. Everything I ever wrote was something that happened to all of us." Literally, this was not true. (There were some who were never thrown from a horse in the Riding Hall!) But symbolically, it was true, and everyone knew it; and the applause rolled up again. . . . Roger Hilsman, who was editor-in-chief of the POINTER, knew it well. Just before Grady and his class graduated, Hilsman compiled and edited The Collected Works of Ducrot Pepys by Roman C. Grady and arranged for its publication as a slim, clothbound gray volume by the Moore Publishing Company, Inc. of Newburgh, NY. In his "Foreword" Hilsman wrote, "This is not a book about West Point in its cumulative result, but a book about West Point as each little detail occurs. . . . For three years cadets have laughed at Grady's diary of Ducrot Pepys, not only because it was funny, but because, amazingly, it was true!" In late 1992, by curious coincidence, Hilsman, now retired from his professor's chair at Columbia University and living in Lyme, CT, acquired a mint condition copy of the "Collected Works" from a friendly bookseller and has given this copy to the West Point Museum in honor of Grady.

So, let us check out a few extracts from the Pepys canon.

As a plebe: "The man beside me at Gym today did begin to scream and cry out

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when shown the stall bars, believing that he was going to be tortured. He was right!" . . "Dropped my rifle at parade but with great presence of mind fell down after it. Two first classmen knocked down in the rush of yearlings vying to aid me from the field." . . "Saturday inspection. My sane wife in transports of joy that he received but two demerits. My other wife weeping noisily but refusing to speak. I received my usual seven." . . . "A good day. Permitted to attend an excellent stage show, at which Miss Carol Bruce sang. Also, was water corporal at my table in the mess hall and was able to drink the extra milk undetected. And so to bed, disturbed only by the bickering of wives disputing whose turn it was to have Ann Sheridan's picture under his pillow." . . . "To bad that Caligula is dead. He would have paid well for a seat in the boxing room today." . . . "We cast up our cadet accounts today. My other wife has gone to the Treasurer's office to see if that official will match him double or nothing." . . . "Because I am on C.E. ("corrective exercise") swimming, I thought I could not be put on C.E. gym. I am now on both. Had qualifying bouts in boxing today. As I bleed quite easily, I got a good grade." . . . "Dancing instruction today, and danced with my other wife. He is considerably hampered by his inability to distinguish between right and left. He won, however, in five of seven falls, and wore off the toes of my hop shoes." . . . "I wonder where the Mess Hall gets its meat.

"My other wife continues to regard the marks on his slide rule as mere decoration, and persists in setting it by thumb breadths."

Tonight I had to carve a leg of lamb that had been insufficiently killed. I checked a strong break for freedom by clubbing it with the milk pitcher." . . . "My sane wife fell out of the top bunk again last night, and is now in the hospital. Went to see him today. Found him happily practising groans: he thinks he is good for two days. Told me to be sure to bathe his best B-plate in lukewarm Noxon every evening." . . . "Math Dept. seems to have a slight edge on the English Dept., but there is a fine competitive feeling between the two. We told my other wife about Recognition today. He laughed heartily and said that was the best ever and he would certainly tell it at parade. My sane wife very happy. It seems there are now only as many days until Recognition as he has B-plates."

"It would seem that Early Graduation is an established fact. It is about time. At every other institution one is allowed time off for good behaviour."

As a yearling: "The first day of cadet maneuvers is over. Unfortunately, I am tenting with my other wife. 'They' have made him a squad leader, a fact many are going to regret. He has told his squad to rely only on cold steel." . . . "My other wife continues to regard the marks on his slide rule as mere decoration, and persists in setting it by thumb breadths. I would not mind except for the fact that he gets closer answers than I do." . . . "Other wife caused a disturbance at the hop by using a blackjack to cut in with. Someone finally cut back on him, and he is now in bed with two pillows." . . . "My other wife greatly worried by the spy scares. He has carefully hidden his Orphan Annie code book and allows no one in the room without the countersign. This morning the Tactical Officer did not know it, and gained entry only after a short but bitter argument." . . . "Today we rode horses. Last summer we rode horses for two weeks and it was a pastime I did not enjoy. I seem to bring out the baser nature in every horse I meet. This summer we are going to receive instruction in airplanes, but the Air Corps will not be able to use me, I fear." . . . "I have found out what is causing my wives' peculiar conduct of late. Last weekend they both met, fell in love with, and began fighting over a certain young lady. This weekend their behaviour (attempted gouging of eyes) caused a quite a furor at the hop. Afterwards, both of them escorted her back to the hotel, where, pausing only to purse up her mouth and spit on her hands, she handled them both very roughly, then kicked them daintily, and marched out of their lives. They are now disconsolate."

As a cow: "It would seem that Early Graduation is an established fact. It is about time. At every other institution one is allowed time off for good behaviour." "I note that a spirit not only martial but marital is developing among my classmates. They are continually bedecking comely young lasses with gems and making promises which, Lord help them, they intend to keep." . . . "Today we ordered our class rings. My other wife was with difficulty restrained from ordering eleven, the odd one being intended for his left ear." . . . "Today I was detailed as an assistant gym instructor, a harrowing job. The same spirit of mad abandon still prevails in the House of Horrors. While on duty I was unfortunately discovered in the act of giving a drink of water to a plebe who had broken his leg and been chained to the stall bars as an example to discourage carelessness. I was severely reprimanded and sent home in disgrace with the word 'Softy' ringing in my ears." (Note: this is an example of Pepys' skill at embellishing and embroidering experience in his narratives. We did not believe that any of the Sword's staff actually called him "Softy.") . . . "Graduation comes on apace."

"I was amazed to see two new yearlings walking back from graduation *out of step*. Now, when I was a cadet, such things were not allowed."

As a first classman: "Tomorrow we will graduate. And yet,I find this hard to believe. I almost think that I shall be touched. If I may become loathsome and quote: 'My very chains and I grew friends.' " . . . "At Graduation, they actually gave me a diploma and a commission. My wives are also very happy and are showing it, each in his own way. My sane wife is getting married, and my other wife is behaving in a manner I do not care to discuss. . . . I was amazed to see two new yearlings walking back from graduation *out of step*. Now, when I was a cadet, such things were not allowed. But times have evidently changed. However, good luck to all, and so say all of us."

(Notes by WWC, a classmate)

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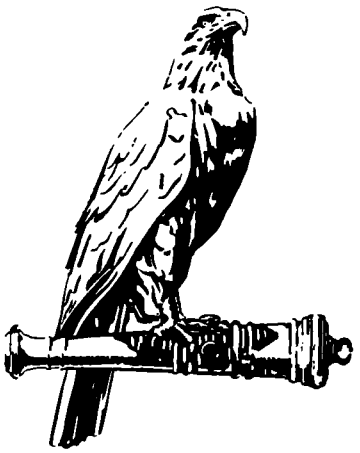
MORE TO THE POINT

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



Many graduates of the Military Academy consider recent Congressional actions to be "attacks" on the Academy and its operations. Such is truly not the case. These so-called "attacks" on the Academy pale into insignificance when compared to actual attacks of the past. These bona fide attacks began even before the Military Academy was established. Early recommendations by Washington, Hamilton and Knox urging the establishment of an academy were criticized by Congressmen and other leading citizens. Remembering British Army actions prior to the Revolutionary War, they did not want a standing Regular Army. They also felt that an academy would produce an elite group whose membership would be denied to the average citizen. Instead, they advocated reliance on the militia which, in their opinion, had defeated the British. When George Washington proposed establishment of a military academy, Thomas Jefferson objected, maintaining that such a step would be unconstitutional. Ironically, not too many years later, it was President Jefferson who signed the 1802 Act establishing the Military Academy.

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These attacks continued after 1802. Every appropriations measure that included funding for the infant Military Academy was debated heatedly. The same arguments surfaced time and time again: the Academy was developing an elite officer corps; the average young man could not become a cadet; the militia would do a better job. But these attacks were only minor skirmishes.

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Perhaps the most strident and vigorous attack came from an unexpected source: the Secretary of the Army. William Eustis, Secretary from 1809 to 1813, almost succeeded in dooming the fledgling Military Academy to oblivion. He simply failed to appoint candidates for cadet vacancies, and, by ordering cadets to duty elsewhere, he reduced the size of the Corps to fewer than five cadets. Engineer officers at West Point were sent to duty elsewhere. Funds intended to support Academy operations were withheld. Buildings feel into disrepair because of neglect and the inability of Academy officials to provide even the most basic maintenance. Had he continued in office, there is little doubt that the Academy would have faded away. The War of 1812 caused Congress to take steps to revive the Academy. The Corps was increased in size to an authorized 250 cadets; most importantly, the cadet spaces were taken from regiments and assigned to the Academy. Money was appropriated to improve the physical plant. Eustis' one-man attack had failed.

The relief and court martial of Alden Partridge and the appointment of Sylvanus Thayer as Superintendent in 1817 provided an impetus for new attacks in the form of allegations of elitism and inefficiency encouraged by Partridge. Determined to justify his actions while Superintendent, Partridge began a life-long campaign to discredit the Military Academy and to persuade Congress that it should be abolished. Partridge initially gained support in many parts of the country. During his entire term from 1828 to 1834, Senator Davy Crockett of Tennessee tried unsuccessfully to persuade his fellow senators to abolish the Military Academy. William Eustis, now a Congressman, supported Crockett's stand in every way possible. The Kentucky, Maine, New York and Tennessee state legislatures passed resolutions urging abolishment but had little influence on Congress. These were direct attacks on the Military Academy, not skirmishes; fortunately, they were unsuccessful due to the opposition of many senators and congressmen who realized how valuable the services of West Point graduates were to the Army and to the development and westward expansion of the country.

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In 1837, the term of service for a cadet was extended from five years to eight years, including four years as a cadet. There was ample reason for this change. Many graduates resigned after one year as an officer. The contrast between the low pay of an officer and the salary of engineers, coupled with the relatively rough life in the Army, led many graduates into civil life. West Pointers with engineer training were in great demand because there were no other comparable engineering colleges in the United States. Graduates built railroads, canals, reservoirs and roads. It was clear that the government was not getting adequate compensation in the form of service from graduates in return for the cost of their education. The impact of this change on cadets and graduates resulted in objections being made to congressmen and senators, objections similar to those raised when the term of obligatory servitude for Academy graduates was recently increased to six years.

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This change had another and unexpected impact upon the Army. At that time, promotions in the small Army were not made Army-wide but were based upon vacancies in each regiment. An officer in any regiment, branch immaterial, could expect to be promoted only if a vacancy existed, and vacancies occurred only if another officer in that regiment was promoted, transferred or cashiered, resigned or died. The resignation of graduates after one year of service assured later graduates that vacancies would occur and they would receive a regular commission. The change to four years of obligatory service resulted in a lack of regular second lieutenant spaces in many regiments and especially in the Corps of Engineers, a very small force. Many graduating cadets thus received only a brevet commission, pending an actual vacancy to regular rank at a later date. In many instances, young graduates did not receive a regular commission for months—and in some cases up to two years—after other more fortunate classmates were given regular commissions at graduation—meaning a later date of rank, with all of the implications that entailed.

The contributions of graduates—both those who had remained in the Army and those who had resigned and later taken militia commissions—in the Mexican War brought an end to efforts to abolish the Military Academy. The praise of Winfield Scott and other commanders regarding the service of graduates eliminated the untoward criticism of the Academy and silenced efforts to have it abolished.This relatively tranquil truce, however, ended at the outset of the Civil War. The resignation of many graduates to serve the Confederacy brought charges of disloyalty and treason. Debates in Congress again raised the issue of abolishing the Academy. The successes of graduates commanding major forces quieted the uproar, at least temporarily, but another series of charges emerged after Appomattox. Senators Benjamin Butler and John Logan resurrected the charges of disloyalty and treason and charged that the Academy had taught disloyalty to its cadets. Logan again claimed that state militia—volunteer units—could meet the military needs of the country. Fortunately, once again cooler heads and intelligent statesmanship negated the effectiveness of these attacks.

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There were additional efforts periodically. The treatment of black cadets James W. Smith and Johnson Whittaker again brought attacks upon the Academy. This time newspaper coverage exacerbated the problem until prompt and firm action by the Superintendents and Secretaries of War ended the furor.

During General John Schofield's superintendency, the Congressional Military Academy Bill of 1878 specified that the graduating class would not be assured of commissions in the Army. Schofield wrote General William T. Sherman, the General Commanding the Army, to protest this bill: "Young men have obtained their Cadet appointments and spent nearly four years of hard work in the hope and expectation of gaining commissions in the Army. Now, at the last moment, when they are about to graduate, it is proposed to deny them the commissions they have earned and turn them adrift." The bill essentially eliminated the use of brevet or "additional second lieutenant" rank when no regular vacancies existed ("additional second lieutenant" rank replaced the brevet terminology shortly after the Civil War; officers without regular commissions were carried as "additional second lieutenants" on unit rosters). Schofield pointed out, "There are now some thirty or forty additional second lieutenants of the Class of 1877 who are waiting absorption into regiments," between forty and fifty percent of a class of seventy-six graduates. The Board of Visitors in its 1878 report emphasized that West Point graduates comprised about forty percent of the officer corps and that the number of graduates each year was insufficient to fill the annual vacancies each year. The efforts of Schofield and General Sherman resulted in an amendment providing that graduates would be commissioned as in the past, that officers with "additional second lieutenant" commissions would receive regular rank when vacancies occurred, and that any remaining vacancies would be filled by commissioning meritorious non-commissioned officers.

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This situation in many ways parallels that situation resulting from the passage of the bill eliminating regular commissions until an officer has at least one year of active service. The "additional second lieutenant" commissions can be compared to a reserve commission—there were no reserve commissions in 1878. A graduate with only additional second lieutenant rank had to wait for a vacancy before gaining a regular commission; today's graduate must wait a year before becoming eligible for a regular commission.

And that brings up a question: why this column concerning past attacks on the Academy? The reason is twofold: to describe true attacks on the very existence of the Military Academy in the past and to emphasize that recent congressional actions are not "attacks" on the academies. The changes discussed and negotiated with Senator Nunn and his committee ultimately will benefit the Academy as it nears its two hundredth anniversary.

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Academic Limits

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

Academics and Athletics

You can't pick up the newspaper today without finding some comment about the less-than-satisfactory performance of college athletes in the academic world. Over the last eight years, the NCAA has focused on developing rules that would cause the term "student-athlete" to be seen as something other than an oxymoron. The NCAA has established new admissions standards and conditions for continued eligibility based on satisfactory progress in "real" academic programs.

During the last academic year, the Military Academy participated in an NCAA pilot certification study as one of thirty-five Division I-A institutions. While the focus of certification was a scrub of the entire athletic program, similar to academic accreditation, a substantial part of the study did review the academic performance of cadet-athletes. I am pleased to report that cadet-athletes are doing well. In spite of the very heavy demands on their time—the heaviest in the Corps—they are, as a group, performing much like the Corps as a whole. This didn't just happen. It is a result of years of attention by the Academy not just to its athletes, but to all members of the Corps, and is something of which you, as graduates, can be proud.

Let me illustrate some of our successes. Last year, twenty-six percent of the Hockey Team was on the Dean's list, including one-third of the Major "A" winners. The team QPA was at the B-level. Two First Classmen received academic-related awards at the Graduation Awards Convocation. This past term, thirty-six percent of the Lacrosse Team was on the Dean's List and the Team had a B-average. Other teams do as well, and there are many individual standouts. Mike McElrath, the Football Team's leading tackler and team co-captain, has been a star man and was recently awarded a Football Hall of Fame two-year post-graduate scholarship, a Hitachi post-graduate scholarship, and an NCAA post-graduate scholarship. Jen Jacobs, Captain of the Women's Swimming Team, stands second in her class academically and serves as Brigade Executive Officer. Not bad!

Support of the student-athlete actually begins when a coach initiates the recruiting of that athlete. Army coaches recognize that bringing an academic risk to West Point is counterproductive, because the athlete will either "not make it" or be consumed with getting through and unable to focus on his or her sport. One of the first checks a recruiter makes in the high school is of the prospect's academic record. Sometimes, the coach will find that the prospect is highly motivated and intelligent, but because of the school environment or the prospect's focus on athletics, the grades just aren't there. These individuals become ideal candidates for either the USMA Prep School or the AOG-sponsored civilian prep program. (I should be quick to point out that both of these prep programs function primarily to support other potential USMA candidates—soldiers, leaders, minorities—and that less than twenty-five percent of those enrolled in these programs are recruited athletes.) Since our experience indicates that a year in prep school can make a difference in success at West Point, a great deal of effort goes into convincing the blue-chip athlete, who is also an academic risk, that the best way to West Point is through one of these programs.

Once cadets arrive at West Point, every effort is made to be sure they remain and succeed. During Beast Barracks, their records are screened to identify those with high-risk profiles. SAT scores may be high, but a review of high-school grades and diagnostic tests given in Beast Barracks may indicate that certain individuals need additional attention. These cadets are enrolled in our new Student Success Program, a blend of performance enhancement and reading and study skills designed to give each student the emotional and technical skills required for success at the college level. If they have math problems, they may be placed in a special math course.

Once academics begin, cadet performance is closely monitored. Grades are provided to all plebes and first-term yearlings, along with their TACs and, in the case of athletes, ORs or OICs, at the end of the 6th, 10th and 15th week. All other cadets and their monitors are provided 10 and 15 week grades. Departments send up "red-star clusters" when cadets encounter disasters. Individual instructors also maintain close contact with the TACs, ORs and OICs of any cadets known to be having trouble and, of course, the "P's" keeps cadets posted on their grades.

If trouble develops, cadets may, just as in our day, seek assistance. The first place to go for help is still the instructor, who knows not only the subject material but also the cadet's problems. Unlike the days of old, there is little regularly scheduled AI (additional instruction). Most AI is one-on-one, set up to match the cadet's schedule. For the cadet-athlete, if there is a conflict with practice, the OR and the "P" work with the cadet and the coach either to skip practice or to arrange a special AI session. If the team is traveling, instructors may accompany the squad and conduct classes or tutor in transit or at the team hotel. Many coaches also set aside study hall periods during team free time on the road. To reduce time out of class, coaches design game schedules to minimize weekday travel.

Help also can be found within the companies, each of which has its own tutor and monitoring program. Subject matter experts are identified to assist cadets in mastering the material and in preparing for exams. Help is never more than a few rooms away. Cadets need only reach out and take it. Both the "teacher" and the "student" profit from the tutor program.

While we justifiably can be proud of the nine Patriot League championships Army teams won last year, we equally can be proud of the academic performance of our cadet-athletes. They not only had to meet the challenges of a tough academic program, but also had to devote substantial time and energy to their intercollegiate sports program. What is best about all of the above is that the system I have described is a universal system designed to assist *all* cadets in meeting the challenges and opportunities of the Military Academy academic program.

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The COM Reports

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

The focus of my past articles has been on the accomplishments of the Corps of Cadets and the strong leadership I have seen exhibited by the Classes of '93 and '94. The success of the Corps has not been without the guidance and assistance of many members of the staff and faculty at the Academy. One group, whose primary duty is leader development, is the Brigade Tactical Department. The term "TAC," an abbreviated form of "tactical officer," has meant different things to each member of the "Long Gray Line" throughout the history of West Point. While the term is almost synonymous with the regulations that have been a part of the Academy since 1802, the recorded history of the Tactical Department dates from the time Sylvanus Thayer assumed the Superintendency of the Military Academy. Just as the responsibilities of the tactical officers have changed over the years, so have the prerequisites for being a TAC.

Beginning with a pilot program in the summer of 1988, West Point developed a post-graduate academic program designed to prepare Army officers for service as company tactical officers. Called the Dwight David Eisenhower Program of Graduate Studies in Leader Development, the first year of the Fellowship was a formal academic program taught by the staff and faculty. The second year was a supervised practicum with all graduates being awarded a Master of Arts in Leadership Development. The curriculum for the Fellowship was multidisciplinary, drawing from both the behavioral sciences and the humanities. It was developed based on a formal needs assessment and a job analysis of the role of the company tactical officer. Some of the courses taught are: Foundations of Military Leadership, Motivation and Group Development, Counseling for Leaders, and Leading Organizations Through Change.

Due to recent legislation passed by Congress, Academic Year 92-93 is the last year of the Eisenhower Program. The Academy will no longer confer a master's degree once this year's group has met all requirements. While the details have not been finalized, a new master's degree program will be developed with Long Island University (LIU). In order to allow the Military Academy to be used as a leadership laboratory, the officers will live at West Point while attending LIU. The normal tour for an officer assigned to be a tactical officer will be one year to complete the master's program and 2-3 years as a TAC.

Officers selected to be Tactical Officers have been platoon leaders and successful company commanders. They have 7-9 years of service and come to USMA as senior captains. They come from all sources of commissioning and from many different branches of the Army. They have outstanding records of military service that demonstrate high potential for leadership and command at higher levels of the Army. They depart the Academy as either promotable captains or majors, en route to Command and General Staff College or troop assignments.

The role of the company tactical officer has not changed. They are *role models*—setting the standard for cadets in all areas. They are *teachers, advisors and mentors*—training, guiding and providing feedback for each cadet's growth. They are *disciplinarians*—ensuring fair and impartial application of the disciplinary system. Finally, they are *evaluators*—making an overall evaluation of each cadet's suitability for commissioned service.

While their primary focus is on military, physical and moral-ethical development, the TAC is also responsible for the monitoring of cadets in the areas of intellectual, social and extracurricular activities. Additionally, the tactical officer ensures a healthy and productive environment within the company. Through formal and informal counseling and contact with the cadets in the classroom, on the sports field and in the company area, the TAC is able to monitor individual and unit progress very closely. They are absolutely dedicated to insuring that each cadet is trained, equipped and qualified to be a commissioned officer in our armed forces.

A significant change to the tactical officer concept has been the addition of tactical non-commissioned officers. In the early 1980's, the decision was made to have one NCO at each cadet battalion and a senior NCO at the regimental level. With the great success of the program, authorization was received in October 1992 for all thirty-six companies to have TAC NCO's.

The non-commissioned officers are in the rank of Sergeant First Class, with an average of 12-14 years of duty, and have served as platoon sergeants and, in many cases, as first sergeants. The degree of professionalism that the TAC NCO brings is outstanding! They teach cadets about the duties and responsibilities of the non-commissioned officer through formal instruction and personal example.

They train the cadets in drill, room and barracks appearance, self-help maintenance, personal appearance, quality-of-life initiatives, security and counseling. They set the example of what is expected of a senior non-commissioned officer, and they work directly with Cadet Command Sergeants Major, First Sergeants, Platoon Sergeants and Squad Leaders, advising them of their responsibilities, evaluating their performance and counseling them on strengths and weaknesses. They also help prepare Third Class cadets for their responsibilities in DCLT units in the summer between Third and Second Class year. The most visible contribution of the TAC NCO is the assistance given in New Cadet Barracks and at Camp Buckner, where basic training, rifle marksmanship, weapons qualifications and tactical exercises are so essential. In sum, they are teaching cadets all about the basics as well as demonstrating what is NCO business.

This Tactical Officer/Tactical Non-Commissioned Officer cell, which is physically located in the barracks with each company, is the hub of all cadet activities. The Officer/NCO team provides the daily guidance, direction and focus to ensure METL objectives are realized and the mission of the Military Academy is accomplished. In my view, they are doing an absolutely outstanding job developing leaders of characters for our nation.

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The DIA Reports

By AL VANDERBUSH, *Director of Intercollegiate Athletics*

Coaches of Spring Sports

JACK EMMER - Lacrosse

Jack Emmer, in his 24th season as a head coach, has definitely had an impact on college lacrosse. Twelve of his teams have finished the season ranked among the nation's Top 10, and 11 have reached the NCAA playoffs.

After graduating from Rutgers in 1967, Emmer began coaching at Cortland State and built the Red Dragons into a national power. During his three years there, Cortland won 32 of 38 games and secured two playoff spots.

In the summer of 1972, Emmer accepted the position of head lacrosse coach at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. The Generals enjoyed immediate success as the team went 14-1 in 1973, earning the number four spot in the final rankings while advancing to the semifinals after a first-round, triple-overtime win over Navy. The next season the Generals carved out a 15-1 slate, finished as the No. 3 team in the country and made it to the NCAA semifinals with another first-round win over Navy. That year, Emmer also earned his third straight coach-of-the-year honors. The 1975 season saw the Generals advance to the NCAA semifinals again.

Emmer remained at Washington & Lee for 11 seasons, guiding the Generals to a 108-47 composite mark. Seven of his teams qualified for the NCAA tournament and finished in the top ten.

In 1983, Jack Emmer came to West Point. Entering his tenth year at the helm of the USMA lacrosse program, he has an outstanding record. In 1991, he notched his 200th career coaching win over Lehigh in Michie Stadium. In 1984, Emmer's first at the Academy, he led the Cadets to the NCAA semifinals after a win over Pennsylvania in the quarterfinals. In 1985 and 1987, he again guided the cadets to berths in the NCAA playoffs. He has produced numerous all-Americas while at Army, and his teams have averaged eight wins a season. In both the 1991 and 1992 seasons, Emmer's squads posted victories over Navy and just missed national rankings and the NCAA Championship series.

Emmer is a member of the Long Island Lacrosse Hall of Fame and was recently inducted into the Rutgers Athletic Hall of Fame for his athletic prowess in both lacrosse and football. As a lacrosse defenseman, he was co-captain, MVP and second team all-America for the Scarlet Knights. In football, he was a two-way standout at end and defensive back. As a senior co-captain, he was all-East, the team's MVP, and drafted by the New York Jets of the American Football League.

Emmer is a past president of the United States Lacrosse Coaches Association and was a member of the NCAA Lacrosse Committee from 1983 to 1989. He also has served as chairman of the Lacrosse Rules Committee since 1975.

DAN ROBERTS - Baseball

Dan Roberts grew up in a baseball environment. The son of the Philadelphia Phillies hall-of-famer Robin Roberts, Dan was born in Abington, Pennsylvania, in July of 1953.

Roberts graduated from Germantown Academy in Philadelphia, earning varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. From there, he went on to junior college, where he was a member of the Gulf Coast (Panama City, FL) baseball team that finished second nationally.

Next, he attended Jacksonville University, where he played second base, third base and shortstop on a team ranked as high as eighth in the country.

In 1977-78 Roberts served as assistant baseball coach at South Florida. In 1978 he began a 10-year tour of duty in the Army, with tours in both the United States and Germany, leaving the Army, in 1988 with the rank of staff sergeant. His last five years of active duty were spent at West Point as assistant baseball coach for three years and as head coach for two.

In his seven years as Head Coach, Roberts has guided the cadets to 139 victories, with the 100th win coming during the Cadets' 100th anniversary season in 1990. Roberts' teams have surpassed the 20-victory mark five times. His 1986 and 1990 teams set the school record for most victories in a season when they finished with 23-13-1 and 23-17-1 marks, respectively. Four of his seven teams posted second-place finishes in the competitive Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League—Army's highest finish since 1967, when the Cadets also finished second. Coach Roberts' teams have had great success over Navy, winning 7 out of 9 over the past four years. In 1993, Army hopes to continue the winning streak against the Mids, because both teams will be competing for a new championship trophy as they depart the EIBL and join the Patriot League.

JIM HAWKINS - Women's Tennis

Jim Hawkins is in his third year as Head Coach of the women's tennis program.

Since his arrival, the Lady Knights have ascended to great heights, including a record-setting performance this past fall. The team finished with a 12-2 record, an 11-match win streak and a new Academy record for dual match wins in one season. Army also registered its first-ever wins over league rivals Lehigh, Lafayette and Air Force. The team also tied for third in the Patriot League tournament, its second consecutive third-place finish.

The Lady Knights have posted a 38-24 dual match record under Hawkins, and Army was 14-10 in 1991-92 while playing the toughest schedule in Academy history.

Hawkins' teams earn honors off the court as well, ranking No. 1 academically and No. 1 in Physical Education among the Academy's 27 intercollegiate sports during 1991-92. Eight of the players recorded an "A" grade on the Academy's physical fitness scale, and Amy Bratton was accorded West Point's "Fittest Female" honor, the second

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straight year that a women's tennis player has won that award.

Hawkins has brought a wealth of knowledge to the West Point program. A top-ranked junior out of Palos Hills, Illinois, Hawkins won a national junior college singles championship while leading Central Florida to the national junior college team championship.

At the University of South Florida, he went on to win the No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles titles at the Sun Belt Conference Championships.

After college, Hawkins tried the pro circuit, achieving a ranking of 317th in the world. From there, he became the club pro at Chatahoochee Country Club in Gainesville, Florida and Willow Springs Country Club in Roswell, Georgia before arriving at West Point as an enlisted soldier.

In 1988 and 1989, while serving concurrently as Army's assistant women's tennis coach and working in the Athletic Department's accounting office, Hawkins won the Armed Forces All Service Championship for two consecutive years. Upon the departure of the head coach, Hawkins was discharged from the Army and moved up to take the reins in 1990.

STEVE STROME - Men's Tennis

Steve Strome, with 21 seasons as a head coach at the collegiate level, took command of the Army men's tennis program this past August upon the resignation of 7-year coach, Bob Detrich. Strome, a 1964 graduate of Miami University (Ohio), brought with him a 380-164 record from coaching stints at Miami (Ohio), Louisiana State and Duke universities.

From 1982-90, Strome headed the men's tennis program at Duke. During his tenure, the Blue Devils were ranked nationally at least once in every season but one. In addition, Duke finished second or third in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament six times.

If anyone is accustomed to attracting student-athletes to challenging academic institutions, it is Strome. The average SAT score of his final team at Duke was 1,250. Four of his players, three at Duke and one at Miami (OH), went on to earn all-America honors.

Strome began his coaching career at his alma mater, where he coached from 1969-79 and was named Mid American Conference "Coach of the Year" five times. From 1979-82, he was the head coach at LSU.

Strome earned his master's degree in school administration from Miami in 1966 and received his Ph.D in physical education and athletic administration from Ohio State University in 1972. He also earned teaching certificates in health and physical education and mathematics. In addition to his head coaching requirements, Strome is a member of the Athletic Department's Admission Support Staff.

JIMMY RAY CLEVENGER - Golf

Jimmy Ray Clevenger is in his third season as coach of the Army Golf Team.

During his first season, Army won three tournaments—the Black Knight Invitational, the Patriot League Championships and the District II Championships. The District II victory qualified the Cadets for the NCAA Regionals for the third consecutive year.

Last spring, in Clevenger's second campaign, the Army Golf Team finished in the top five in three tournaments, won the Patriot League title for the second year in a row and again qualified for the NCAA Regionals. At the regionals, Army finished 16th, topping all District I and II teams, including the University of Tennessee. During Clevenger's two years, the Cadets have twice beaten Navy. During this recent fall season, his team won the Black Knight Invitational and the McLaughlin Collegiate Tournament while tying for third at the Yale Fall Tournament.

Clevenger was a four-time all-conference selection, district champion and an all-state performer in high school and captured the 1978 Missouri state high school championship. He then moved on to nationally-ranked Central Missouri State, played in four NCAA Division II national golf championships and was named all-conference four years. Eight times Clevenger won individual tournament titles. He earned all-America honors and graduated from Central Missouri State in 1982.

Jim enlisted in the Army in 1983 and was assigned to West Point in 1984, where he managed the Recreation Services Golf Course. In 1986, he was discharged from the Army but continued as golf club manager. Upon the departure of Army's golf coach in 1990, Jim was selected to lead the Army golfers.

Clevenger has been teaching golf and directing junior golf programs for the last 10 years. His father served during the Korean and Vietnam wars and retired with 20 years of service in the U.S. Air Force.

JIM FLOWERS - Softball

Jim Flowers approaches each collegiate athletic season with the same grit and determination that has been his trademark throughout his career.

He took over the helm of the women's softball team following his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel in the summer of 1990. Though he spent his off-duty time coaching soldiers and youth teams throughout his 24-year military career, he ventured into untested water in entering the collegiate ranks.

Not only was Flowers taking over a program that boasted four straight 20-win seasons, but he was tasked with taking the program a step higher. After spending seven years as a Division II contender, the Lady Knights moved to Division I as a member of the fledgling Patriot League.

In his first two seasons the enthusiastic Flowers led Army to a pair of Patriot League titles, posting respective 28-13 and 28-15 marks. The Lady Knights claimed both the regular season and tournament titles in the league's two year history. Flowers has won "Coach of the Year" honors, while his players have dominated the all-league selection. Colleen McCabe was the "Player of the League" in 1991 and Sheri Schweiker was the MVP of the 1992 tournament.

Flowers also produced the first softball all-American at Army in Jackie Patten. Patten, who shattered three school marks and tied another, was named to the 1991 Northeast second-team squad.

Prior to accepting the head position at Army, Flowers was a volunteer head coach of the varsity boys baseball team at James I. O'Neill High School in Highland Falls. In 1988, he earned "Coach of the Year" honors after capturing the Orange County Baseball National conference title. The spring of 1990, his last at high school level, Flowers guided O'Neill to a sectional bid for the third consecutive year.

Flowers starred as a baseball player at Trinity University, where he earned three letters and was a two-time all-Southland Conference selectee. He graduated as a distinguished ROTC Cadet with a bachelor's degree in physical education in 1965 and earned his master's degree in education from Long Island University in 1974. In addition to his head coaching duties, he is an Assistant Athletic Director for Business.

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Admissions Update

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

ARE YOU READY FOR THE USMA CLASS OF 1998?

March is a time of transition for USMA Admissions as we simultaneously conduct two tasks: finish our enrollment notifications for the USMA Class of 1997 and begin precandidate actions for the USMA Class of 1998. Five years from now, in May 1998, many young men and women tossing their hats in Michie Stadium will be able to trace their initial contact back to spring 1993, when they were high school juniors.

This article updates the enrollment of the Class of 1997 and describes our initial efforts in attracting the Class of 1998.

CLASS OF 1997 EVALUATIONS

Evaluations of USMA Class of 1997 candidates began in November 1992. Many candidates completing their applications early were signed up for the USMA Early Action Plan. The Early Action Plan is for well-qualified high school seniors who consider West Point their first choice among colleges of interest. Under the provisions of the Early Action Plan, applicants are notified of their status by January of the year of admission. Post secondary students, college students and others not enrolled in high school are considered during the regular admissions process.

To be considered under the provisions of the Early Action Plan, an applicant must notify USMA Admissions in writing by 25 October and have a completed file ready for evaluation by 1 December of the year prior to admission. Both the applicant and the guidance counselor must sign the Early Action Card. Applicants need not have a nomination or qualifying results from the medical examination to apply, but must have both prior to enrollment.

USMA Admissions considered about 2,000 Early Action Plan applications this year, up two percent from last year. We estimate about thirty-five percent of the places in the Class of 1997 were offered to this pool of highly motivated applicants. Offers and letters of assurance were mailed in December 1992 to successful candidates around the country.

In January we turned our attention to several composition groups within the general candidate pool. One highlight of this period is the paid, NCAA-sanctioned, athlete visits. This is a period of commitment for the student-athlete and the institution. We concurrently work hard recruiting minorities and filling congressional vacancies. This is also the time when candidates with a scholarship from the Association of Graduates are considered.

The West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program was established by the Association of Graduates in 1979, at the request of the Superintendent, to provide partial scholarships for one year of post-secondary education at preparatory schools and colleges for carefully selected young people seeking admission to USMA. This program is an alternative path to West Point for highly motivated candidates who exhibit strong leadership qualities and outstanding potential to succeed at West Point. Generally, fifty scholarships are awarded annually. Over the thirteen-year life of the program, 514 have been awarded.

The general profile of a West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program winner is a candidate who is fully qualified for USMA, but who does not win a vacancy. By contrast, the general profile of a selectee for the United States Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey is one who is not qualified for USMA and requires significant academic improvement to successfully compete for an appointment.

The generosity of the Association of Graduates is not misplaced. A higher percentage of West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program cadets have graduated than cadets entering West Point from other sources. This is impressive when one remembers that USMA graduation rates—over seventy percent in four years for most of the last decade—are among the best in higher education.

Class of 1997 aspirants still competing in March are faced with important milestones while USMA Admissions officers and Admissions Committee members are working diligently to complete the evaluation of all applications. The final Physical Aptitude Test is given this month, and candidates must have submitted all information to complete their files by 21 March. Perhaps most importantly, the majority (about eighty percent) of all offers of admission to the Class of 1997 have been made. The Admissions Committee will work through April and May to fill the remainder of the class.

Candidates Status

	Class of '97 As of 3 Feb '93	Class of '96 As of 5 Feb '92	5-year Final Average ('92-'96)
Files Started	13,101	13,392	13,255
Nominations	3,963	3,558	5,093
Offers of Admission	783	679	1,743
Acceptances	269	169	*

*Class size varied in these years from 1,361 ('93) to 1,195 ('96)

HERE COMES THE USMA CLASS OF 1998

As these events shape the final form of the Class of 1997 that will begin Cadet Basic Training on Reception Day, 28 June, USMA Admissions begins to execute the mission of enrolling the Class of 1998. This early in the new admissions cycle the emphasis is on candidate contact. Admissions officers fan out across the country from West Point as spring travel begins. The

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A Cadet answers questions about West Point for Candidates' mothers.

Cadets answer questions from a Candidate and his mother during their visit to West Point.

momentum that one year later will result in another talented West Point class is begun in March with this extensive candidate contact.

The Admissions Field Force will visit high schools during two active duty periods: 10-12 March and 22-24 March. In conjunction with the Field Force, our finest ambassadors, outstanding cadets from the Cadet Public Relations Council, will bring the West Point message of opportunity to their home towns. Outreach officers, who never really come off the road during their nine months with us, begin an all-out, early effort to identify talented minority candidates.

Finally, back at home station, USMA Admissions support personnel conduct (in late March) the single largest direct mailing of the cycle: the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, or PSAT, mailing. The College Board provides the names of eighty thousand outstanding high school juniors from around the nation. Students are identified based upon their excellent performance on the PSAT—all will become prospective candidates for the Class of 1998. High priority is placed on mailing within twenty-four hours a colorful informational brochure on the West Point opportunity to these high-quality students. Students have reported receiving in excess of two hundred brochures and letters as a result of their PSAT scores. Being first in the mailbox is important and directly contributes to establishing momentum in the admissions process.

Here are some tips for friends and graduates when a prospective member of the Class of 1998 seeks out a West Point graduate to "find out the poop."

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

SEEK A NOMINATION. Concurrently, each applicant should seek a nomination from an authorized source. We suggest writing to both United States Senators and to your member of the House of Representatives. Also consider Military-Service-Connected nominations, if eligible. Information on applying for the Congressional or Military-Service-Connected nominations is included in the Prospectus.

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

Cadet talks to parents while giving them a tour of West Point.

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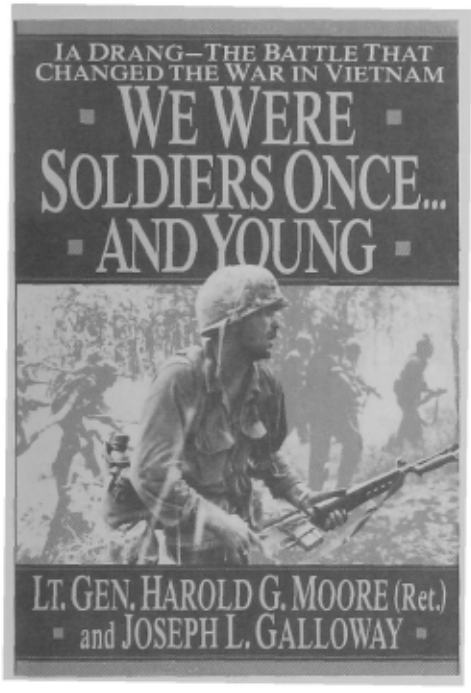
Book Reviews

We Were Soldiers Once...And Young

By Lieutenant General Harold G. Moore, USA (Ret.), and Joseph L. Galloway, Random House, New York, 1992, 412 pages with maps, photographs, epilogue, appendix and index.



The first major campaign of the Vietnam War, in which American forces engaged large-scale North Vietnamese forces, occurred in the Ia Drang Valley of the rugged Central Highlands in November 1965. When the battles ended on 24 November, 305 Americans and an estimated 3,561 North Vietnamese had died in the bloodiest campaign since President Lyndon Johnson dispatched American ground units to Vietnam. By the time the last Americans left Saigon in April 1975, the America that had sent its young men to that faraway war had simply vanished from our consciousness. This book brings it back.

Commanding the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry, of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) at Landing Zone X-Ray along the Ia Drang was LTC Harold (Hal) G. Moore, USMA 1945. UPI correspondent Joseph L. Galloway accompanied the 7th Cavalry for most of the subsequent action. Landing in the midst of three NVA regiments on 14 November, Moore's men defied overwhelming numerical odds and inflicted tremendous casualties on their enemy in one of the most hotly contested engagements of the war. Two days later, the NVA attacked again and nearly annihilated Moore's sister unit, a task force from the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry, at nearby Landing Zone Albany. The twin battles allowed the opposing armies to take the measure of each other, and the conduct of the war changed significantly. In the author's words, the campaign served as "a dress rehearsal for the remainder of the war; a place where new tactics, concepts and sophisticated weapons were tested and validated."

In *We Were Soldiers Once...And Young*, Moore and Galloway attempt to set the record straight about what actually occurred in America's first pitched battle of the Vietnam War. They succeed admirably in portraying a soldier's perspective of battle. Theirs is a love story, a living testament to the young Americans who died at X-Ray and Albany, and to the thousands of soldiers of the People's Army of Vietnam who died by their hands in the Ia Drang Valley. In narrating their story, the authors provide the finest first-hand account of the Vietnam War yet written.

What makes this book so remarkable is the authors' balanced assessment of the Ia Drang campaign. In addition to their personal experiences, Moore and Galloway consulted battalion and division after-action reports, conducted numerous interviews with American and North Vietnamese survivors, and reviewed the entire spectrum of the Army's official files on the Vietnam War. Two trips to Hanoi—in August-September 1990, and again in October-November 1991—during which the authors interviewed Senior Generals Vo Nguyen Giap and Chu Huy Man, and deputy front commander Lieutenant General Nguyen Huu An, present the enemy's observations from the operational level of war.

Moore and Galloway also are superb in placing the Ia Drang battles in perspective. Examining the roots of the airmobile concept and the operational decision to commit the 1st Cavalry Division to the Central Highlands, the authors conclude that the employment of the Division to the middle of the jungle for search and destroy operations was highly questionable, an attempt to create "a fort in the middle of Indian country." The drain on the battalion's manpower prior to the engagements, due to expiring enlistments and the shortage of experienced leaders, limited Moore's battalion's effectiveness but did not diminish the élan of its soldiers.

The heart of this narrative is the saga of the American soldier. For four days in November, heavily outnumbered, but undaunted, the men of the 7th Cavalry and a battalion from the 5th Cavalry battled their adversaries, who had "lured the tiger [1st Cavalry Division] out of the mountain" and brought him to decisive combat. *We Were Soldiers Once...and Young* captures both the brutality of combat and the terror of the battlefield. In the end, the outcome was decided by individual soldiers and fire teams, whose sacrifice and comradeship are vividly captured by Moore and Galloway. It is the American soldier who emerges as the true hero from these chapters.

In analyzing the tactical decisions made at team through divisional level, the authors draw some stark assessments about the effectiveness of American airmobile doctrine, the personalities of the men and their commanders, and the tactical (mis)judgments that occurred in the Central Highlands battles. Their findings may shock more than a few readers. Even more disheartening is the perceived blindness of senior American commanders, who developed a penchant for drawing dangerously deceptive lessons from the Ia Drang campaign.

Ironically, both the North Vietnamese and the Americans claimed victory in the Ia Drang battles. After the campaign, Vo Nguyen Giap examined the battles and concluded that the North could fight and win against the Cavalry troops. He rapidly disseminated information on how to organize for combat against helicopters and American airmobile tactics. As told to the authors, Giap stated that American military leaders intended to use "Cavalry tactics as their strategy to win the war and if we could defeat your tactics—your helicopters—then we could defeat your strategy."

In Saigon, General William Westmoreland and his deputies reasoned that the 12-1 casualty ratio was the right recipe for winning a war of attrition; surely North Vietnam could not sustain such catastrophic losses over the long haul. Thus, search and destroy operations were deemed the appropriate strategy to achieve America's political objectives. Yet the attrition strategy was doomed from the start because American public opinion would never accept such mounting American casualties, even at a ratio that was deemed acceptable to American military

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leaders.

According to the authors, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara was the only senior official who comprehended that the nature of the war had changed with the Ia Drang battles. The fight in the Central Highlands indicated that only an open-ended, massive commitment of American resources could swing the war in favor of the United States and its beleaguered ally. Alternatives to this strategy were quickly dismissed by Johnson and, ironically, by McNamara himself.

Moore and Galloway conclude that American political and military leaders lost sight of their objective. The great tragedy of the campaign, and the war in its entirety, was the loss of 58,000 young Americans and the inflicting of a humiliating strategic defeat on a proud nation that had never lost a war. If there is a lesson for the future, surely it is Clausewitz's dictum that "No one starts a war—or rather, no one in his senses ought to do so—without first being clear in his mind what he intends to achieve by that war and how he intends to conduct it."

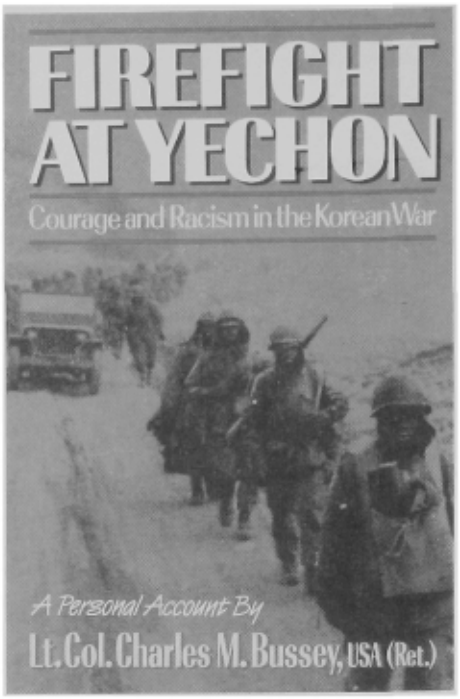
In summary, Moore and Galloway have produced a classic history of men in combat. Written by men who experienced the sheer horror of battle and abandonment by the nation that dispatched them to war, the book contains only one significant error. Reflecting on the decade of the 1960s, and perhaps speaking for their fellow comrades-in-arms, the authors regret that their battles were forgotten and their sacrifices were discounted. They can not be more mistaken. Though it has taken another generation, America has finally remembered the "Class of '65," and books like *We Were Soldiers Once...And Young* reflect with justifiable pride their sacrifice and their accomplishments.

—Reviewed by Lieutenant Colonel Cole C. Kingseed, Department of History

Firefight at Yechon: Courage and Racism in the Korean War

By Charles M. Bussey. New York: Brassey's/Macmillan, 1991. 264pp. Maps. Photographs.

Forty years after the end of the Korean War, debates over the combat performance of black soldiers linger. Despite President Truman's 1948 directive to integrate the armed services, most blacks served in segregated units commanded mostly by white officers in 1950. When the United States decided to commit forces into South Korea to stem the communist invasion in June, one such segregated outfit, the 24th Infantry Regiment, deployed alongside its white counterparts in the 25th Infantry Division. During the first phases of the fighting, American soldiers of both races were unprepared to fight against a determined foe. Many units performed poorly, and some simply broke under fire. The 24th Infantry seemed especially prone to "bug out," causing Major General William Kean, the division commander, to insist that the unit was unreliable and jeopardized the safety of his whole command. "Haunted by the generalized and not completely objective portrayals and comparisons of how blacks performed in Korea," Charles M. Bussey attempts to set the story straight in his autobiographical *Firefight at Yechon*.



Bussey, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, has excellent credentials to judge the effects of racism and segregation on official evaluations of black units. A young black growing up in Bakersfield, California prior to World War II, Bussey attended Citizens Military Training Camp before enlisting in the Army Air Corps in 1941. He successfully completed flight training and flew over 70 combat missions as a member of Colonel Benjamin O. Davis' segregated 332d Fighter Group in Italy. Discharged after the war, he earned a college degree and held a variety of jobs before re-entering the Army as an engineer officer. He assumed command of the all-black 77th Engineer Company while on occupation duty in Japan. His unit was among the first to deploy to Korea at the outbreak of the war. Chronologically arranged, *Firefight at Yechon* traces the actions of Bussey's company from the fighting along the Pusan Perimeter through Eighth Army's retreat from North Korea in December 1950.

Bussey's central thesis is that "the black 24th Infantry Regiment performed better than the regiments of the white 25th Infantry Division and just as well the other regiments that came later to Korea." Because his command was attached to the regiment in the initial stages of the war, the author participated in or observed the actions of black soldiers in six months of continuous combat. Throughout the book, he cites numerous instances where black infantrymen and engineers willingly engaged the enemy, all the while displaying considerable bravery under fire. The author blames the poor leadership displayed by white officers for instances when the regiment did not perform up to expectations. The racist attitudes of these incompetent white officers and biased press reports distorted and downplayed black achievements. Bussey's own actions at Yechon in July 1950 illustrate this point. During a firefight around the small village of Yechon, located sixty miles northwest of Pusan, he personally manned a machine-gun and mowed down 258 North Koreans attempting to envelop the rear of attacking American forces. General Kean awarded him a Silver Star on the spot for the action. Months later, his white regimental commander confessed that Bussey's skin color had prevented him from receiving a Congressional Medal of Honor. *Firefight at Yechon* is but one of the author's subsequent attempts to highlight and lobby the Army to redress this injustice.

Bussey's controversial assertions are at odds with standard interpretations of the 24th Infantry's performance in Korea. In the U. S. Army's official history, *South to the Naktong, North to the Yalu*, Roy G. Appleman has little good to say about the regiment in general and questions whether a battle occurred at Yechon at all. Joseph C. Goulden's *Korea: The Untold Story of the War* characterizes the 24th Infantry as a "bug-out unit" prone to panic. The author rebuffs these interpretations and points to what he feels is more balanced coverage of racial issues in *The Forgotten War* by Clair Blair. Blair's assessments and objectivity about the 24th Infantry Regiment and the Yechon incident may be questioned because he relied very heavily on documents provided by and interviews with the author. Based primarily on anecdotal evidence and without further corroborating sources, Bussey is hard pressed to prove conclusively his thesis. Nevertheless, Bussey's efforts to produce a more balanced account of black soldiers' performance in Korea have caused the Center for Military History to re-investigate the issue. When completed, Colonel John Cash's work should provide a more accurate accounting of the accomplishments of black units.

Racial politics aside, *Firefight at Yechon* is an excellent study in combat leadership and small unit actions. Bussey's portrait of the occupation army in Japan helps explain why American soldiers—black and white—fared so poorly in the opening months of the war. An issue germane to recent events, the author's experiences involving a member with a so-called "alternative lifestyle" merits some attention from those making (dubious) analogies between race and sexual preferences. In Korea, Bussey portrays himself as a driven, dedicated leader always looking to

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balance mission requirements against the lives of his men. Often self critical and willing to admit to lapses in judgment, he appears to regard resourcefulness and decisiveness as the prime attributes of a successful combat leader. Supported by two maps and sixteen photographs, his descriptions of battles and firefights involving the 77th Engineer Company are lucid, poignant, and inspiring. In spite of his bitter tone, Bussey's pride and sense of accomplishment are clearly evident throughout the book. Appealing to a wide audience and worth reading, *Firefight at Yechon* demonstrates that courage, comraderie and determination are traits exhibited by soldiers of all races during combat.

—Reviewed by Major David R. Gray
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Briefly Noted: Dictionary of Political Parties and Organizations in Russia

From democracy movements to Marxist, bolshevik, socialist, labor, ecological, feminist, anarchist, nationalist, extreme-right, and monarchist movements that have emerged since 1987, *Dictionary of Political Parties and Organizations in Russia* is a guide to more than 100 political groups and movements in Russia. The *Dictionary* was written by Russian journalist Vladimir Pribylovski and edited by Dauphine Sloan, assistant director of Russian and Eurasian Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Sarah Helmstadter, a contributing editor to *Post-Soviet Prospects*, the CSIS bulletin on Russian and East European affairs; it was produced with the independent press agency PostFactum and the research center Interlegal, both in Moscow.

Information was gathered directly from the political groups themselves and from interviews with their leaders, as well as from reports in the Russian press. The editors worked from original Russian texts and from translations by PostFactum. Constant updating was required because of the almost daily emergence in Russia of new political parties, movement or parliamentary factions, as well as new alliances between or divisions within existing organizations. As the *Dictionary* was being proofread for the final time, for example, three political blocs—Civic Union, Democratic Choice, and the Russian National Assembly—appeared on the scene.

Entries include contacts, addresses and telephone numbers, where available; the date and location of the group's founding; and the size of its membership. Entries also include alternative or former names used by groups, short biographies of major leaders, and the evolution of the various platforms and positions.

Copies of *Dictionary of Political Parties and Organizations in Russia* are available for $16.95 from the Center for Strategic and International Studies, 1800 K Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20006; telephone 202-775-3119.

At a Glance: other recently-published books by or about USMA graduates, now available at the USMA Bookstore and other fine bookstores:

Americans and War 1975-1986: An Era of Violent Peace by Daniel P. Bolger, Presidio Press (1988); 466 pages.

Future Wars: the World's Most Dangerous Flashpoints by Colonel Trevor N. Depuy, USA Retired. Werner Books (1993); 334 pages.

Forged by Fire, Robert L. Eichelberger and the Pacific War by John Francis Shortal '74. University of South Carolina Press (1987); 154 pages.

Colin Powell: Soldier/Statesman - Statesman/Soldier by Howard Means (1992); 343 pages.

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The West Point Fund

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'82 GIVES EARLY

To commemorate its 10th Reunion, the Class of 1982 presented an endowment of $100,000 to the Military Academy. "The Select Few" wanted to make an *early* and *significant contribution* back to the institution that has been so instrumental in their individual and collective development. The class hopes that other younger classes will follow their lead and give back to West Point in their early alumni years.

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Bill Rogers (left) and Dave Steer (right) presenting plaque to USMA Superintendent, LTG Howard D. Graves.

The Class Gift Selection Committee, chaired by Dave Steer, felt that the area of greatest need was cadet extracurricular activities. They designed a gift that would provide direct, immediate benefits to cadets while allowing the class maximum flexibility to present a future major gift(s). The selection committee decided on a "living gift" to be presented at the 10th Reunion and a "lasting gift" to be presented at a later date.

The "living gift" is an annual payment to Cadet Activities equal to 80% of the accrued interest in the class gift fund. The class set a goal of raising $75,000 prior to its 10th Reunion to establish this gift fund. The Director of Cadet Activities and the class officers will determine which project(s) and/or club(s) will receive these funds on an annual basis. The remaining 20% interest will stay in the gift fund to accelerate its growth in preparation for the "lasting gift."

The selection committee wanted to give a gift that would benefit all classes of cadets across a wide spectrum of interests. Cadet Activities fit the bill with the diversity offered by 45 academic clubs, 20 support clubs, 12 religious activities, 16 hobby clubs and 26 competitive sport clubs. Few, if any cadets, complete four years at West Point without experiencing the developmental benefits that cadet activities provide.

The Fund-Raising Committee, led by Bill Rogers, quickly went to work to reach its goal of raising $75,000 in only 18 months! Bill used his own network and class committee members to build a large, dedicated group of fund raisers. The committee had one individual per former cadet company committed to getting donations from his/her cadet companymates. The committee created inter-company competition by periodically publishing a list showing total contributions and percent participation by cadet company. The committee also established a major donor gift program which recognized those giving over $350 and over $1000 with framed pictures of '82 class memorabilia.

After countless hours of hard work, the fund-raising committee surpassed its goal of $75,000, ultimately raising over $100,000! Their efforts produced a class participation rate of 55%. At the reunion, Bill Rogers and Dave Steer presented the class gift to the Superintendent, LTG Howard D. Graves. A plaque commemorating this gift also was unveiled. It since has been mounted prominently in Eisenhower Hall. Each year, this plaque will be inscribed with the name of the club or project receiving that year's financial contribution.

The Select Few's objective is to be able to fund a gift at the Fiftieth Reunion which will have a significant and lasting impact on West Point and its cadets.

The class, having accomplished its first goal, will not rest on its laurels. It plans to continue building for its "lasting gift," which will be a permanent gift presented before or at the 50th Reunion. The Select Few's objective is to be able to fund a gift at the Fiftieth Reunion which will have a significant and lasting impact on West Point and its cadets. To accomplish this objective, the class has set an annual donation goal of $82 from each member of the Class of 1982.

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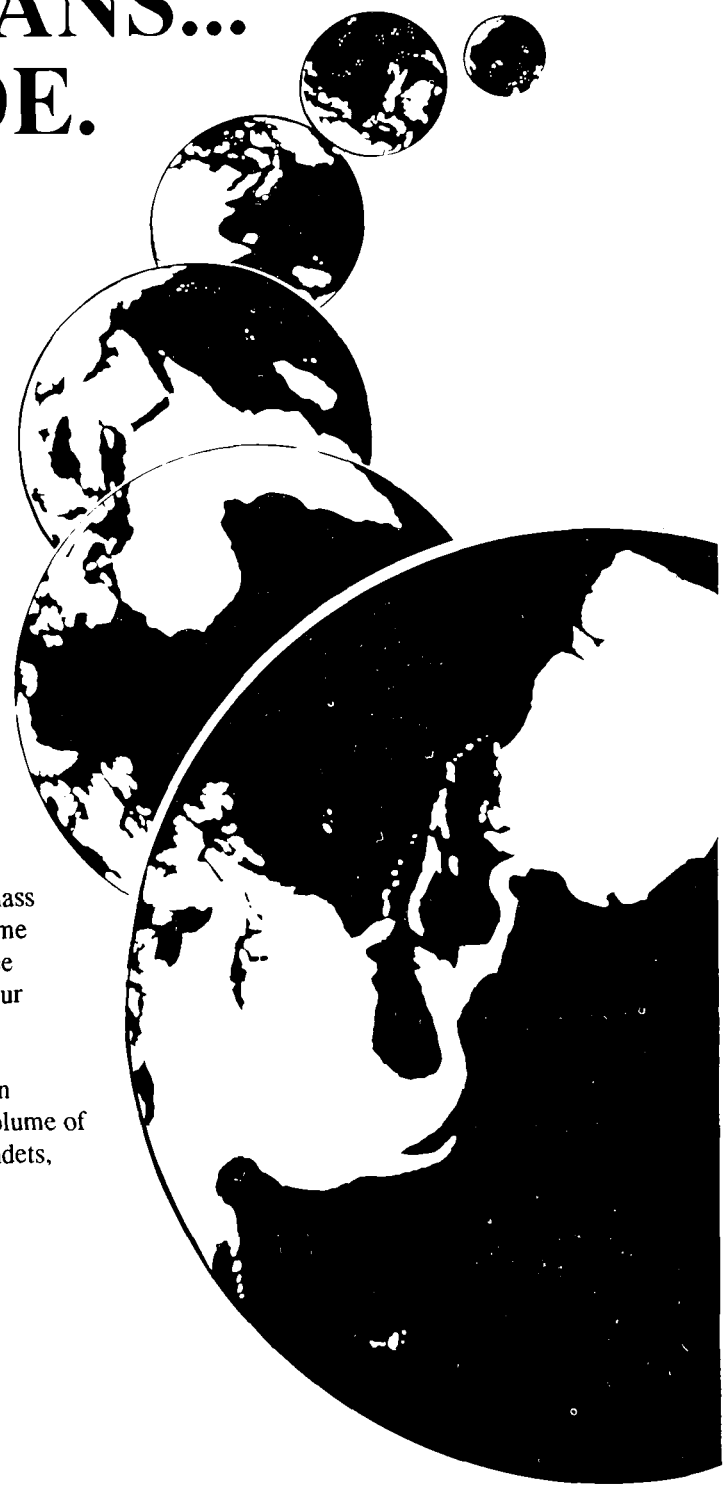

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News from the Societies

ATLANTA

The WPSA rounded out a highly successful 1992 and has a full slate of activities on tap for 1993. To join, send $35 to WPSA, P.O. Box 492511, Atlanta, GA 30349-2511. For information call (404) 752-4239. Dues pay for the quarterly newsletter, a roster of the 800+ USMA grads in the metro-Atlanta area, and invitations to all WPSA events.

In Sept, several members of WPSA participated in a Service Academy Forum hosted by Congressman John Lewis, of Georgia's 5th District, for potential USMA cadets and their parents. This was the fifth consecutive year Congressman Lewis has held such an event. Representatives of the Admissions Offices of all four service academies were present to provide information.

The program was run by Love Sears-Collins '76, Chairman of the Service Academy Selection Committee for Rep. Lewis. Doug Heckman '80, Military Liaison Officer, also was on hand.

Assisting were Irv Schoenberg '48, Bob Faulkender '57, Rich St. Denis '70, Eric Moore '87, and Joe Yi '89. From USMA's Dir of Admissions was CPT Jeff Toomer '88.

Rep Lewis told the attendees that academy graduates "make a contribution to our armed services and our society as a whole." He cited the remarkable 95% graduation rate of cadets and midshipmen selected by Love's committee.

To volunteer for a Selection Committee, call Irv Schoenberg at 848-0508 (office) or 394-0639 (home). To help in cadet recruitment, call Doug Heckman at 264-3685 (office) or 242-6722 (home).

In Nov, the WPSA recruited two new committee chairmen. Paul Rice '58 assumed duties as Membership Chairman, and Fred Schremp '67 became the Finance/Budget Chairman.

Also in Nov, the WPPC of Atlanta hosted a social get-together. In Dec, it held the annual Service Academies Military Ball, assisted by a $500 grant from Omni Travel and $500 from the WPSA. Attending were cadets, midshipmen, their families, and guests. For information about the WPPC, call George Stewart at (404) 668-9257.

In Nov, the WPSA Board of Governors hosted a luncheon to discuss how the Soc can contribute to the '96 Olympics and The Atlanta Project, a community-wide undertaking to help the disadvantaged. Attending were Gordon Duquemin '47, Bob Faulkender '57, John Petty '61, Rich St. Denis '70, Bob Glover '76 and Les Szabolcsi '78.

Special guests who discussed their areas of responsibility were—

— Bill Ray '57, who is planning and managing the construction of the Olympic Village at Georgia Tech.

— Love Sears-Collins '76, who is director of operations (accommodations, ticketing, accreditation, and medical support) for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games.

— David Stoutamire '77, who is doing program/project management work for the Olympic Committee.

— Lt Cdr Earl Gay USNA '80, who is the Forces Cmd rep to The Atlanta Project advisory committee and project officer for "Future Force," FORSCOM's initiative for The Atlanta Project.

The WPSA's Job Placement Program expanded its service during 1992 and has a full program scheduled for 1993. The Career Transition Network continues to meet each Tuesday evening. Meetings are open to all academy grads and any military officers who are retiring, regardless of source of commission.

The meetings provide information, coaching, networking opportunities, and moral support during the career transition. They typically cover a variety of issues: career focusing, resume preparation, job prospecting techniques, interviewing skills, and more. Attendees usually discuss their recent experiences and often share job leads.

In 1992, several guest speakers covered timely topics for the Network meetings. Most recently, in Nov, David White '61 discussed job search network development, and in Dec Ken Slutzky '65 discussed hiring practices from a personnel director's perspective.

To help grads during their career transition, the WPSA recruited more than 150 USMA and USNA grads in the civil sector locally who are available for networking and information interviews. These grads have volunteered to talk with any military officer undergoing a career change. While not expected to locate jobs or even provide "hot" leads, the members of the Support Network are extremely useful.

The society also developed a Career Transition Packet, available for $25, which contains many materials valuable to someone changing jobs. It has a roster of the Career Transition Support Group and the entire West Point Society of Atlanta. It also contains 200 pages on job search techniques, sample resumes, interviewing tips, and lists of executive recruiters and private/public companies and agencies in Georgia.

A Career Transition Seminar, four hours in length, was conducted quarterly in '92 to review the spectrum of career transition issues—from the start of job focusing to salary and benefit negotiation techniques. In the past two years, Jim Jenkins '57 has conducted seminars for 100+ attendees. The last seminar was 2 Feb 93. For information about Career Transition services, contact Rich St. Denis, (404) 391-9681.

In Dec, the society held its annual Army-Navy Game viewing party in conjunction with the local USNA Alumni Association. Donations were collected for the USMC Reserve Toys for Tots program. Also in Dec, the society held its annual Christmas Party at Ft. McPherson.

The WPSA's weekly "Time Out" sessions for Veterans Upward Bound of Atlanta concluded another successful year of support for this program that helps disadvantaged veterans. Bob Glover '76, who coordinates "Time Out", invites more grads to contribute their time and talents to this worthy endeavor, which includes personal enrichment seminars, individual mentoring, and other support to the clients and staff. To volunteer, call Bob at (404) 458-1354.

Upcoming Events: Founders Day Dinner Dance (20 Mar); WPSA Annual Luncheon/Business Meeting (10 Jun). The WPSA Board of Governors meets the sec-

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ond Thursday of every month at 7:30 a.m. The meetings are open to all academy graduates.

—Rich St. Denis '70

KANSAS CITY

The WPSKC held its bi-monthly meeting on 10 Nov 92. After a legislative update from Pres Ed Winthrop '45, Mike Altieri '73 reported the chapter identified 45 prospects at the metropolitan-wide college night at Shawnee Mission high school. The USMA table was manned by grads and Parents Club volunteers.

Two new members, Bob Brogi '62, Deputy Superintendent of the Kansas City Metropolitan School District, and Roger Lee '62, Dir of Budgets and Planning at the District, reported on their efforts at the Kansas City Metropolitan School District. The District hired eight retired military officers in recent years to solve a variety of problems. Bob and Roger encouraged grads leaving the military to seek job opportunities with not-for-profit employers.

Society members shared Army-Navy game pizza and beer with the Swabbies at the University Club.

The next noon meeting of the Society will be in mid-March at the Hilton Plaza Inn. Interested grads may contact Ed Winthop (913) 640-9829 or VP Jim Mitchell (816) 274-7329.

—Dan Turner '71

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Greetings from the Granite State. WPSNH has had a very busy Fall!

In Sep, approximately 100 grads, family members and NH parent's club members traveled to WP for the Citadel game. We lost the game, but everyone had a great time.

In Dec, we gathered to watch one of the most exciting Army-Navy games anyone can remember (except for the 1977 game). As you can see by the picture (which includes several Squid Families), we're a tight-knit bunch. The Annual Business Meeting was conducted during half time and the following officers were elected to serve for '93: John Griffith '78 Pres; John Marshall '78 VP; Richard Sellner '81 Sec; Don Allard '81 - Treas (the '78 mafia is slowly being eliminated).

—John Marshall '78

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, 603-891-1488.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington D.C., 8 Dec 92....More than 200 members and guests of the WPS of D.C. were on hand on 11 Sep at the Ft. Myer Officers Club to hear GEN Gordon R. Sullivan, Army Chief of Staff, report on the status of the Army and issues affecting USMA.

In his remarks, GEN Sullivan paid a special tribute to the Military Academy, saying: "Your great institution has produced leaders over the years who have given selfless service to this nation." He went on to say, "I will do everything in my power to see that the Military Academy retains its excellence—it is vital to the United States."

The Chief of staff told grads and guests of his meetings with Senator Nunn and the Superintendent, and assured the audience of the Senator's commitment to the best interests of West Point.

As for the Army, GEN Sullivan said its strength, which has been around 780,000, today stands at 640,00, and by 1996 will go down to about 500,00. He made it clear, however, that the Army is still attracting highly qualified people. In overseas commitments, the Chief of Staff noted that the United States would eventually maintain around 100,000 forces in Europe and Korea.

In concluding his comments, GEN Sullivan reiterated his counsel to the audience to be steady "as we work our way through the interim crisis—everything will be fine. You need to feel good about your Army."

Our guest speaker for the Winter Luncheon in January was Senator Strom Thurmond, to be followed on 13 Mar at Founders Day by BG Galloway, USMA Dean, and on 12 May, for the Spring luncheon, we will be honored to the have the Air Force Chief of Staff, GEN Merrill A. McPeak.

The Society will celebrate Founders Day 1993 at the McLean Hilton, Tysons Corner, VA. MG Carl H. McNair, Jr. '55, Soc Pres, has negotiated with the hotel a considerably lower cost than has been the case in previous years at the Radisson Mark Plaza Hotel in Alexandria. He hopes his efforts will increase attendance for this very meaningful event, which will include presentation of the Castle Memorial Award to a deserving graduate. The 1992 recipient was GEN Michael S. Davison '39, and in 1991 it was presented to GEN Clyde E. Eddleman '24.

Tom Folk '72 has assumed the responsibility of Admissions Coordinator in the National Capital Region from Judge Gene Sullivan '64, who has done a masterful job for a number of years. On 1 Oct, Tom hosted a dinner meeting of the Admissions participants with orientation and training provided by a West Point Admissions Officer. He praised the local effort, which netted 50 top files for USMA and 17 for the Prep School this past summer—one of the best years ever. Our Society provides $5,000 annually to support Admissions activities, including educator's visits, family nights, etc.

Members of our Field Force have been attending various Academy Days and College Fairs in the area, monitoring administration of the Physical Aptitude Evaluation to candidates, interviewing them, and visiting schools. This year, more educators from the National Capital Region will be visiting West Point, thanks to the generosity of our Society.

In the past, educators invited to visit the Military Academy had to pay a surcharge of about $75 for meals. In contrast, educator visits to the Naval and Air Force Academies had no such charge. Since the Admissions Office was unable to eliminate the charge, the WPS of D.C. decided to pick up the tab for educators from National Capital Region schools. This will permit more educators to visit West Point.

We are pleased to bring to everyone's attention publication of a book by one of our members that has been described as "an absorbing narrative and a warm tribute to one of America's greatest soldiers." The book by Lewis (Bob) Sorley '56 is titled *Thunderbolt, General Abrams and the Army of His Times*. It sells at bookstores for $25. Information concerning sales may be obtained from the publisher,

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Simon and Schuster, at (212) 698-7541. The author's telephone number in Potomac, MD is (301) 299-3168.

The WPS of D.C. will assist graduates leaving the Army in obtaining employment with business activities in the local area. GEN McNair, Soc Pres, aware of the problems facing active duty grads with DOD downsizing, is anxious to help those affected in every possible way. More information is forthcoming.

The Army-Navy luncheon sponsored by The Touchdown Club, WPS of D.C. and the Naval Academy Alumni Association of Washington on 1 Dec at the Bolling Air Force Officers Club was quite successful. More than 300 turned out for the luncheon and the program that followed featuring Ken Beatrice, Radio Station WMAL Sports Call, Rear Admiral Jack Lengyel, Steve "Ike" Eisenhauer, LTG Howard Graves, COL Al Vanderbush, and Harry Walters. LTG Carl H. McNair and LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr. served on the committee that planned the event.

—Phil Farris '46

CONNECTICUT

The WPS of CT held a book signing luncheon on 22 Oct at Gaetanos in Hartford. LTC Lewis S. Sorley, III (Ret) was the guest speaker and lectured on his new book *Thunderbolt, General Abrams and the Army of His Times*. About 30 members attended.

There was also a gathering on 5 Dec at the Fish 'n' Bull Pub in Berlin, CT for the Army-Navy Game. About 25 members attended the celebration party.

Upcoming FD Dinner will be held on 9 Mar at the Quinnipiack Club in New Haven. The guest speaker will be the Superintendent. Those interested in attending should contact Al Levesque at (203) 275-0362. In addition, officers will change positions in Mar. Anyone interested in becoming an Officer, please contact Rolf Knoll at (203) 527-1669.

1993 Events

9 Mar Founders Day Dinner at Quinnipiac Club, New Haven

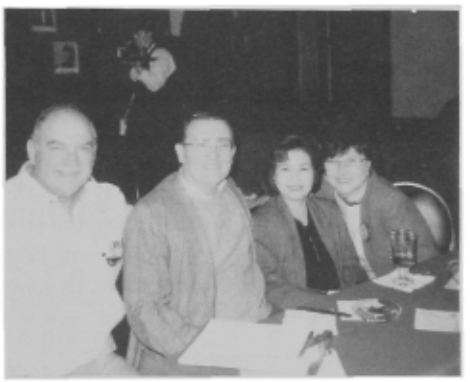
May - Golf Outing "Best Ball" at West Point Golf Course

—Tom Sullivan '80

GREATER HOUSTON

GREETINGS FROM HOUSTON TO OUR FELLOW LONG GRAY LINERS. Once again the Army football team triumphs over Navy and makes the Houston Soc happy that its members attended the listening party with the Navy files and wives. This year we met with Navy at the Marriott Hotel to dine, consume adult beverage, and cheer for our respective teams. Attending the soiree, as shown by the following pictures:

L to R: David Shimp, George McDowell '37 and Rae McDowell



L to R: Steve Herbert '61, Jim Strachan '61, Kim Strachan and Beverly Herbert

L to R: Greg Chubon '80, Bill Noble '86, baby Jazmine Noble, Jarvis Hollingsworth '85 and baby Jordan Hollingsworth.

At our annual Business Meeting held in Nov, we elected the following Grads to new officer status: Pres Dick Sundt '59; 1st VP - Joe Cantu '80; 2d VP - Dr. Tom Parr '67; Sec - John Talhelm '73; Sec - Gary Hale '75. Additionally, a standing ovation was given to outgoing Pres Jeff Alt '62, for a "Job Well Done" in WP tradition.

Once again the Soc sponsored our Annual By-Invitational in Dec. During this event we hosted 400 to 500 prospective Cadets and their parents. Randy Pais '67 hosted the affair this year, and the show included many of our local Grads, a group of Cadets from WP, and some faculty members from the Academy. This event has been one of our most successful ways of attracting and informing potential Cadets for the Academy. On 26 Dec the WPPC hosted its annual Service Academies Ball. The event was held at the Wyndham Hotel on 26 Dec and included Cadets, their parents, and graduates of all Service Academies. The Ball has been a highlight of most Cadets who have been home on Christmas leave. The Soc will celebrate the '93 FD on 12 Mar. The banquet will be held at Stouffer's Greenway Plaza Hotel, and our featured speaker will be the Commandant of Cadets, BG Robert F. Foley. The function this year will cover the traditional oldest and youngest grad's "informational talk", GEN Foley, dinner, and dancing following the banquet events. The Soc wishes "Best of Luck" to Bill McArthur '73, who in Aug was transferred to Space Lab Life Sciences Mission. He will be serving as Flight Engineer on a 13-15 day Mission on the space shuttle Columbia. One area to be studied is how the human body changes in weightless space environment. Our Soc sends its deepest sympathy to Frank Bowen '58 and Sal Manzo '39, for the loss of their beloved spouses Ann Bowen and Flournoy Manzo. The courage of these two women in their battles with cancer was inspirational to all of us.

L to R: John Talhelm '71, Bart Jealous USNA '65 and Paul Marshall USNA '65.

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BEAT NAVY!!

—Robert E. Lee '45

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ALASKA

WPS of Alaska Beat Navy luncheon rally. L to R: Gum '74, Bowen '73, Haese'78

EL PASO

The WPS of El Paso had the honor of having the President of the AOG, Denis F. Mullane '52, as a speaker at a dinner party held at the Fort Bliss Officers Club. Mr. Mullane told the 120 or so guests about the latest proposed changes at West Point. The audience was composed of members of the Soc, members of the El Paso Parents Club and friends of Mr. Mullane. MG (Ret) John Oblinger '53, COL (Ret) Ashby Foote '48, COL (Ret) Jack Fanning and LTC (Ret) Glenn Dyer '59 planned and executed the evening. It was only the second time in recent memory that the President has come to El Paso, and it certainly was a most informative and enjoyable evening.

We then shifted to the Army-Navy Game Pep Rally. COL (Ret) Ashby Foote '48 took over-all charge and was the MC. Ashby was assisted by BG (Ret) Ernst Roberts '49 (cheerleader), COL (Ret) Lake Churchill '48 (cheerleader), COL (Ret) Jack Fanning and several members of the class of '92. Colonels Bob Ivany '69 and Jeff Gault '70 (former football players) each gave an inspirational talk. A fun evening was had by all. Best of all, the Pep Rally apparently worked, as we all know the outcome of the game.

—Jack Fanning '60

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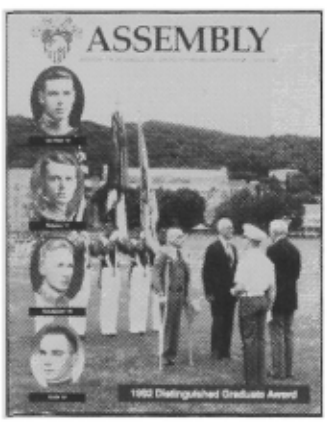

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Bulletin Board

THOMAS W. JEWELL '78 ELECTED A FELLOW OF THE COLLEGE OF AMERICAN PATHOLOGISTS

Doctor Thomas W. Jewell, Chief of the Department of Pathology at Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, has been elected a Fellow of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), a national medical specialty society of physicians certified by the American Board of Pathology.

Dr. Jewell received his MD degree from the University of Miami School of Medicine and completed a four-year residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at Eisenhower Army Medical Center plus a one-year fellowship in dermatopathology at AFIP/Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Dr. Jewell is board-certified in anatomic and clinical pathology and dermatopathology.

The CAP is an international medical society of more than 13,000 pathologists from the United States, Canada and 47 foreign countries, and serves the needs of the clinical laboratory community.

USMA '42 PRESENTS COPY OF FIFTY-YEAR BOOK TO MG FREDERICK A. IRVING, APRIL '17, THEIR COMMANDANT IN '41-42.

On 15 December 1992, Retired Major General Frederick A. Irving, April '17, was the recipient of a copy of the Fifty-Year Book of the Class of 1942. In an informal ceremony at The Fairfax, an Army retirement home near Fort Belvoir, Virginia

L to R: Charles Mizell, Robert Terry, General Irving, John Watson and Jerrold Snow

L to R: Mrs. Irving, GEN Irving, Elizabeth Irving Maish and Alexander M. Maish

where General and Mrs. Irving now reside, Class Chairman Robert D. Terry, MG USA Ret, presented the book entitled *Threads of Grey, '92*.

In his remarks General Terry stated, "Sir, you were a tactical officer for almost our entire cadet life, serving as Commandant during our last year. You set an outstanding example of what an officer should be, and the Class of 1942 holds you in highest esteem. Later, many of us were privileged to serve under you again as members of the Staff and Faculty when you were Superintendent from 1951-1954."

General Irving expressed both his surprise and his pleasure at being remembered by the class which he had always regarded with great affection, having seen them through from new cadets to first classmen. In leafing through the book, he noticed a page featuring pictures of tactical officers and professors considered to be "mentors of note." Lieutenant Colonel Irving was prominently featured. "I looked considerably younger then," chuckled the ninety-eight year old general.

Also attending the ceremony were Mrs. Irving, their daughter Elizabeth, and her husband, Alexander M. Maish, USMA '44. In addition to General Terry, other members of '42 present were Carl C. Ulsaker, Vice Chairman; Jerrold D. Snow, Historian; John R. Watson and Charles M. Mizell of the yearbook editorial staff; John A. Ely, researcher; and Robert H. Clagett, Jr., a fellow resident of The Fairfax. Mrs. Clagett functioned as the official photographer.

FISHBURNE FAMILY ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP

The Association of Graduates is pleased to announce the establishment of another West Point Preparatory Scholarship, the Elliott G. Fishburne Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is made possible by his son, LTC (Ret) Elliott G. Fishburne, III, Class of 1962 and grandchildren, 2LT Holly E. Fishburne, Class of 1991 and Cadet Elliott G. Fishburne, IV, Class of 1994.

The Fishburne family felt establishing this scholarship was an appropriate way to memorialize their father and grandfather. Elliott G. Fishburne, or "Fish" as he was known by his family and friends, was born on 20 April 1906. He graduated from the University of Virginia and the Virginia Law School. Mr. Fishburne married the former Daisy Garth of Charlottesville, Virginia. Following a short period of instructing commercial law at the University of Virginia, he became the business manager and taught English at the Fishburne Military School. The school was founded by Mr. Fishburne's great-uncle, James A. Fishburne, in 1879 and is still in operation today. In 1951, he became a stockbroker, a position he held until his death in October 1989. The Fishburnes made their home in Waynesboro, Virginia.

The West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program (WPPSP) is administered and funded by the AOG. The AOG appreciates the Fishburne family's generosity to the Scholarship Program.

BEAHM '68 RECEIVES STARS

BG Robert H. Beahm '68, commander of the 352d Civil Affairs Command, an Army Reserve unit in Riverdale, MD, received the stars signifying his promotion to the rank of brigadier general at a promotion ceremony recently at the Prince Georges County Memorial U.S. Army Reserve Center.

BG Beahm's wife, his mother, and LTG Wayne A. Downing, commander of the U.S. Special Operations Command, had the honor of pinning on the new insignia.

LTG Downing's comments following the promotion emphasized the role of

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Civil Affairs in the Army. "The future of Civil Affairs has never been brighter because of its performance in the last two and a half years, and BG Beahm played a pivotal role in establishing Civil Affairs in the Army," he said.

In his comments, BG Beahm said, "I have had a lot of good luck, and I have worked with a lot of good people...I have had a lot of help." He also thanked his civilian bosses for allowing him to practice the leadership skills he had learned in the Army at his civilian job as the director of security for Baltimore Gas and Electric Company in Baltimore, MD.

BG Beahm has been in the Army Reserve since 1973. Prior to becoming commander of the 352d Civil Affairs Command, he was the commander of the 354th Civil Affairs Brigade, which deployed to Southwest Asia during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and was responsible for setting up the refugee camps for Operation Provide Comfort, the Kurdish relief effort.

GRADS WHO ARE BANK AND UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS VISIT

George A. Schaefer, Jr., '57, (right), President, Fifth Third Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio visits DeBow Freed, '46, President,

Ohio Northern University at the campus. Fifth Third, with assets of $9 billion, is regularly characterized as one of the best managed regional banks in the country. Ohio Northern is similarly recognized for its Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Engineering, Pharmacy, and Law. Mr. Schaefer became CEO of the bank in 1990 after serving for several years in executive positions with the bank. Dr. Freed, in his nineteenth year as a college president, is the longest tenured USMA graduate serving as president of a major university. The beautiful and acclaimed Freed Center for the Performing Arts at Ohio Northern was named for him and his wife, Catherine, last year.

USMA CLASS OF JANUARY 1943 REUNION TRAVEL

USMA graduates and friends are frequently asked to assist the Association of Graduates by providing funds to close the gap between federal government funding levels and Military Academy requirements. Proving such donations generally is not a painless process in this economy. Fortunately there are ways by which some contributions can be made without taking additional money from our pockets. Since early 1991, Omni Travel (owned by Chuck Russell, USMA '56) has been the official travel agency for the USMA AOG. Omni Travel has donated several thousands of dollars to the AOG to support cadet activities and has provided in excess of thirty free airline tickets for AOG and cadet use. Since donation level is a function of volume of tickets sold, neither have come close to their respective potential.

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DAY '78 IS POSTAL DISTRICT MANAGER

Thomas G. Day has been appointed District Manager of the Triboro Customer Service District of the U.S. Postal Service. Day is the former Director of Operations Support for the Miami Division of the Postal Service.

As the District Manager, Day will oversee the delivery and retail activities in Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island and the western portion of Nassau County (zip code areas 103, 110-114 and 116). The District serves 4.8 million customers through 188 facilities with a staff of 7200 employees and an annual budget of approximately $500 million. The District was recently formed as part of a national restructuring initiated by Postmaster General Marvin Runyon. The restructuring focuses on cutting overhead costs, while making the Postal Service more responsive to its customers' needs.

Day has served in a variety of operational and staff assignments. Most recently he coordinated efforts to restore postal operations to areas devastated by Hurri-

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Day, a native of Port Washington, NY, received a MA in Management from Central Michigan University in 1981.

IDE GRANTS GIFT TO AOG

The Association of Graduates was recently the recipient of a grant of computer software valued at $43,500 from Interactive Development Environments (IDE). The software is a Computer Aided Software Engineering (CASE) family of tools called Software Through Pictures (STP) which is being used by the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

The software was presented during a ceremony hosted by the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in November. Representatives of IDE visiting West Point that day were Anthony I. Wasserman, President and Chief Executive Officer of IDE; Steve Blackman, Eastern Area Manager; Gary Bullman, Applications Engineer; and Bekim Protopapa, Account Manager.

"These tools are used to teach software design, software reenginnering concepts, software systems design and general software development concepts in several courses," said Captain David J. Key of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. "Cadets will be able to gain an appreciation for the increases in productivity possible with automated tools. STP has greatly enhanced our ability to train cadets on the cutting edge of technology that they will need to know as they lead the Army into the 21st century."

Presentation of the IDE software (L to R): COL Litynski, Head of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Dept., Sandra Dagele, Researcher for Corporate and Foundation Giving, AOG, and Mr. Anthony I. Wasserman, President and CEO of IDE.

Interactive Development Environments is a California-based corporation with its headquarters in San Francisco. Some of IDE's software was derived from User Software Engineering Distribution Software licenses by IDE from the Regents of the University of California.

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Congratulations to the following graduates on the most recent reserve and national guard general officer promotion list: James A. Pocock '57 and Edward M. Crowley '60, Major General, USAR; Jesse M. Whitten '65, Brigadier General, NG; and Kenneth D. Strong '67, Brigadier General, USAR.

ATTENTION ALL ARMY BRATS!

A "GRAND REUNION" of all "Overseas Brats" will be held in Dallas, Texas on 6-8 August 1993 at the airport Hyatt Regency. "Overseas Brats" are dependents who were stationed in foreign lands and attended American-run or State Department-assisted schools during the Cold War.

In 1991, DoD still operated 250 schools (in 20 nations) with an enrollment of over 130,000. The State Department assisted another 170 schools (in over 100 nations) with an enrollment of over 5,000.

Until now, these "Children of the Cold War" rarely had the chance to hold traditional reunions. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited, 6851 S. Holly Circle, #100, Englewood, CO 80112; (303) 694-1888.

NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE ALUMNI TO SPONSOR SECURITY CONFERENCE

The National War College Alumni Association will sponsor a conference on comtemporary national security issues at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas on Thursday, 29 April 1993.

The program will extend from 9 am - 3 pm, with morning and afternoon lecture sesssions and a luncheon with guest speaker. The conference is unclassified. Registration fee and luncheon will cost about $35.00 per person.

The conference is being arranged for alumni of the senior service colleges (The National War College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Army War College, Naval War College, Air War College, Senior Seminars of the Foreign Service Institute and comparable foreign colleges). Other interested active and retired officers, federal, state and local government officials and local community leaders are also welcome.

For further information and registration forms, contact the Executive Director, NWC Alumni Association, The National War College, Ft. L.J. McNair, Washington, DC 20319; (202) 863-2306.

GENERAL DYNAMICS NAMES PSIHAS '51 AS PRESIDENT OF LAND SYSTEMS

General Dynamics Corporation last year announced the latest step in its ongoing effort to empower each of its company's major platform businesses to take those actions necessary to more effi-

George Psihas '51

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FOUNDERS DAY 1993

The following is a listing, as of 15 January 1993, of Founders Day gatherings for 1993 established with the Alumni Affairs Office. Graduates wishing to attend may obtain the name of the local point of contact by phoning LTC (Ret) Fishburne, Chief, Alumni Affairs Office, USMA at (914) 938-3700/3024. All groups holding Founders Day celebrations, whether listed here or not, are encouraged to report, in photos and print, the highlights of their activities to *Assembly* prior to 15 April 1993.

DATE 1993	LOCATION	SPEAKER
5 Mar	Ft. Bliss, TX	Commandant
	Redstone Arsenal, AL	Dean
	Raleigh, NC	COL Bolger, USCC
6 Mar	Heidelberg, Germany	Superintendent
	Ft. Sill, OK	Commandant
	Ft. Benning, GA	Dean
	Greenville, SC	COL Bolger, USCC
7 Mar	New Orleans, LA	Commandant
8 Mar	Patrick AFB, FL	Dean
9 Mar	New Haven, CT	Superintendent
	Orlando, FL	Dean
10 Mar	Picatinny Arsenal, NJ	Superintendent
11 Mar	Eglin AFB, FL	Dean
	Salt Lake City, UT	Director of Athletics
12 Mar	Ft. Drum, NY	Superintendent
	Houston, TX	Commandant
	Miami, FL	Dean
	San Diego, CA	Director of Athletics
	NW Arkansas	COL Rushton, Dir. Adm.
	Iowa City, IA	COL Lamkin, C&ME
	Tallahassee, FL	COL Anderson, Dir. DPE
13 Mar	Chicago, IL	Superintendent
	San Antonio, TX	Commandant
	Washington, DC	Dean
	Palm Springs, CA (Lunch)	Director of Athletics
	Orange County, CA	Director of Athletics
	Tulsa, OK	COL Rushton, Dir. Adm.
	Ashville, NC	COL Karr, Dir. DMI
	Charlottesville, VA	COL(R) Lewis Sorley
	Omaha, NE	COL Lamkin, C&ME
	Manchester, NH	COL Allbee, Chemistry
	Newport, RI	COL Kays, Sys. Engr.
	Ft. Myers, FL	COL Anderson, Dir. DPE
14 Mar	Austin, TX	Commandant
	West Palm Beach, FL	COL Anderson, Dir. DPE
15 Mar	Syracuse, NY	COL Rushton, Dir. Adm.
18 Mar	Ft. Monroe, VA	Dean
19 Mar	Carlisle, PA	Superintendent
	Ft. Ord, CA	Director of Athletics
	Ft. Leavenworth, KS	COL Scull, Dep. DIA
	Charleston, WV	COL Rushton, Dir. Adm.
	Grand Rapids, MI	COL Hunt, Law
	Ft. Knox, KY	COL Winkel, Physics
20 Mar	Atlanta, GA	Dean
	Presidio. CA	Director of Athletics
	Milwaukee, WI	COL Scull, Dep. DIA
	Memphis, TN	COL Rushton, Dir. Adm.
	Detroit, MI	COL Hunt, Law
21 Mar	Sacramento, CA	Director of Athletics
23 Mar	Las Vegas, NV	COL Scull, Dep. DIA
24 Mar	Buffalo, NY	COLToffler, Inst. Res.
	Phoenix, AZ	COL Scull, Dep. DIA
25 Mar	Cleveland, OH	COL Toffler, Inst. Res.
	Hilton Head, SC	Dean
	Tucson, AZ	COL Scull, Dep. DIA
26 Mar	Cincinnati, OH	COL Tofler, Inst. Res.
	Ft. Leonardwood, MO	Commandant
	Charleston, SC	Dean
27 Mar	Ft. Ben Harrison, IN	Superintendent
	St. Louis, MO	Commandant
	Ft. Jackson, SC	Dean
	Ft. Carson, CO	COL Scull, Dep. DIA
31 Mar	Ft. Campbell, KY	Superintendent
1 Apr	Pittsburgh, PA	Superintendent
	Nashville, TN	Commandant
	Ft. Irwin, CA	COL Scull, Dep. DIA
2 Apr	Rochester, NY	Superintendent
	Jackson, MS	Commandant
	Ft. Bragg, NC	Dean
	Ft. Lewis, WA	COL Scull, Dep. DIA
3 Apr	Ft. Hood, TX	Commandant
	Ft. Stewart, GA	Dean
	Portland, OR	COL Scull, Dep. DIA
	Ft. Riley, KS	COL Grubbs, G&EnE
4 Apr	Toledo, OH (Lunch)	Superintendent
17 Apr	Hawaii	COL Wattendorf, BS&L

ciently and effectively perform in light of continuing changes in U.S. defense budgets and priorities.

In order to further shift the authority for both business strategy and financial performance to the senior managements of the company's core businesses, among the following individuals named as presidents of their business units was George Psihas. Psihas is now president of Land Systems (armored vehicles); in addition he will continue as corporate vice-president of the parent corporation.

Chairman and CEO William A. Anders said, "At General Dynamics we are focusing on developing the proper balance of sustainable volumes, workforce skills, plant capacity and capital necessary to create the programmatic efficiency in each of our core businesses that will be essential in this new era. Each business must build on its strengths to insure that it emerges from this period of rationalization as a clear leader in its marketplace. Consequently, our President Jim Mellor and I have charged these four executive officers (including Psihas), and the management teams who report to them, with developing and implementing strategies to assure long-term market leadership and true programmatic efficiency. This will permit our core businesses to continue to serve this nation's evolving defense needs with high-quality, cost-competitive products."

Land Systems is a division of General Dynamics Corporation, a company that employs more than 70,000 people. In 1982, General Dynamics acquired Chrysler Corporation's main battle tank operations. Since then, Land Systems Division has delivered nearly 8,000 ABRAMS tanks

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to the U.S. Army. Headquartered in Sterling Heights, Michigan, Land Systems has operations in six states, employs more than 6,000 people and has annual sales that exceed $1 billion. As a systems intergrator, its design, engineers and manufactures main battle tanks, other land vehicles and support systems for domestic and international sale.

Since the early days of World War II, the Division and its predecessor company have produced more than 55,000 tanks and subsystems. Today, its principal product is the U.S. Army's M1A1 ABRAMS main battle tank, internationally recognized as the world's best. Because of its exceptional quality, the ABRAMS series tank has consistently had operational readiness rates above 95%.

During the Gulf War, 1,956 M1A1s served as the centerpiece of the coalition forces' 100-hour ground offensive against Soviet-equipped Iraqi armored forces. Because of its exceptional performance, enabling U.S. forces to destroy more than 2,000 enemy tanks without losing a single tank of their own in tank battles, the M1A1 solidified its international reputation as the "world's best and most sought after tank."

ROBERT A. NEWMAN '70 HEADS UP HIGH-TECH PLANT IN TN

Robert A. Newman has been appointed director of operations at the Lawrenceburg, TN plant of Graphic Packaging Corporation. Newman joins GPC following 17 years with Procter & Gamble.

Newman will be responsible for the daily operations of the plant, which produces high-performance, high-technology folding cartons for customers such as Colgate-Palmolive, Frito-Lay, Lever Brothers and Procter & Gamble.

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Robert A. Newman '70

to paperboard. The process results in brilliant graphics, printed on the inside film wall, and also provides unique barrier properties. Since graphics are film-printed, rather than surface-printed, *recycled* board can be used.

Newman, a native of Peabody, MA, separated from the Army as a CPT after 5 years.

GPC has 1,013 employees nationwide, with 1991 record net sales of $188.1 million, a 20.8% increase over 1990. Graphic Packaging Corporation is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ACX Technologies, Inc.

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ATTENTION GOLFERS ! ! ! !

3rd Annual Alumni Golf Tournament to be held at West Point 24 - 26 June 1993

The Tournament will be a 36-hole, 2-day event using the Calloway Handicap System. There will be social events on Thursday and Friday evenings, with a concluding awards luncheon on Saturday.

If you are interested and would like to receive the registration brochure, please call the **Alumni Affairs Office** at **(914) 938-3700/3024** or write the Alumni Affairs Office, Cullum Hall, West Point, New York 10996. The Tournament is limited to the first 96 entrants.

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GOAT POOP

Reflections From the Last Section

It is the Christmas season as I write this, which means getting the house decorated for the holidays. This has caused many hours spent in fruitless searches for stuff that we only look for once a year. I've noticed that this process gets more and more difficult each year, but it wasn't until today that I finally realized what the problem was. After wading through three closets full of stuff that I hadn't seen or used in years, and trying for an hour to open a drawer permanently wedged shut by God only knows what, it finally came to me: we've got far too much junk. And this set me to thinking: the reason we've got too much junk is because we've been in this same house for 8 years. I have come to realize that one of the best things that happens to us while on active duty is that time-honored agony the Army puts us through every few years, or sometimes every few months, called PCS. We are forced by artificial and immutable restrictions called weight allowances to purge ourselves of all the junk that accumulates in our lives. No longer faced with the specter of waving goodbye to all our worldly possessions as they disappear around the bend in a moving van the Army has contracted for from the lowest bidder, we have allowed ourselves to be taken over by junk.

As I sipped a beer and contemplated this problem, something else suddenly occurred to me: of all the trials and tribulations we would be faced with in our Army careers, perhaps none would be as traumatic, as gut-wrenching, as marriage-straining, as the agony of a PCS move with mom and the kids, not even combat. It's probably no mere coincidence that PCS sounds a lot like PMS. After all, I've managed to suppress most of the bad memories from two tours in Vietnam, but the horrors of many a PCS are still vivid in my mind's eye.

And yet, it occurs to me that nothing in my training at West Point prepared me for this most insidious of all Army operations.

In retrospect, I now realize what a grave deficiency that is in the education of our cadets. There is so much they need to be told, for a PCS move will require them to overcome countless obstacles and move many mountains. It will test their patience, their negotiating skills, their devotion to duty, and their ethics, and that's all before they actually get in the car and go anywhere. There's so much more to a PCS than just getting from point A to point B; indeed, the agony starts long before that nightmare. Today's lesson, then, shall be a primer on surviving a PCS. Pop a beer and remember times past with me.

For openers, there are the countless bureaucrats, who believe their *raison d'etre* is to make your life miserable, to be encountered and overcome. The first of these will be your assignment officer, for, unless you are a complete automaton and perfectly willing to allow the system to do to you what it will, most PCSs start well in advance of the actual move, when you begin the process of trying to influence just where it is you'll be going. **Trying** is the operative word here. We all know that dealing with a branch assignment officer is a lot like playing Russian Roulette with 5 rounds in the cylinder. After all, bringing attention to **your** file may be the last thing in life you really need to do. This is especially true if you're a junior officer and haven't yet learned the proper mix of obsequiousness, devotion to duty and righteous indignation when dealing with these guys, and the assignment weeny has a particularly odious billet to fill, branch immaterial, right now. After all, you've got to remember—they've already got theirs; they've been told they're the best and the brightest. One slip of the tongue and you're likely to be on your way to an assignment as the PX officer in Thule, Greenland.

Lesson #1:
Never, *never* let assignment officers know that you're smarter than they are.

After you've worn out a few pairs of knee pads, cashed in all your outstanding chits, and finally called that general officer you used to work for to beg his help, you may luck out and get a posting to which your spouse will agree to accompany you. Now the real fun begins: you've got to move.

Many things must occur before that day the moving van drives away with what few possessions you've still got left after the packers took their share. First, there's the negotiating with the local transportation officer, who will tell you that there is only one day in the next four months that they can get you moved. You are assured that the packers—some of the most fascinating people you will ever meet—will arrive at 0800 on one day, and the truck will take it all away bright and early the next. I must admit that this actually did happen to us once. We were coming back from Germany, and Germans, as we all know, are very ordered people. Eight AM means eight AM. The fact that we had been at a farewell party until four AM did not matter to the squad of folks that attacked our quarters at the stroke of the hour, and before my wife and I could stumble out of bed and shake the cobwebs from our very obtunded minds, had the truck half packed, to include the clothes we were planning on wearing and the cat's food, still in its dish.

But this sort of efficiency is an aberration; more often than not, the packers will arrive in time to eat lunch before starting work, having just been hired off the street that morning—remember, you're entrusting your family heirlooms to these people—and the truck, which will invariably wait for rain to start before showing up, will not be big enough for all your stuff. This introduces you to a nifty concept called split shipments, which is another way of saying goodbye to grandmother's armoire, all your tools and your favorite fly rods.

Lesson #2:
Watch, like a hawk, never go to the bathroom while they're there, and learn how to file a claim.

OK, you're all packed up and your stuff is gone to God knows where. If you've been living on post you now get to experience what may be the greatest indignity of your career: clearing quarters. This means you must overcome the hurdle of **The Inspector**. You know the type: a little overweight, greasy hair, polyester pants. I vividly remember our first such experience. We were at Fort Bragg, and I was going to Vietnam. I was a young lieutenant, and lieutenants in 1968 didn't make a whole lot of money, so we gave no thought to hiring a cleaning team (we were too young and naive to know about the long standing relationship between cleaning

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teams and housing inspectors). Besides, I was less than a year out of West Point; if there was anything I remembered from that experience, it was how to prepare a room for inspection. A surgeon would have been proud to have operated in our kitchen when we finished cleaning that place. But alas, the inspector failed us after a cursory glance. Didn't edge the sidewalk or trim the hedges, it seems. Well, I do catch on quickly. In a jiffy, I cut every hedge in sight to the roots, below the ground level. They were now trimmed. I borrowed my neighbor's spade and excavated a one-foot deep moat around every sidewalk for 100 meters in every direction. Having satisfied that requirement, I stuffed my wife in the car and we drove away. After all, what were they going to do—send me to Vietnam? NOT send me to Vietnam?

Through the years we had many more fun encounters with housing inspectors. Being cheap, and obstinate to boot, I was loath to spend good money on something I could do better myself, like clean a house, but it only took two failures for me to finally break the code.

Lesson #3:
Pay for a cleaning team. Your wife's attitude is worth it.

But when you move into a new set of quarters that has been given a Family Housing Stamp of Approval, don't be surprised by the half-eaten bologna sandwich that has been painted into the window sill.

OK, you've finally crammed the family and the cats and dogs into the car and headed down the road toward the future. These trips, unlike vacations, will provide fodder for nightmares well into your old age. It's even better if you're going overseas, because not only do you get to ship your stuff, but you also get to ship your car. As I popped another long neck, the memories came flooding out of the footlocker I keep in the attic of my mind. I remember with stark clarity the day I went to the port in Germany to pick up our car, or what was left of it. While I was there I got to witness first-hand the German version of combat off-loading a ship. From a height of about 50 feet, someone's nice, new Jaguar was launched from a poorly rigged sling onto the pier below, coming to rest in a pile of twisted metal and plastic. The German stevedores, of course, were non-nonplused. After all, if it had been a German-made car, it would have survived the fall with hardly a scratch. Foolish American. And you wonder why your car insurance rates have gone up so much.

One of my most vivid memories is our move to Alaska in '81. It was summertime, and we were taking a circuitous route in order to visit all the parents before going to the frozen far north. It was 105 degrees outside, and 20 degrees hotter than that inside the car, because the air conditioner, knowing it was going to Alaska and wouldn't be needed anymore, had decided to quit working. In the back seat, wallowing in pools of sweat, were my wife and baby. Up front, seated next to me, buried under a mound of toys, books, cookie crumbs and a spilled chocolate milkshake, was my 3-year-old son. We were in Louisiana, crossing the Atchafalaya basin on a 22-mile-long bridge, with no exits on any horizon. Suddenly an urgent voice next to me announces, "I have to go!" If you've had any experience with 3-year-old kids, you know that by the time they see fit to make the announcement, it's already too late. It took two Alaskan winters before the memory finally left the car.

Lesson #4:
You drive, but fly the family. Everyone will be the better for it.

Once you arrive at the other end, there is still one huge hurdle to be overcome; you must now find a place to live. Basically, you are faced with three choices: government quarters—with the prospect of dealing with **The Inspector** yet again, buying a home, or finding a place to rent that will accept your kids and your animals. This process has probably put a greater strain on our marriage over the years than any other single issue. One of my more vivid memories was the move to Fort Ord, California, back in '75. We didn't have any kids yet, so we purchased a small motor home and camped our way leisurely across country.

Upon arriving at Ord, we discovered there were no quarters to be had, and finding a place to live on the Monterey Peninsula within a captain's meager means became a huge challenge. Fortunately, we did have the motor home, and it became our house for 65 days. As all of my Cow Year mechanics P's will attest to, I am not gifted in that way, and it never dawned on me that toilets in motor homes don't work like those in regular homes. If you don't keep a steady stream of water flowing, the stuff doesn't go anywhere. There's only one way to get rid of it, but that's another story. Remarkably, my wife is still married to me.

The process of finding a place to live at the other end of a PCS has probably reached the pinnacle of perfection at West Point, where the annual quarters drawing surpasses any event I can think of in terms of high drama, shattered dreams and broken lives. The hopes and aspirations of countless wives have been dashed in the pitiless arena of South Auditorium, as some pusillanimous sycophant, who graduated two files above their husband, took the one and only set of quarters in which they could be happy. All during your matriculation at West Point you are told that your graduation order of merit would be important to you some day. It is here, in this gladiator's pit, that the real meaning of that promise comes home to you. Since the great crap-shoot of cadet branch selection was turned over to the computer several years ago, no event in the Hudson Valley comes close to the annual quarters drawing at West Point in terms of spectator excitement.

Lesson #5:
Send your wife ahead three months before the move, tell her to buy a house, and be happy with whatever she chooses.

The Army has a quaint custom; it frequently gives awards to departing folks at the end of their tour. A sort of "thanks for a job well done." I don't mean to diminish the value of these things, but I think the current system is all wrong. The award should be given when you arrive at the other end, and it should be given for having made it there. The degree of the award should be based on a formula that takes into account distance traveled, number of children accompanying, ages of the children, mental state of spouse at the beginning and end of the trip, time of year, etc.

For example, a basic PCS from say, West Point to Fort Bragg in springtime, with a wife and one teenage child, in a new car, might be worth an Achievement Medal. On the other hand, a trip from Alaska to Virginia, with a wife and three kids under the age of 6, in an eight-year-old Toyota with no air conditioning, in the middle of summer, should be grounds for a DSM and early retirement.

Until next time then, when we'll look at the first law of thermodynamics, which says that, left to themselves, things go to hell in a hand basket. Keep in step, and BEAT NAVY!

—Freed Lowrey '67

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Report from the Classes

'15

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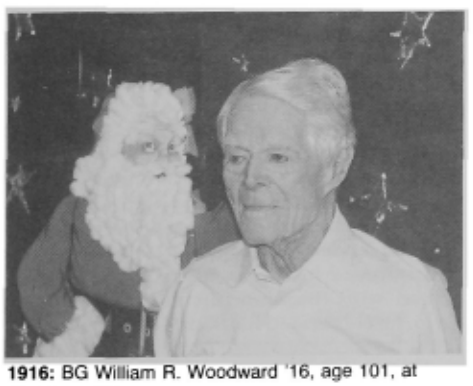
Satchie Naiden sent love, best wishes and a happy 93 to '15. **Mary Tate** is getting along quite well in the ret home in Richmond, VA. **Bruce Eloise Lorch** sent a long ltr to me about her large family and their travels. She is very active and still tends her vegetable garden. She also sent love and best wishes to '15.

Mary Welby Cochran is still at Shenandoah Valley Health Care Ctr, Buena Vista, VA. She celebrated her 98th birthday on 2 May 92. She remains in good spirits and receives friends and family on a regular basis. **Kitty Bradley** sent best wishes to '15. Robert Daspit Dwan, Jun '43, son of our **Edward James Dwan**, phoned me recently and sends greetings.

Your scribe recently had the pleasure of attending a Thanksgiving dinner with family, including all 6 of his great-grandchildren, ages 5 to 20. Your scribe still walks outdoors 2 1/2 mi ea day.

'16

Helen Inglis Woodward, wife of BG **William R. Woodward** and widow of **Fred Inglis**, died of heart failure on 13 Jan. Woodie, pictured at Christmas, continues to reside in Santa Rosa, CA.



1916: BG William R. Woodward '16, age 101, at Christmas 92

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With regret and sadness it must be rep that we have lost another classmate. **Felix Usis** died on 10 Oct; he was cremated and interred in Oakwood Cem, Sharon, PA. This reduces the number of living mbrs to 9. They are, in the order of their age: **Pulsifer, Brimmer, Broome, Riani, Chorpening, Hinds, Fitzpatrick, Wanamaker** and **Evans**.

Of the above 9, I hear on a regular basis from only two—and they are the oldest: **Art** and **Chief**. They are alike in many ways. Both still type, and I can read and understand it! Both admit to many infirmities but carry on aggressively. Both have daughters who assist them, but both make every effort to be independent. Last Oct **Art** gave a talk to a second-grade sch cl in Clearwater, FL, where he merited and received a highly complimentary article in the local newspaper. Art didn't mention this to me; Don Cubbison '33, who lives in Clearwater, sent me a copy of the newspaper article.

Our Cl Pres, **Bryan Evans**, attended a Reunion of the 6th FA in Harrisburg, PA last Sep. From his account, it must have been quite a festive affair.

It had come to my attention that **Lucy Bowman** was a mbr of the Fairfax Writers Gp, so, at my request, **Lucy** gave me a rep of a recent mtg of the gp on 20 Nov. At the mtgs the mbrs are allowed 5 mins to present their offering. Lucy, as so many of you know, has been writing limericks for yrs and has even had at least one book of them published. Her offerings were some of her best, and she was acclaimed the winner for the eve. As she says, she now is famous for miles around—at least two!

In the Nov *ASSEMBLY* is a book review on *Northwest Epic: The Building of the Alaska Highway* and an article adapted from the book. Both the book and the article were written by Heath **Twichell** '56. His father is one of our classmates and had significant responsibilities in the construction.

Jerry Lock, daughter of **Pinkie & Isobel Lock**, has been an actress for many yrs and is now appearing in the TV series *The Young and the Restless* as Doris.

Lella Dunkelberg had a recent opn and was in the hosp for some days but is now home and recovering well.

Your scribe is still slowly recovering from the back opn of last summer and is making plans to once more be the oldest grad at the FD dinner next Mar.

'19

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Plans for Christmas and elation carried over from the A-N Game were uppermost in the minds of classmates in mid-Dec. **John Hardin** referred to the 5 Dec contest as a game with a "storybook ending." Continuing a tradition of several yrs, he will host Christmas dinner at his home for a few friends and his daughter Nancy Sumner. **Syril & Billie Faine**, who are "stirring around" and enjoying life at a leisurely pace, plan a quiet Christmas at home, though several relatives living nearby may drop in. **Phil & Irma Lauben** will enjoy turkey, English style, with guests incl daughter Philippa from NY and, hopefully, a couple of grandchildren.

George & Connie Dillaway will drive to Concord, CA, as they did for Thanksgiving, to spend Christmas at the home of granddaughter Katherine Ball. Son Charles, daughter Sally & Michael Giberson, 3 grandchildren and 3 greats will complete the party, which accounts for all of George's CA family. Actually, he has 7 grandchildren and 7 greats, but they are scattered from NC to Mexico to Australia. Happily, Connie was out of her brace (for broken ribs and cracked vertebrae) and moving around smartly in time to celebrate their 15th wedding anniv on 8 Dec. **Fred & Lynne Marlow** will enjoy visits from daughters Pamela Drake and Vicki Schinder and 4 granddaughters during the holidays—before and after Christmas Day on their separate ways to and from other commitments.

Alas, **Adna Hamilton**, our ardent football fan, missed the most thrilling game in yrs due to a short hospitalization in early Dec. **Vivian** tried to brighten his spirits by giving him a new Amigo motor scooter for Christmas. They were recently pleased to attend a large 100th birthday party for MG Eugene Eubank, USAF, Ret. The Eubanks and Hamiltons are close neighbors at AF Vill I. What's more, Mrs. Eubank (Helen) and Ham once lived under the same roof when, as children, their families occupied the same duplex with their cavalry ofcr fathers in Cheyenne, WY.

Bill Regan also missed the game—and the fury of a bad storm that hit the NE days later. No serious damage was noted in his immediate vicinity.

Mildred Stearley had just returned from a Daughters of the US Army luncheon when we spoke on 12 Dec. She commented on the marvelous job Mary Bennet, pres of the San Ant Chapter, was doing. Lo and behold, the pres is none other than the daughter-in-law of our own **Alex Bennet**, whom we lost in Aug

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92. Mildred has just been elected to represent the residents of her bldg (15 floors of apts) at the Residents Liaison Orgn of AF Vill I—she does stay busy.

1919: Conchita Sorley, seated facing camera

Conchita Sorley spent Thanksgiving with her niece, Judith Sorley Chalmers, in Short Hills, NJ. Also present was her nephew, Lewis Sorley III '56, and his family. She plans to spend Christmas at home in Knollwood. She sent a photo of herself at a summer luncheon held on the Knollhouse terrace for a gp of Knollwood ladies and one of **Dorothy Ferenbaugh** at the birthday party table honoring her sister, Elizabeth Craig.

1919: Dorothy Ferenbaugh at Knollwood

Anne Crawford will enjoy Christmas in the Denver area with two of her children, Thomas M Crawford Jr '49 and Anne Vickers, and at least two grandchildren. Grandson Thomas M Crawford III will stay at his post at Little Rock AFB near the action these days (Dec). (We are pleased to note that he is on the USAF COL promotion list). Granddaughter Debra Arensman will remain in Hong Kong where she lives and where, last Jul, she presented Anne with a new great-granddaughter, Cailey. As readers of this col may remember, Anne and **Doris McAllister** share grandchildren (their children are married to ea other). Cailey makes 3 greats for Anne and 7 for Doris. Doris resides in a LA convalescent home because of a hip fracture she suffered some time ago, and foot problems that have kept her there longer than expected. Her family hopes to have her home in 93.

Dene Burnell was busy wrapping gifts and preparing for Christmas at home with daughter Anne. She still must use a walker as a result of the accident with her cat (rep in Nov 92 issue) but expects her dr to allow her to drive by mid-Dec, thus restoring her independence. **Marjorie McLean** spent a month "grandmothering" in Oct. Goodness knows, daughter Kay can use help—she has 3 precious little girls, all under 4 yrs of age. There's no doubt that Marjorie's are the youngest Cl grandchildren. **Katharine Kean** uses her time to pursue interests in reading, writing and current events. The politics of 93 will no doubt keep her fully engaged.

Please note the following area code changes on your Cl lists: **John Hardin** and **Dene Burnell**—change from (301) to (410); and **A & V Hamilton** and **M Stearley**—change from (512) to (210).

'20

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We lost **Dick Singer** on 4 Nov 92 from a heart attack at his home in Normandy Terrace Nursing Home, San Ant, TX. He had moved there two yrs ago when **Nena** passed away. He was buried beside her at the Natl Cem, Ft Sam Houston, TX. Dick's distinguished WWII svc included 3 yrs' combat from 42–45 (BSM) in ETO with Hq 3 AR. In 49 he was with OCS, GHQ FEC. Ret in 53, he remained very active, ret again in 61 as a Prof at St Mary's U and again in 69 as bldg mgr of the extensive US Auto Assn. Surviving are his son, Richard Tompkins Singer, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. We extend our deepest sympathy to them.

George Rehm continues receiving therapy for the stroke he suffered on 31 Aug 91.

Finally completing over two yrs of therapy at Walter Reed for terrible burns she suffered in 90, **Anne Holle** burst out of this long confinement to attend a cousin's wedding in late Oct at Cold Spring, NY across the Hudson from WP. Some of the wedding gp wanted to see WP so, undaunted, Anne gave them a thorough sightseeing tour. It proved to her and us that she's again "fit as a fiddle."

Kay Burns enjoyed "indescribably spectacular Machu Pichu, 3000-yr-old capital of the 'Lost Inca Empire,' which was discovered in 1911 high in the Andes of Peru by Yale's Hiram Bingham." From there she joined the two-wk USMA tour of Chile, Argentina and Brazil.

In Oct, **Herb Reuter** said **Bob & Pattie Kreuter** were fully recovered from their horrible auto accident of late Aug. Despite his own health problems, Herb is trying to measure up to his parents who lived to 102 and 105—he just renewed his driver's license to age 95! He's been operating a successful tree farm in WA for many yrs. He also makes his CA neighbors happy with gifts of his own lemons and other fruit.

Elton & Duke Samouce are very happy; their son, Dr Richard G Hunter of Atl, GA, is being married 13 Dec. The lovely bride is Sandra K Miesel Conrad. Duke will attend the wedding in Atl, but Elton's health does not permit travel.

'21-'22

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In a tel conversation with Mr Moss, dir of Olmsted Hall, was told that the entrance to the museum is being redecorated; when it is finished, our Oriole Cl emblem will be placed on the wall in back of George's statue.

PD Lynch was surprised to see the review of his book, *Early Bird*, in the Nov issue of the *ASSEMBLY*. CPT Greenwald was at the book-signing session at the bookstore last May. He really caught PD's underlying purpose in writing *Early Bird*. Both PD & **Peggy** are enjoying good health.

Myron Leedy reached the age of 95 last 29 Aug. He is the oldest living mbr of our Cl. Congrats, Myron, and here's wishing you many more birthday celebrations. His children keep in constant touch with him. He loves music, attends worship svcs and takes part in completing crossword puzzles. How about bridge, Myron?

In early Dec I sent a card to each classmate asking for news. I received two replies. That ain't a good batting avg.

'23

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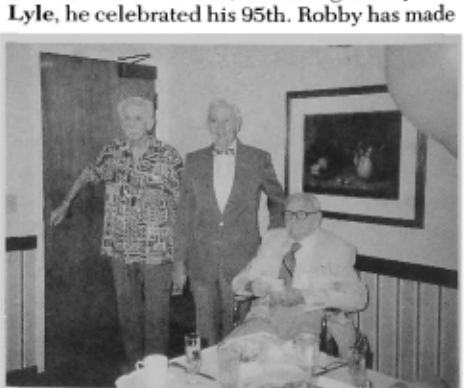
Sad news: **Ray Pierce** died 30 Oct in the Sequoias Health Facility, where he had been a patient for several yrs. An impressive devotional mem svc was held for him in the Valley Presbyterian Church. His remains were cremated and his ashes interred in the Golden Gate Natl Cem in nearby San Bruno. He is survived by **Mary**, who suffered a stroke and attended the mem svc in a wheelchair; two sons, Wilbur Jr and Richard '56; 4 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. **Bill Craigie** has expressed to Mary the condolences of the Cl, and **Lyle Rosenberg** has made a donation from the Cl to the AOG in his memory.

At the gathering following **Ray**'s mem svc, I had a long chat with **Ruth Johnson**, widow of our Rhodes scholar. She has been at the Sequoias for many yrs, where she moved following her ret from book binding at the rare book section of the Stanford U Library. She is well and enjoying life except for some pain generated by her ersatz hips. The drs are adamant—no more opns.

After a long series of bouts with drs and hosps, **Battle & Dorothy Horton** are back on their feet again but unable to travel. They are still in their home, and life is made more livable with 24-hr help.

Stu Cowles—by his own admission—is "disgustingly" healthy. Evidently his daily exercise program has paid off. He is able to accomplish everything incident to normal living, even driving at night. He refuses to venture far from Asheville, where he has all necessary facilities, including health care. **George Stewart**, his neighbor, depends upon 'round-the-clock nursing. George plans to travel by car (nurse driving) to the FL E coast in early 93 for a month of deep-sea fishing. **Moe Cavender** credits his longevity, in large part, to the expert care he receives at SNF. There, with 16 others, including **Robby** and **Lyle**, he celebrated his 95th. Robby has made



1923: Robby and Lyle with Moe at his 95th birthday celebration

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a remarkable recovery; his son Brick Robinson writes that he walked out of the AF SNF unsteadily in early Sep in spite of the drs' earlier prediction he would never walk again. He has returned to Sun City and now is walking the length of the block daily, unaided by a cane. **Dot**, while Robby was in the SNF, remained at home, tended by their housekeeper. She has had a variety of health problems during the past yr but weathered each storm and is now reasonably well.

Joe Smith celebrated his 91st in fitting style at the Fairfax. Those attending, among others, were **Anne Perle**, daughter Sandra & DF O'Keefe, and granddaughter, Mrs Vicki Ivins, an atty with the Navy Legal Div. Joe surprised Anne Perle at their 60th wedding anniv with the present of a new car. The transaction was handled by son Michael, a Delta CPT.

1923: Anna Perle, the O'Keefes, Joe and daughter Vicki (standing)

The **McGehees** returned to AZ after spending the summer in their CO mtn home. Judson writes that he feels great "from the neck up." He is still capable of driving their car, and he & **Alice** continue to live in their home without the need of outside help. The **Gueveras** have returned to DC after an extended visit to CA to attend the wedding of their oldest granddaughter, Catherine Neuberger, and to visit with their med dr son, Santiago Jr, in Los Gatos.

Cl Jrs: **Sally Harmony Sullivan**'s daughter graduated from Santa Clara U this yr. Sally, after 17 yrs' teaching, has ret. **Mary Garrech** Lutwig has returned to the work force part-time. She is much in demand during the income tax period. **Art**'s sister Anne has closed her SF apt, where she lived since her father, Judge Garrecht of the Federal District of Appeals, died and moved to Flagstaff, AZ with ret MD Ellen Garrecht. **Marjorie Fitzmaurice** Bunn continues to be gainfully employed by the San Jose Unified Sch District.

The Navy Game! A tremendous win in the finest Army tradition!

'24

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Our **Charles & Clotilde** have been galivanting (to travel for pleasure) and cruising from Seville (World's Fair) through the Mediterranean to Venice. Then, several days in London and Oxford, where our Pres evaded the draft. Later, they spent a delightful mo in Bermuda. In Oct they attended Homecoming Wknd at USMA and, as oldest grad, placed a wreath on Thayer Statue. Both are in excellent health (and evidently wealth), which enabled them to enjoy these trips. He said he has a balance problem and walks like a drunken sailor. (Charles, that is positional vertigo, caused by inner-ear infection. Go to the nearest ear dr and get a rotor-rooter job done on your ears.)

Harry Jean Harper's daughter Shirley writes that Jean's mother asked her to write Jean's life story. Jean was in "K" Co. He was a POW at Bataan and survived the sinking of his POW ship 15 Dec 44, but died 22 Dec 44 from malnutrition at San Fernando. His grandson Bobby was in the Army 11 yrs and was just recently riffed but bounced right back as a CPT in the Natl Guard. He & Susie live in Lincoln, NE. His sister, Lana Jean Flagtwet, also lives in Lincoln, NE. Shirley requests info about Jean's cadet and Army life. Those of you who knew Harry Jean Harper, please send any stories or incidents about him to Shirley Harper Lobsiger, 321 East Second Ave, Mitchell, SD 57301.

I read about Red Reeder '26 in the Jul 92 *ASSEMBLY*, which reminded me of our friendship and association at WP. Red is ex-'25. On 1 Jul 20, Red Reeder and **Frank Steer** (your scribe), along with about 618 other future cadets, rep to USMA with the Cl of '24 (aka The Thundering Herd). This was the largest cl ever to enter WP. At that time, Red and I were in the same Beast Bks for summer hazing—I mean training. About Dec I was hospitalized and missed about 6 wks' academic work. I begged the Academic Bd to allow me to take exams and make up the missing classes. They refused and sent me home on sick leave.

I returned on 1 Jul 21, along with Red Reeder and the Cl of '25 (Red had been turned back in math). We finally became second classmen. Red was having trouble with Descriptive Geometry, and I was his coach. One of the problems was "50 star," a real tough one. I helped Red memorize 50 star and, sure enough, it was on the test, but all the coordinates were reversed 180 degrees. I thought, Red is sunk, he will submit the solution I had taught him. And that is what he did, except that he recognized that the data was reversed and turned his paper over and copied the solution on the reverse side. Now he had the correct solution and got a grade of 3.0 (the max at that time)—that is how ingenious Red was. Another time, Red was at the blackboard and the instructor gave a question that required a single word answer. Red didn't know the answer but he knew that the instructors normally gave some credit for method or effort, so he wrote something on the board, hoping to get a grade for trying. When he faced about, he noticed that the cadet on his left had the same answer and, for a minute, Red thought it was correct. However, the other 10 students in the section had the correct answer—and it was different from Red's. It was obvious that his classmate had copied Red's answer. Red rep the cheating incident to the Honor Cmte because he was honorable and respected the Duty, Honor, Country code. Red could stand on the 50-yd line and drop-kick 50-yd field goals in either direction (goal posts were on the goal line then and not ten yds back).

I could continue writing about Red and our sessions with **Marty Meyer**, but that has been told by Red already. Also, most of you know that he had an outstanding mil, as well as, civ career. I suggest that the pres of USMA Cl of '26 nominate Red for the Distinguished Grad Award.

Bennie Bennett sent me a list of several '25 widows, namely **Florence Cleland, Eugenia Dunn, Jane Galloway, Sue Grubbs, Heidi Lynch, Vera Underwood** and **Lani Holmes**. Those whom I have not already contacted, please send me some info about your activities for publication in the next edition of *ASSEMBLY*. Also, Bennie rep that his youngest daughter, Margaret Boudreaux, just presented him with his 9th grandchild, Thomas Michael Boudreaux. Which reminds me that I have 3 daughters, 2 granddaughters and one great-granddaughter Bianca.

I asked **Red Newman** for info and he responded with 314 pages—his latest book, *What Are Generals Made of*, has good info. More about Red next issue.

'26

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A bit of Christmas cheer from **Dort Reeder** tells that she, **Red** and other '26 residents at the Fairfax are well and comfortable. The Reeders' daughter, Ann Riggs, now a chaplain at St. Margaret's Sch for Girls at Tappahannock, VA, will be ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church in Dec. Dort lists 4 great-grands and says she expects two more in 93.

Several notes from our OLC (oldest living classmate) **Oka Wade** tell that he & **Jessie** are well and spry, enjoying life in their Marion, AL home. The Wades recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniv. In recognition of how kindly life has treated him, Oka remarked on his good fortune in having Jessie, who baked a pecan pie for his birthday.

On Labor Day wknd, **Bill and Rosy Mills** flew to KS City for the annual reunion of the 46th Engrs that he had cmded the first two yrs of WWII. At a formal dinner given by the vets of this regt, Bill was conspicuously honored in receiving the de Fleury medal (de F was a volunteer French fighter in the American Revolution, and he was truly a fighter whom you will find wandering through the pgs of American history of that period). This medal is given by the Engr Regimental Assn to mil or civ engrs who have served with distinction. Bill admits that he "felt both proud and humble that the men who served under me arranged the presentation." This jovial occasion coincided with the Millses' 63d wedding anniv. As an additional mark of respect and admiration, the happy couple was further honored by an elaborately decorated birthday cake. Bill now admits to 10 great-grands—with no more in view, to the Mills' relief: "It gets rather expensive around Christmastime." And meanwhile, Bill has kept busy harvesting a bountiful crop of nuts and raking leaves.

Jimmy & Marcy Burwell splurged on a 10-day fall foliage cruise that started in Montreal on the *Royal Princess* and, as promised, touched at such spots where one might expect the more brilliant foliage, such as Quebec, Halifax, Newport, Boston, etc. Shortly after the Burwells had returned from the cruise, delegates from AF bases all over the world met at San Ant. Marcy sponsored one dele-

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gate, as she has done since this annual assemblage first started. So the Burwells have been busy. In the meantime, Jimmy remarks that San Ant has had a delightfully pleasant summer with very little heat. A period of plentiful rain has greened the countryside so that, from their top-floor apt, the Burwells gaze over open country that reminds them of Ireland.

The Cl will be saddened to learn that **Hazel Bayer** died on 26 Sep in the Red Bank, NJ nursing home where she & **Bill** lived for several yrs. She was buried at WP, and Bill was able to make the trip to the interment. The Cl sends him and the surviving mbrs of the family its sympathy and condolences for the loss of his partner and helpmate of over 65 yrs.

Skinny Ringler rep that he is blessed by better health this yr than last. He has put in a fair amount of moving around, trips and the like, such as one to Lincoln, AR, where there were enough nearby relatives to turn his visit into a sort of family reunion. Also, another trip to NW State Univ at Natchitoches and then again to an old-fashioned country-style gathering at Lincoln, the Sarkansas Apple Fest. Skinny is elated that son "Bill entered the Sr Olympics and earned the "gold" in racketball singles and also in doubles. He wanted me to enter, but even horseshoe pitching would be too much for me." Good going, **Skinny**, and keep it up!

The Cl will grieve to learn that **Ellie Plummer** suffered a stroke in May, entered a nursing home and died there on 8 Nov. We send our condolences and spt to **Liz** and to the surviving mbrs of his family.

'27

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The final gp of pix from the 65th will close the story of what could well be our last formally organized reunion. I want to thank **Mac Miller** and **Blair Garland**, who contributed them, and **Ethel Kuter**, who sent those of the Air Lift Memorial.

1927: '22 leading, followed by '27

Trapnell rep little change in life at the Fairfax at Ft Belvoir beyond the usual golf and his upcoming 90th birthday. I accused Trap of playing the kind of golf where you putt through a section of pipe across a bridge and through a tunnel under a castle, but he insists he plays on a regulation course. I must assume he is happy with a bogey 6 on a par 3 hole. In any case, the ability to walk around a golf course at 90 is a commendable achievement. Trap sounded fine.

George Pierce '74, son of our **Cy Pierce**, sent a note announcing the arrival of a fine

1927: The Cl of '27

baby boy, the 3rd of Cy's grandsons. All of which recalls the inspiring speeches we heard from Cy at football rallies in the area of South Bks on Friday nights before a game, back in the days when the A-N Game was the Superbowl of football.

1927: Davidson, Roth, Miller, Dickerson and RJ West

A short note from **Ethel Kuter** enclosed a newsclip recounting the long svc of **Betty Lovell** as a volunteer, both at home and in foreign countries where they served during their Army career. **John Lovell** was killed in Korea in 50, and Betty held her family together in Wash while working for the Natl Security Agency. One of their sons was killed in Vietnam, but this double tragedy has not kept Betty from useful svc with the Red Cross since her ret. She now lives at AF Vill in San Ant. Betty Lovell is quite a gal.

1927: '27—all clearly recognizable

I have been trying to find out the name of the gadget that substitutes for a necktie [Ed. note: "bolo tie"]. It consists of an ornamental slide on a woven or leather thong and is worn very much like a necklace. I received one from **Meredith Masters** from Brasstown, NC after I queried him about his small firm, consisting of him & his wife, called "Crafts by Masters." This small sample of their work was in the shape of a maple leaf, handpainted in fall foliage colors, on a copper base. This apparently is only one of a number of other products in the same medium. It was very nice of **Merry** to send this, and I will wear it proudly.

Your scribe lost a day at the word processor in Sep for cataract surgery. No big deal—in and out of the hosp the same day, but a little inconvenient waiting for new glasses. Same procedure for other eye in Dec.

1927: McManus and Garland on a sightseeing tour

A long note from **Tom McManus** gives an outline of a trip he & **Marge** made to AK in Aug. They have sentimental memories of AK in Petersburg, then a small town not far from Juneau. There, during the early days of their marriage, Tom was working for an engring firm doing some maritime work in that area. In addition, Tom's father, Cl of 1893, served in AK and has a mtn named after him near the upper Yukon River. Tom tells of the trip: "Our ship was one of the smaller ones and had only 150 passengers. Because of its size and the good seamanship of the crew, we practically touched the glaciers we saw. At least we were among the flow of ice and could visit with the seals on the ice. We did have a little excitement. In the middle of the night, while we were going south in Icy Strait, there was a great lurching of the ship strong enough to wake me up. It turned out to be that a fishnet got tangled in one of the ship's propellers—we continued south on one propellor to Ketchikan, where a diver cut the fishnet loose." The delay and a change in itinerary required them to cancel a flight Tom had arranged to Petersburg, which was disappointing in view of their 60-yr-old memories of this place. Aside from this, it was a fine trip with a pleasant grp of fellow travellers. Although Marge is not in the best of health and is suffering from mobility problems, it did not appear to interfere with her enjoyment of the trip. Thank you, Tom, and don't forget to send any additional advance info about the Centennial Celebration for the Cl of 1893. If you are able to attend, we all would be interested in your account of the event.

Had a nice note from **Ted Daly**, from CO Springs, acknowledging his birthday card. He seemed surprised that he is not the youngest in the Cl, but a quick reference to our reliable birthday list indicates there are 6 younger than he. Number 37 on the seniority list. **Nellie Fooks** still holds down the baby spot and **Jesse Dressler** is still the old man. Life appears to be very pleasant for Ted, being blessed with a dear wife for 64 yrs and two very caring daughters. He said that he also received a card from **George Martin**, who apparently had weathered Hurricane Andrew without adverse results. I have had no word from other survivors in FL.

Referring to the current Birthday List, by the time you read this, #12 on the list—which

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1927: Farewell dinner at the Railroad Station

happens to be your scribe—will have had his 90th birthday, and, by the end of 93, we will include all survivors through #15. This is **Jack Kirby**, whose birthday happens to fall on the last day of 93. Happy New Yr and birthday, Jack—1994, that is.

Careful reading of the Nov *ASSEMBLY* indicates that 6 of our classmates have made donations to Alumni Funds during the current rep yr. Not all of the donors have been contributors to these notes recently, and it is from such diverse sources that your scribe is able to glean bits and pieces of info to include here. Send a short note or call 1-415-921-0507 (but with no assurance that my amplifying system will be adequate—your scribe is more than a little deaf). Notes are better.

An interesting note from **Bob Wohlforth** recounted trouble with a strange type of asthma that seems to have hit certain areas of the country during the late summer. **Mildred** was hospitalized, and, after release, **Bob** seemed to have similar symptoms. Both are now recuperating.

Locally, the Presidio continues deactivation, and much study is being made by the Natl Park Svc and many local gps for the use of this splendid facility, incl Letterman AMC and Research Laboratory. No other decisions seem to have been finalized concerning the future of the PX, Commissary and other facilities used by retirees.

In the Jan issue I mentioned a conversation with **Jack West** concerning an old Army post in Newport, KY, my home town just across the OH River from Cincinnati. This post (known as "Newport Bks") was closed, and the troops moved to newly-established Ft Thomas, KY. At a beautiful site on a high bluff above the OH River not far from my home town, it was named after MG **George Henry Thomas** 1840, who became known as "The Rock of Chicamauga." Its first cmdr in 1888 was COL Melville Cochran, fresh from the Indian Wars; he was the grandfather of Jack's wife Joan. Ft Thomas was turned over to the VA after WWII, and, at present, some of the land and some of the bldgs are being sold at public auction. Jack and Joan recently visited Ft Thomas and sent the accompanying photo, showing the commemorative plaque.

Since the word about **George Martin** in the item from **Ted Daly**, I have had a note from George himself. He rep that Hurricane Andrew passed well to the S of Bradenton. He went on to say that he & **Mary** were planning to celebrate his 90th by having their pix taken together, with a copy for these notes. Unfortunately, this was impossible because, in the middle of Oct, Mary was rushed to the hosp because of serious pain from an undiagnosed cause. George is understandably very much upset but rep that, having had a serious illness in Jan and Feb, he is now up and able to walk without a cane. Some good news along with the bad, but we all hope that George & Mary will soon be able to get on with the photograph project. Thank you, George, for taking the time to write when I am sure you have much on your mind. Good luck to you both.

I barely had finished typing the above item before I got another ltr from **George Martin** telling me that George Derby Jr had called him just as he was about to leave for the hosp to see **Mary**, to tell him that his father, our classmate, had just passed away. He told George that he would call later and give more details. **George Derby** was 87 last Jan and, having had no news from him for some time, I was concerned that he might not be well. George Derby is an old "B" Co buddy and a good friend. I did not share many academic sections with him due to a large difference in scholarly achievement, but I was very fond of George, and his death comes as a shock. I know his surviving classmates send their sympathy to his family and others close to him.

In his second note **George Martin** said that **Mary**, previously rep in the hosp, has made some progress and is off the IV and the oxygen. The problem is in her left lung, but the cause is not known.

Mac Miller writes of a nice visit from **Natalie Aloe**, who was in DC with her daughter Judy just to see some of the sights and visit old friends. She says that the only '27 people in the AF Vill now are **Jean Burgess**, who is suffering from mobility problems and poor eyesight, and of course, **Ethel Kuter**, who is still getting around and sending in Cl notes (as a good many of the other survivors might think about doing). This added comment about Ethel is not from Natalie's ltr, but is inserted by your scribe, who is attempting to get word from classmates who, probably for their own reasons or limitations, have failed to keep up. Several have not been heard from in a long time; hence, no info is available. "Cl notes" requires the cooperation of all survivors.

Send items of interest. You don't have to take world cruises, explore the Amazonian rain forest, or have had major surgery. Maybe you have read a good book, met an old friend or have word of another classmate.

Paul Berrigan, on the wkly commissary trip, showed me a Christmas Newsltr from **Harry Paxson**, with an acct of their life in a ret community in Albuquerque. Harry has recently had knee surgery and now has both knees replaced. With the aid of a cane for stability, he gets around and is again driving—this time a new Buick. He says he is not doing much in amateur radio because his time is too occupied. It was a very interesting newsltr, and it sounds like Harry & **Beth** have a lot of the joys and few of the sorrows of ret. If any other survivors are sending newsltrs to their friends, the scribe would like to be placed on the mailing list. Paul also had a tel call from **Virginia Derby** telling him of **George Derby**'s death on 28 Oct 92. Her address is 480 Yucca Rd, Naples FL 23940. Her tel no is 813-262-4982.

A short note from **Helen Thomas** informed us of the death of **William Edgar Thomas** at Groton, CT. No further details were given except that he apparently had not been well for some time. Bill resigned in 29 and had been in the hardware business in Groton since that time. Arrangements are being made for a mem pg in the volumes in the Memory Corner at Cullum Hall. The sympathy of the Cl is extended to Helen and their family and friends.

Mac Miller wrote that he and **Trapnell** attended a mtg of the DC WP Soc, which was addressed by GEN Gordon R Sullivan, Army C/S. Mac also mentioned an item in the periodic ltr from the DC Soc concerning the progress being made on plans for the Alumni Ctr Bldg to be built on the site of the old ice rink. Since it is planned to locate the Memory Book Corner in that bldg, Mac is following the progress very carefully. He believes it is a suitable place for the permanent home of the Cl of '27 50th Reunion Gift, which started out in the Library and later moved to Cullum Hall.

I called **Trapnell** on his 90th birthday. He rep all well at the Fairfax at Belvoir and sounds as fit as ever. We now have 7 classmates on the distinguished list of 90's; 7 more will be added this yr for those born in 03.

Art Roth spend a delightful wk in Marshall, MI, attending the wedding of his son Arthur Jr '65 to Cheryl Neely. Those who attended the 65th had the pleasure of meeting Cheryl, who was there as my guest.

'28

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Tom Wells from HI visited here for a couple of days as part of his trip around the States. He saw the **Walterses, Karla King** Harrison, **Jean Barnes** and **Frank Trent** at the Belvoir Woods in VA; then **Bill Breckinridge** and the **Wileys** in FL; and the **Raymonds, Nancy Green, John Morrow** and **Betty Reber** at a gathering in Tarpon Springs, WV. He visited some relatives also and attended the IVth Corps HQ reunion at Myrtle Beach.

Bill Breckinridge rep from Sarasota that he had a mild stroke in Sep that affected his right side, but he's recovering nicely now. A ltr from our life-long friend Helene Gowen, who lives in the Knollwood in DC, rep that **Chris Nelson** had a very bad fall and broke both wrists and one knee. She spent wks in Walter Reed, then a mo in a nursing home. Glad to hear that she is back in her apt, walking without a cane and able to drive her car again. We hope to see you at the 65th Reunion in May, Chris.

Luke Finlay's on the convalescent list after a couple of opns. However, he says he is coming along fine and needs no chemotherapy or radiation follow-up. Good news, Luke, and hope you will make the 65th Cl Reunion in May at WP.

This is a big yr for your scribe & **Julia**. Our 3 children, Maury Jr, Charles and Pat Richards, are having a big party for us to celebrate our 60th wedding anniv. We will spend Christmas in VA Beach, with son Charles & Jane.

Dave Traub rep that so far only 13, including Cl widows, have signed to attend the 65th in May. Since this is being typed in Dec, near the reservation deadline for the Hotel Thayer, it might be the final count. Our Pres Dave has been working hard on the plans, and we are fortunate to have him in that area to do all this work.

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'29

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Hope everyone had a very merry holiday season and that you are all well started on a happy, prosperous New Year.

Our Christmas was early this yr, even before **Fenn Sykes**' card arrived telling us that he was in the Chicago environs, bearing up under the cold weather at a ret ctr. We had a pre-Thanksgiving Christmas present, for Bill Jr & Joan brought two great-grandchildren down for a long wknd. We will miss them next Christmas, too, for they are headed to Poland when Bill III & Cheryl complete their language sch.

Still no real developments on "Privatizing the Hotel Thayer."

Paul Thompson has been "on again, off again, Finnegan" for his hip replacement. He made a "pre-donation" of blood for possible use during the surgery, and all it resulted in was postponement and more tests. With that, Paul decided to head for FL, where his stepson is well-known in med circles. He & **Josette** hope he follows "Quick Recovery" O'Hara, who now carries a cane after his knee replacement and is quite mobile. **Pat & Betty** decided it was too cold and slippery to go north, so they have two wks on a nearby beach; the entire family will descend upon them, but not all at once. During a break we hope to get Betty & Pat over to Pinecrest for dinner.

Something is cooking for **Betty Haskins**. I, too, am curious!

Dutch Kraus has written that he's beginning to replace a few of the 26 lbs he lost during two stretches in the hosp—first for a pacemaker for which he thinks they didn't give him enough antibiotics; he was back two days later with fever, etc. This time they pumped him so full of antibiotics it not only killed the infection but also his appetite.

Two on the "sick list" with strokes (not recent) are **Ducky Hail** and **Rabbit McClelland**. Have known about Ducky; at last rep he was making out at home with a "home nursing svc," while **Martha** is more than busy with her real estate business. **Mac** had his stroke about the same time as Ducky, but I just learned about it. It affected the left side and also makes it very difficult to read or write and slows down speaking to some extent. Haven't had any comment from either **Anita** or Mac about their fellow resident of AR who now is living at 1600 PA Ave (NW).

Jim Stevenson is keeping busy with bridge in San Ant and spends a lot of time with **Lois** in the sick bay. Recovery has been too slow to suit either of them.

Frank Lee Blue Jr died in Port Charlotte, FL on 9 Jul 92 and, after the svc, was buried there. His son is in Raleigh, NC and daughter is in Cedar Rapids, IA. A memorial contribution in his name was made to the WP Fund.

Norris S Longaker died 18 Nov 92 in Dallas, TX after a prolonged illness. Most of us never had a chance to serve with "Norry," as he resigned shortly after grad and did quite well in civ circles. **Minnie Lee** survives in Dallas. A memorial contribution has been made in his name to the WP Fund.

While you're making corrections in your May 92 Roster, show **Sykes** in Lombard, IL, home of 1000 varieties of lilacs and some of the most beautiful tulips. He's in Beacon Hill at 2400 S Finely Rd #481, Lombard 60148; tel 708-916-0211. **Jean Harridge**'s mail is via her daughter Diane at 11091 E. Mary Katherine is still in Scottsdale, but zip is 85259.

Norris J Longaker died 18 Nov, and **Minnie Lee** now goes to that section. LTG **Vittrup** died 7 Dec 92, so now we are down to 45 classmates and 107 widows.

There is an interesting article in the Dec issue of *Army* by an '82 grad and fellow of the Eisenhower Program for Ldrship Devel, but not a grad of this program, which is primarily for potential TACS. With this act, all WP grads, honor grads, ROTC, etc will receive reserve commissions upon grad and, after one yr, may be selected for RA, etc. The number depends on what the Army requires at that time. Would be tough on outstanding cadets who become Rhodes, Marshall, Olmsted or Hertz Scholars or those who take grad work after grad. Also tough on the yr-old grad who has been assigned duty with a rating officer with whom he has a conflict in personality.

Army football put a bad first half behind them and sent Navy back to Annapolis with a 1–10 loss record. It's too bad Army football couldn't do as well against AFA on the gridiron as the wrestlers did on the mat.

Hope several have made a New Yr's resolution to use the addressed postcard included with your May 92 Roster to say hi and maybe comment on what's been going on.

We received a notice from Army Distaff Foundation naming **Della Caraway** as a top donor and **Lee Meyer** as a very substantial one. I think Della's was used for a new ceiling in the DR. Lee has established a fine hidden garden out of the flow of traffic but available to walkers who want to stop for quiet time or meditation. It can be seen by many of the residents from their apts. Lee dedicated it to the memory of her husband **Bob.** Two features are particularly interesting: the bird feeder to the left and the bird bath to the right, surrounded by shrubs (as the birds like privacy while bathing). The other is a crooked branch thrust into the ground and pierced by a small hose which drips all day to provide fresh water.

Stewart Field is scheduled to be closed by 2000, but the rate will be governed by the availability of family housing at WP for the 220 families living at Stewart.

In his May rep, the Supe rep: a) the incoming (now there) cl is remarkably talented, incl athletes; b) well-balanced academic program; c) mil training a rigorous introduction to Army life; d) physical devel, moral, ethical code in good health; and e) opportunities to practice ldrship in all 4 yrs.

Also that first cl cadets are back in bks; first cl privilege not available before 1800; they are limited to 7 passes per semester; mandatory reassignment to new cos after last bks; and supper made mandatory. Ranger training has been cancelled for cadets and use of civ clothing on reservation is restricted.

Larry Bork benefited greatly from carpal tunnel surgery on his rt hand. He's continuing his busy schedule of gardening, attending Director's meetings, taking his grandchildren on cruises and some vol work. He recommended the USAA travel agency as being both economical and efficient.

Last Cl note re Seitz and a daughter was answered by **Charmian Angulin**. The **Seitzes** were **Dave** & Charmian's dearest friends when they were first married (they lived in the other half of their qtrs at the Presidio of SF). **Helen S** never had a daughter Patricia to the best of Charmian's knowledge. She was pleased to learn of Ray's appt to the court of St James and remembers the portrait of Helen in full court regalia on her presentation to the court at the time of George V & Queen Mary.

I appreciate **Charmian**'s comments and wish more of the Cl would follow her example.

I may be repeating myself, but if so it's appropriate. **Freddie Lincoln** was poetic in rep her love of the mtns, Yellowstone, Seattle and other visits and her horse Grey Sabre. She fitted in courses in writing, teaching, selling travel and training on computers. To manage that shows she's a qualified efficiency expert. **Helen Poinier** just says she's having fun in San Ant. **Mac McKenzie** is still in a convalescent ctr. He says, "It's a rainy day and I have little to say," but tells of his pleasure in his family reassembling (Anne & Jack are back from Holland and Joan & Dick are returning from Egypt and Saudi Arabia, where he was a consultant in their Dental College). **Anita McClelland** wrote that **Mac** was coming along fairly well and was reasonably content when she was there (I understand). **Kitty Bowyer** visited the Fairfax recently and saw **Bobbie Strauss** but not **Ralph Strauss** or **Red Calloway**, who are in the nursing facility there. She spent a couple of days with Bill's brother Mike & his wife. She has been going to see Henry McKenzie frequently and also **Freddie Herndon**. Sorry to rep that McKenzie's daughter Anne rep Mac was seriously ill with pneumonia.

We had a fine 60th anniv celebration on 24 Jun 90, but it can't compare with Jackie & Mick's celebrating all of 92 with trips to HI, Denmark, Norway, 8 (?) natl parks, Yellowstone to Las Vegas, Geneva to Yalta to Venice and finally to Santa Barbara and home.

Trivia answer: "With wholehearted envy of the opportunities for svc that came to them—with a deep and abiding pride in the priceless record of their achievements—with admiration and respect, the Cl of '29 dedicates this *Howitzer* to the Volunteer Soldier of America."

A belated Happy Valentine's Day!

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Our Gloom Period seems to be starting early this fall. I am writing in mid-Dec, while our first light snow here in VA is being washed away by a steady 3-day rain. Maybe 93 will be better.

Our Cl fall luncheon at Ft McNair here in DC on 6 Nov was most enjoyable. Our Pres **Pete King** arranged an excellent menu, ending up with apple pie and coffee. There were 10 of us for duty: Pete, **Max Janairo, Sid Wooten, Andy O'Meara, Herb Mitchell, Bill Carter, George Duehring, Sterling Wright,** my one-time roommate **Millard Lewis** and your scribe.

Pete rep on a recent chat with **Charlie Olin**, who lives in Leisure World in nearby MD. Sad to say, his **Janet** has suffered from Alzheimer's since Nov 91; her prospects are not good. Charlie has poor eyesight now and no longer drives. He currently is recovering from a hip replacement opn at Walter Reed and is very anxious to get back home. We all hope

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the Olins' luck improves immediately.

Misc items (from the lunch table): **Sterling Wright** still uses a cane but otherwise is well over his hip replacement opn. **George Duehring** saw the first-ever Army mil aircraft flight, from and back to the parade ground at Ft Myer, VA in 08. His parents took him; he was too young to remember it. Several classmates had read GEN Schwarzkopf's new book, *It Doesn't Take a Hero*. All agreed it is a very good book. There was a very little discussion of politics. The attitude was—let's wait and see. In the meantime, it does appear that the Somalia opn now underway comes at a most opportune time.

Bernice Nyquist sent us a most welcome Christmas ltr. She wrote that she stays very busy with two adorable poodles, caring for a large house, a garden, an orchard of orange, grapefruit and peach trees, and feeding wild birds incl quail, doves and "hummers." She also keeps water fountains going for javelinas, coyotes and, occasionally, bobcats. In her spare time, she makes jams and jellies.

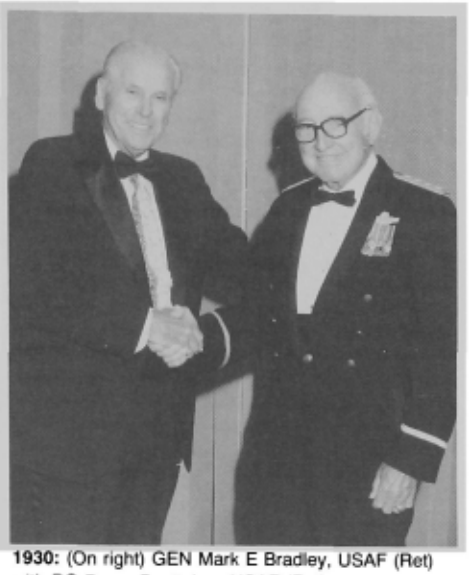
Bernice has two daughters. One's family is in Omaha, and the other's is in San Ant. Both are happily raising families. Bernice added that her traveling days are over, but she welcomes company. Our sincere thanks for your ltr, Bernice, and a very happy holiday season to you.

We also received a lovely SW style Christmas card from **Anne & Ham Hampton** that features road runners. Their news is that Ham went into the hosp on 26 Nov for—you guessed it—a hip replacement opn. On 1 Dec he was moved to a Life Care Ctr for exercise and continued treatment. To date, things are going well for Ham, but he is most anxious to get home. Anne is just as eager for his return, as the trip to his hosp is 120 mi. We will all be glad to know Ham is back home; we're sure it will be a most joyous day for Anne. Many thanks to the Hamptons.

In our files we found the pic below taken at our Cl spring luncheon at Ft McNair in 90. Shown (R-L) are **Herb Mitchell, Adam Koscielniak, Ned Moore** and his helper Caesar. As you know, we lost Ned some mos ago. For those of you whose memory is as bad as mine, I thought you might like to see Ned's face again, just to say goodbye.

1930: (R-L) Herb Mitchell, Adam Koscielniak, Ned Moore and Caesar

When **Mark Bradley** read his Nov 92 *ASSEMBLY*, he promptly sent me the excellent pic shown below, with a very nice note. The man shown with Mark is BG Byron Boettcher USAF (Ret), a friend who introduced him at the ceremony for his enshrinement in the Natl Avn Hall of Fame in Dayton, OH on 20 Jun 92. A total of 5 persons were installed this yr out of a list of 108 nominees.



1930: (On right) GEN Mark E Bradley, USAF (Ret) with BG Byron Boettcher, USAF (Ret)

Mark wrote that family present at his enshrinement consisted of his son and daughter, two grandsons, a nephew, and a couple of cousins, so "we had quite a family affair." Mark added that he was back at WP in mid-Nov for the unveiling of a statue to grads who lost their lives in our flying svcs.

His official biographical sketch as published in the NAHF's enshrine record of the 92 enshrinements as follows: "**Mark Bradley** earned 4 stars during his 35 yrs of svc to the USAF. Through his career he flew over 150 aircraft. Though he was an excellent pilot, it was his ldrship and ability to overcome obstacles that won him those stars.

"Graduated from USMA in 30, he was commissioned a 2LT of FA. Later that yr he entered flight sch, earned his wings and was transferred to the Air Corps in 31.

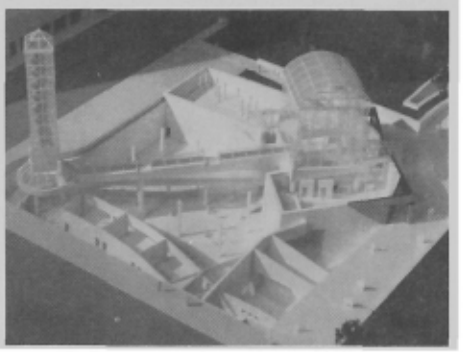
"His first asgmt was with the 1st Pursuit Gp at Selfridge Field in 33. In 36 Bradley was reassigned to the only heavier-than-air sqdn, the 15th Opn Sqdn. He wasn't comfortable in the slow, heavy planes, so he asked to be transferred to the Air Corps Engring Sch at Wright Field. This change from the tactical side to the material side was a major turning point in Bradley's career. He would spend most of his time on the hardware side of the business.

"In 40 **Bradley** was named project ofcr for the newly ordered P-40, which was the largest production order in the US since WWI. In 43 he was sent to Europe, where the first P-47s were arriving. It was his job to get them combat effective. In Europe he noticed the terrible losses our bombers were taking due to the lack of sufficient fighter protection, and he realized that the AF needed a fighter that had long-range escort capacity. Bradley used unconventional wisdom and had a 90-gallon gas tank fitted behind the pilot seat of a P-51. He knew that the extra weight would unstabilize the aircraft, but he supposed that as the extra gas burned, the aircraft would stabilize itself. He showed confidence in his theory by flying the first test plane himself. It was a success, and the new P-51s helped to decimate what was left of the German Luftwaffe.

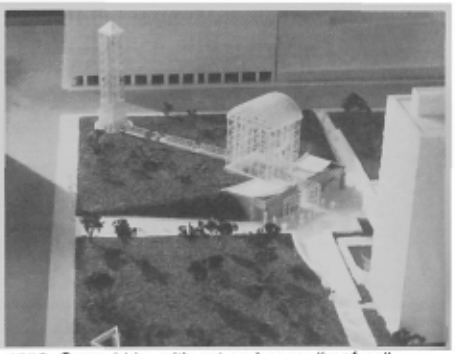
"Throughout the next two decades, he had many cmds, ranging from 101st Fighter Wing on Okinawa in 46, to cmdr of AF Logistics Cmd in 62, when he received his appt as a 4-star GEN.

"Among his many decorations are the Distinguished Svc Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, The Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal and the French Croix de Guerre. GEN **Bradley** ret from active duty on 31 Jul 65 after 35 yrs' svc. He joined the Garrett Corp of L.A. and was appointed Sr Exec VP in 69. He ret from the Garrett Corp in Dec 72."

The NAHF has been located in Dayton's Convention Ctr since 72. They plan to move in 2 or 3 yrs to a permanent home of their own at 4th and Main Streets in Dayton. Dayton considers itself the "city that taught the world to fly" through its native sons Orville and Wilbur Wright. It is NAHF's purpose "to provide a living learning ctr" for some half-mil visitors annually, that will induce young people to pursue scientific careers. An architect's concepts of the proposed Hall are shown below.



1930: Bird's eye view of the proposed NAHF permanent home in Dayton, OH, as seen with the "roof off"



1930: Same bldg, with cut and cover "roof on"

Our many thanks to **Mark**, and again our hearty congrats on the very high honor awarded to him by the NAHF.

Sally Carter called 3 Nov to say she & **Bill** visited her daughter in Chattanooga recently for a family wedding. While there they paid a visit to **Casey & Molly Odom** on Signal Mtn. Sally's call inspired me to call the Odoms myself on 13 Dec to wish them a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Yr. Their responses could not have been warmer. Both allege they are in reasonably good health. Casey continues to adhere to his exercise regimen and is out every day. Our best to these dear people.

We hope all of you enjoy a happy spring and Easter Season, and will be blessed with good health all summer long.

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The congenial little gathering shown nearby enjoyed a memorable treat of warm noontime hospitality by **Moppy Perry** and daughter Susie at the Cherry Hill Trailer Park, MD on 14 Oct. They were headed S, by our way, from Shenandoah, PA, where Moppy visited his sister on her 100th birthday.

1931: Krueger, W, Georgia McBride, McBride, Susie Perry, Margot Hoover and Perry

A hall at the Peruvian Arty Sch in Lima, I just learned, was named yrs ago for **Mac McBride**. Meanwhile, a ceremony was held there in Aug 92 at which Mac's pic and copies of his citations were placed on permanent display. The commandant wrote Mac expressing his thanks for the significant contributions he made to the Peruvian Army while serving with our mission there from 48–51.

1931: Petie Gordon, '32's Ken & Pat Zitzman and Leo Cather

Hotspur Lash, in his semi-annual ltr, proudly rep that his antique business prospered despite the recession. He snowbirded S on 30 Oct, stopped over with **Dick & Pat Harrison** in Lynchburg, and reached Satellite Beach, FL on 2 Nov, where he had lunch with sharper-than-ever **Sambo Sams**. On 1 Dec the two of them lunched with **Bill & Helen Cassidy**, over from Longwood, FL, at the Patrick O Club.

Wily Wilroy still goes to his law ofc every day—with his wheelchair. He & **Shirley** watched the Navy game with the Mid-S WP Soc in Memphis. **Dutch Spangler** keeps peripatetically active. Most recently, he took off for LA to spend Thanksgiving with his son. **Carl Kohl**, of C and B football squad and goat-engr game repute, reminisces about a race he won in Peking 'way back in 37. Exchanging places with his jinrikisha boy, he says he outran some 20 other similarly-powered conveyances. **Ruth Haynes** has the answer to the question "How do you get to be a hundred?" Without hesitation, she responds, "Get to 99—then watch where you put your feet?" **Roy Kauffman** sends word that he remarried last March—to a Savannah girl—**Elsie** Lodge. He goes on to rep that he lost his Cl ring and offers to exchange the insurance collected for an available replacement. Last fall, **Mac & Georgia McBride** celebrated a delayed 41st anniv with a 10-day visit to Yucatan's Mayan ruins of Tulum and other points of interest, to include the offshore isl of Cozumel.

1931: Georgia & Mac McBride at the Mayan Ruins on the Yucatan

Klemm Boyd has scheduled his annual festive mid-day gathering at his Gibson Isl home and club for 15 Apr.

Bill Woodward died at home in Atl on 29 Oct 92, following complications from surgery, and was buried at WP on 2 Nov directly behind the Old Chapel near **Jim Pumpelly**. **Ella Mae**, Bill Jr, John and many relatives attended the svcs. Ella Mae plans to move to a health care ret facility, Lenbrook Square, on Atl's Peachtree Street.

Tom Marnane died in San Ant on 7 Dec. A mem svc, with **Petie Gordon, Leo Cather** and many friends attending, was held in Los Patios on 12 Dec. Tom was buried in Arlington in 15 Dec, with a ceremony to be scheduled at a later date.

Address changes: The **Hartmans**, 1809 Buckskin Way, Flagstaff, AZ 86002; **Stroker**, 5327 Beaver Lodge Dr, Humble, TX 77345; The **Strothers'** zip code is 80906, not as listed in our directory; and the **Kauffmans**, Alexian Village, G-3, 100 James Blvd, Signal Mountain, TN 37377.

Many of our classmates whose names are italicized in the *Register of Graduates* have yet to be commemorated with a mem article in *ASSEMBLY*. We hope that widows, family mbrs and living classmates will make a point to honor ea of those no longer with us with a mem article. Suggest you write the Memorial Articles Editor, AOG, USMA, WP NY 10996–1780 for guidelines to prepare an obit and for a copy of the Cullum record pertaining to the classmate.

'32

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ROAMIN' IN THE GLOAMIN'. **Archie Lyon** and **Smokey Abbot** spent a day here in San Ant en route to a wk at the Hill Country Resort on Canyon Lake. Smokey has a rental arrangement with a resort chain that permits her to swap around among any of the other resorts in that chain; this time she chose a two-bedroom, two-bath cottage on a picturesque site near Austin.

1932: Smokey Abbett and Joslin Morris

They went to the annual picnic of the WP Soc of S TX with us and met a lot of our pals and gals in other classes. And **Archie** shared the applause when they announced "the oldest grads present."

ON THE MOVE. **Eddie Farnsworth** has joined the substantial number of classmates at Belvoir (9100 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, #A110, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060; tel (703) 781-0350. He is right across the hall from **Danny & Bobby Sundt**.

Archie Lyon's annual roundup included a change for **Milt & Louise Glatterer**, but the final address for them is 2301 Peninsula Dr, San Ant (a cottage in the Army Ret Community (ARC)). Same zip and phone number.

A note to grads of other classes. I don't repeat items from **Archie**'s ltrs that go to everyone in '32, so if you want an address for any of our classmates, contact Archie or me and we will give you the latest.

Dan & Ruth Campbell have gone back to San Ant, where Danny first met Ruth in 32 and said "I do." They have joined **Chuck & Reenie Clark** at the USAA complex, One Towers Park Lane, San Ant, TX 78209. No phone no as of this writing, but you can reach them through the house phone: (210) 822-8722.

A note from **Anne Brucker** states that she will spend some time at home between two voyages on tramp schooners; 6 wks around the Mediterranean and another almost identical to one rep here a few yrs ago. On her last physical, the dr said, "Mrs Brucker is thriving."

A postcard from **Chris & Phyl Dreyer** had $210.00 postage on it. After a double-take I noted that it was from Chile, where the Dreyers made the first stop on an AOG tour. Chris said that, except for Ted Parker '31, all other passengers were "kids of '39 or later."

THE CL OF '32 ARCHIVES. Somewhere in our Cl by-laws it says that I am the '32 Archivist, and over the yrs I have kept copies of key papers relating to our Cl and hundreds of pix.

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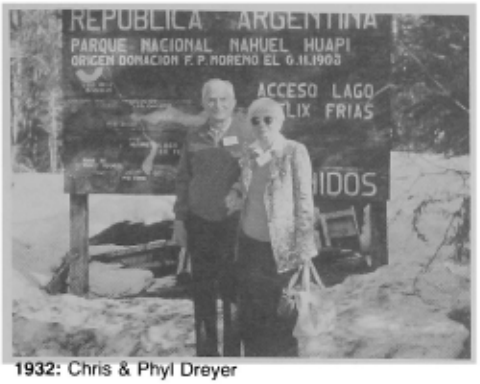


1932: Chris & Phyl Dreyer

In his duties as secy, **Archie** also has collected various papers relating to '32 over the yrs, and, on his recent visit, he brought them all and left them with me.

At the same time (this sounds like a conspiracy, but it isn't), **Eddie Farnsworth** sent me a wad of his '32 memorabilia in preparation of his "last PCS," as he put it.

Eddie's father started with GEN MacArthur's Cl of '03 and received his Cl ring with all his other classmates yearling yr. He was turned back in math after receiving his ring and went on to grad in 04.

GEN MacArthur's ring is at WP, and the MacArthur Foundation in Norfolk was very glad to receive **Eddie**'s gift of his father's '03 ring for their collection of memorabilia.

Eddie's dad roomed with our classmate **Paul Bunker**'s dad when they were cadets, and Ed Sr is the only grad ever to earn 5 ltrs in football and play in 5 A-N football games.

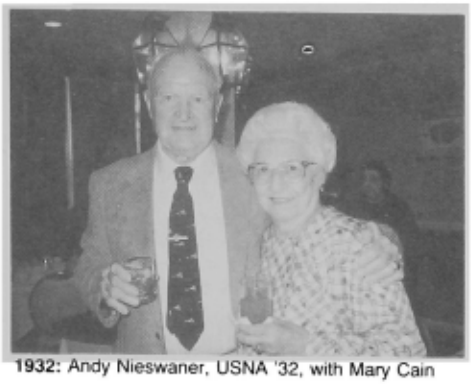
In addition to **Archie**'s and **Eddie**'s contributions, I have some Cl archives (including old pix) of my own. If there is any particular bit of info, or an old pic that you would like, ask me and I'll see if I have it. For you, the price is right ($0.00).

THE REGISTER OF GRADS. Looking through the latest edition of the *Register* that arrived today, I saw that **Orville Mulliken** and **Erskine Clark** ea were listed as living, with addresses shown. I tried to call ea through tel info at the addresses shown, but was told "not listed" in ea case. I then called the ed to rep that we had dropped those two from our '32 roles as "presumed dead" some time ago. He is going to carry them a little longer, so if any of you out there get any clues, let me know.

A TRIBUTE TO BIRDIE. **Rick Coffey** sent me the front pg of the *Kerrville Daily Times*, which had a pic and note about the Kerrville Humane Soc's dedication of their boarding facility to the memory of **Birdie Huggins**. The plaque says, "Her love of animals was unsurpassed. Her work on their behalf can never be fully told." One of Birdie's little waifs is strolling around our apt as I write this.

CL WILL TELL! When he was a student at Westlake HS in Austin, TX, the 3rd baseman of the major league baseball World Champion Toronto Blue Jays, Kelly Gruber, was the date of **Ken & Pat Zitzman**'s granddaughter, Caroline Nesbitt, at their Sr Prom. Their kid brothers, David and Ken, were teammates on the 5th grade Little league basketball team. This shows heredity in a way: Ken was on the C-D Co baseball team that won the summer league championship every yr we were cadets.

ARMY AND NAVY FOREVER! **Danny Sundt** rep on, and **Ruth McCawley** sent pix of, the annual '32 Joint A-N luncheon on our home grounds this yr at Ft Myer. There was a

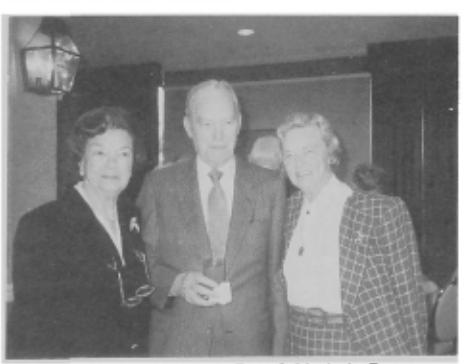

1932: Andy Nieswaner, USNA '32, with Mary Cain

goodly turnout on both sides, incl **Tom & Marge Darcy**, who drove down from CT and wished **Claire Jamison** a happy trip to her winter home in FL.

The nearby pic shows **Mary Cain** with Andy Nieswaner, USNA '32, who was at the first combined luncheon that I attended (c 1946) and has always had a big hand in conducting them.

1932: Helen Hunt, Ruth McCawley and Essie Baer at the joint luncheon

Helen & Bob Maulsby, USNA '32, have moved in at the Ft Belvoir residence to bind the ties a little closer.


1932: Claire Jamison with Tom & Marjorie Darcy

PURPLE HEART AWARD. Ordinarily, you don't think of being the '32 Cl secy as a hazardous duty but don't tell that to **Archie Lyon**. **Danny Sundt** wrote that when Archie was picking up the clean copy of a '32 paper he had prepared from the secy who does all of our typing (free—thanks again, lady), he "tripped and fell on the concrete, splitting his kneecap in 3 pieces."

Danny rep that when he visited **Archie** in Walter Reed an infection had developed, but when I phoned Archie at his home a few days later, everything was going fine. Sharing the duties, Archie was recuperating and **Smokey** was getting the '32 ltrs ready for mailing.

IF YOU ARE BLIND, READ THIS CAREFULLY! Maybe I shouldn't be facetious on a subject like this, but when there is some good news to rep on a tough situation, it brightens the road and lightens the load. In addition to being the editor of the U TX Ctr for Energy Studies, my daughter Katie Nesbitt is the Secy of Reading for the Blind and spends 4 hrs every Sat reading/recording technical books so that blind college students can work toward their degrees.

When I met a new resident of our Inn here who is legally blind, I asked Katie's advice. She referred me to the TX State Library, which gave me all the answers. They told me that the nationwide system can make any title available anywhere, like a lending library. The loan of tapes and players and the mailing in both directions is free. You send a tape back in the same container in which it was received. If you need this assistance, contact your local chapter and they can take care of it. If you want the address and telephone number of your local chapter, contact the DC Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 901 G St, NW, Room 215, Wash, DC 20001; tel (202) 727-2142.

1932: Ken & Pat Zitzman go formal

AND THE MAD WHIRL GOES ON! The nearby pic shows **Pat & Ken Zitzman** in full dress at a formal ball here at Los Patios.

Send me news and pix whenever you get them, or this col will suffer from malnutrition.

'33

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At happy hr before the game, your scribe told his largely sea-svc fellow residents at Vinson Hall (where he hangs "Beat Navy!" posters ea yr) that, as an Army man, he hoped the Navy team would perform magnificently—and come in a close second. During the first three-qtrs he lived to regret his generosity, but in the 4th he felt—well, you know what he felt. What a game that was!

A most welcome ltr from **Lund Hood** (x-'32, '33) illustrates the interest and value of *ASSEMBLY* obituaries: "I've read and re-read **Joe Crawford**'s obit in the Nov *ASSEMBLY*," wrote Lunds. Then he went on to share his recollections of Joe as a cadet, an officer and friend (see Crawford, below). Think, dear readers, what such a testimonial means to Joe's family and to his many friends.

C'mon, procrastinators, let's get those unwritten obits written!

These are interesting times, the best and the worst of them, in our nation's capital. Feelings range from anxiety (many of us) to elation (many of our grandchildren), with a dash of Somalia thrown in.

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Of more immediate interest: '33's 60th on 23–25 May. Here's the latest from **Steve Fuqua**: With luck, we'll have about 120 people altogether. Some 50 grads and 15 widows are quite firm; the balance are wives, children and "maybe's." The figures are bound to change, of course. And there'll be one more Cl Bulletin and one more *ASSEMBLY* (May issue) before we meet.

Known '33 casualties in the past two mos include:

• 26 Oct: **Marguerite ("Puddy") Bartlett, Gordon**'s widow, died of emphysema in Winter Park, FL, just after her 83rd birthday. Svcs were held on 29 Oct; her ashes will be buried at WP at a later date. She is survived by a daughter, Anne ("Bunny") Purvis; a son, LTC G Jr, Ret '61; 5 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

• 11 Nov: **Janie Grubbs, Rosy**'s widow, died tragically, probably of smoke inhalation, in a fire that apparently started in the kitchen of her San Ant apt. Funeral svcs were private. Her ashes will be scattered near Port Aransas, TX, where she lived for many yrs. She is survived by 4 children: daughter Nancy J Gard of San Ant; sons Thomas M (of Houston), John H (Jack), Professor of Geography and Envir Engring at WP, and Donald H (of Ventura, CA); many grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

• 27 Nov: **Connie Eyler, Gordon**'s widow, died suddenly at her home in Wyckoff, NJ of a heart attack. After funeral svcs at St Elizabeth's in Wyckoff, she was buried with Gordon at WP. She is survived by two sons, Frank B of Wyckoff and Gordon Jr of Maplewood, NJ; 4 grandchildren; and her sister, Margaret Klaxton.

To the **Bartlett, Grubbs** and **Eyler** families the Cl of '33 extends a handclasp of deep sympathy. We knew your loved ones; they had a place among us, and so do you. Please keep in touch.

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From **Bill Ball**'s widow, **Frances** (Ball) Luby, we have a card verifying her address on the new roster and extending greetings.

1933: Carver and golfing cronies: Chandler, Carver, Doran and Sigerfoos

Charlie Carver sends a golfing pic, surprise! not all '33ers: (COL) Bill Chandler '31, two other close friends (COL) Roy Doran and (COL) Ed Sigerfoos, MC, and His Honor. "Chandler and Doran," writes Charlie, "were Japanese POWs and together throughout their POW experience. Both made the death march and survived having two ships sunk under them by US bombers. Ed Sigerfoos and I were in VII Corps in Ger after WWII, when Jim Gavin was Corps Cmdr."

Space permits citing only part of **Lund Hood**'s tribute to **Joe Crawford**: "I knew Joe as a cadet. His demeanor, willingness to help others, scrupulous attention to duty, and above all, his down-to-earth common sense earned the admiration and respect of us all. . . . (Later) it was my good fortune to be assigned to the Ofc, Ch of Personnel, AGF, when Joe was the deputy. He showed no favoritism. When I was requested by the 56 Olympic Cmte to be Coach and OIC of the US Olympic Modern Pentathlon Team, Joe endorsed the request. This team won the first medal (silver) that a US team had ever won. (The next would be in 84). The country, the Army and USMA are poorer for having lost a gentleman of his sterling character."

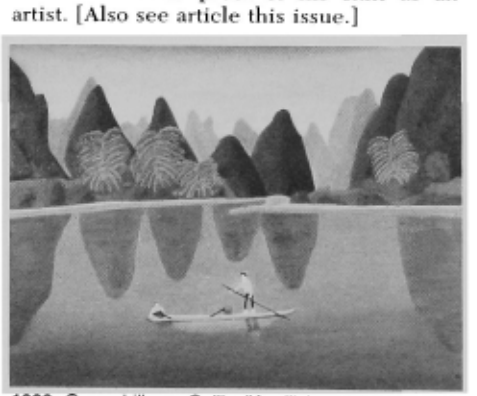
1933: Dahlen astride four states (CO, UT, NM, AZ)

Chet & Tommy Dahlen weigh in with a Christmas summary: "Last summer we drove to Las Vegas via Phoenix, returning via Zion Natl Park, Grand Canyon and Mesa Verde. We stopped also at "Four Corners." A terrific drive, 3650 miles through the majestic grandeur of the W.

"This fall we drove E to Chapel Hill, NC to visit daughter Sydney Elstron and her family, then to FL, participating en route in the TROA golf tournament at Jekyll Isl. At Ft Myer another good visit, this time with daughter Karen Murphy and family.

"Our next trip? Cruise on the *Rotterdam* around the world in 84 days; we leave LA 19 Jan and arrive Ft Lauderdale 13 Apr. (I'm too old for more freighter travel (cut-off: 80); this is next best.)"

"A good and quite active yr," rep **Sam Donnelly**. "Took one daughter & husband sailing around the Society Isl in early spring, and the other daughter & husband to Scotland and Ireland in the fall. Also to FL to see a grandson graduate from law sch; to DC for **Dottie**'s sister's 50th wedding anniv; and to Ft Worth, where Judy had knee surgery. A new family mbr arrived 30 Sep, making 5 great-grandchildren—all boys!" Sam also enclosed further proof of his skill as an artist. [Also see article this issue.]



1933: Green hills on Guilin (Kweilin) on River Li, China (Oil painting by Sam Donnelly)

"Sorry to have missed the Cl luncheon," sez **Bimbi Downing**, "but will see you at the 60th if the crick don't rise!"

From **Ned & Gladys Gee** we learn that "Kacky, our eldest, & husband Jim Bowers plan to move next summer from Columbus, GA to Indian River Colony Club, an all-mil ofcrs ret residence at Melbourne, FL, about 45 min from us. . . . We'll see you at WP in May."

"Grateful for what you do to help keep dear old '33 in print," writes **Betty Gibbs**. "Am enjoying my life of ease at this lovely ret complex. Visits to David across the bay in Tampa, and now daughter Patsy & husband have built a winter home on Pasadena Beach—so lucky grandma me will see the 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grands off and on. Pablo and family happy in the CO slopes. Who could ask for more?"

From **Bill Given**, datelined "Day after Pearl (buy Toyota)." "Business is good," he continues; "Certainly we're not RETIRED. . . 50 yrs ago I was post signal ofcr at Knox when the Nips hit. The staff wanted me to secure all the manhole covers in my post telephone system to avoid sabotage. As there were hundreds of them, we compromised: I put a padlock on the one just outside the swbd bldg."

In our 50-yr book, *Golden Anniversary*, **Janie Grubbs** wrote of her husband, ". . . the retold stories by friends and family tell me that **Rosy**'s wit and charm will outlive us all. I've no complaints, unless perhaps we could be a little less scattered—we do seem to span the country from sea to shining sea."

The Grubbs are still scattered, but (COL) Jack speaks of himself and his sibling as being an exceptionally close-knit family. He told your scribe of the heroism of Terry Young, a young neighbor of Janie's who almost lost his own life in the fire trying to save her.

1933: Those irrepressible Kings didn't like last house photo, so they remodeled the entrance!

"My beloved **Dorothy** joins me in Christmas greetings," writes **Fritz Hartel**. "I don't like what's happening to our country, and I sincerely hope that the 57% who didn't vote for Clinton will wake up. Our daily press this morn (7 Dec) had only a tiny 3" article on p 4 on Pearl Harbor Day. . . . " We share your infectious indignation, Fritz!

"Just a note," sez **John Honeycutt**, "to let you know that the spirit of '33 still endures at 408. . . . On 6 Jun I fell and fractured my lower leg (not badly). But in the hosp I get pneumonia which, with other complications, kept me there for 3 1/2 mos. Not recommended! Have whiled away the hrs with one of my heroes, Bruce Catton—I couldn't resist getting his *The Civil War*—easy and delightful reading. For the first time ever I got a clear pic of the whole war. Congrats to **Abe** on his new

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format for the Cl Roster."

"Recently I was held up at gunpoint in my driveway by a car hijacker," rep **Kay Jensen**. His cmd was, "Get out!" Happily, he was caught and is in prison. Despite the course he took over curbs and through the golf course (attempting to evade pursuit), my car was found and is reparable. A scary experience!

"I was sad to lose my close friend **Marian Cyr**, soon followed by **Bob**. I've talked to **Jodie** but have not seen her since **Mac (McClelland)** died."

"Any yr that the Good Lord bestows His blessing upon me, at my age, is a great yr," writes **Bob Rayburn**. "The hunting season was up to its usual standards, with many days of good sport. Last summer I had a 5-wk holiday in the US, visited Rosalie & Mike and met my newest grandchild, Patrick James Reilly. On my return, son Bob and two grandchildren visited me for 10 days. Later Rosalie, with Max & Patrick, came to await the time they'll join Mike in Saudi Arabia. Any '33'er visiting the Emerald Isle is assured of a welcome at Ballinamore House.

"We've discovered a great shortcut back to FL from CA," sez **Oscar Senter**: "A 16-day cruise through the Panama Canal. . . . " Played much golf with **Van Way** and **Ely** in CA during Jun-Oct and had several visits with **Bob & Ruth Leslie**. **Carolyn** & I are looking forward to the 60th."

From **Lisa Shinberger**, a generous check prompted, she says, by her grandson being in his second yr at the Academy (and by his splendid performance too, proud grandmother?—see Jan *ASSEMBLY*.) "David loves WP, is a fine student and is on the football squad. . . . I just had my 85th birthday, with all 4 children and 4 of 5 grandsons here to celebrate (David had duties that Sat at the Acad)."

1933: Hold 'er steady, Bert! The Sparrows great-grandparenting

"I had the family here for Thanksgiving dinner," says **Carol Speiser**. Everyone is well and busy—we give thanks for that. Uncle Ted (104 in Feb) still drives his car, plays golf and goes to his club every night for dinner, although he's failed a lot this yr." (Ed: If that's failing, Carol, a lot of us would like the recipe!) In Jul I went on a two-wk tour to France and Switzerland with our church gp."

In our Jan notes we cited the Ft Belvoir *Eagle* story about **Betty Walters**' outstanding vol work with Army Community Svc ("Volunteer Dedicates More than Two Decades of Svc") but held up the story in hopes of getting pix for this issue. What's more important is Betty's long period of selfless and dedicated svc, going back to 69. "Over the yrs," says the *Eagle*, "she trained through workshops that covered interview techniques, social svc with

1933: Betty Walters reviews ACS history

emphasis on emergency case aid and transportation, disaster training and the mgt of volunteers. . . . She helped establish, revise and clarify volunteer SOPs. . . . She has held virtually every vol position possible. She is very upbeat—she always smiles—everybody loves her." And that, Betty, is an understatement.

From **Red White** we have an excerpt from the Space Coast WP Soc rep that "the **Charlie Chase** Memorial Golf Tournament was held 16 Oct at the Indian River Colony Club and was a great success."

"Not much other news from Vero Beach," said **Red**. "**Ned Gee** is recovering from some surgery. **Gladys** is, as always, her cheerful self."

CLASS MATTERS

'33 *Luncheons:*

• Co-ed 29 Oct: A **Hurlbut-Reynolds** production. Out-of-towners: **Posie Neely** from Ketchum, ID; **Seuss & Claire Pritchard** from Elizabethtown, KY, with daughter & son-in-law John Berry III '60, son of John Berry '30, and two grandsons, John Berry IV and Will Berry; **Betty Gallagher** from Cape Cod; the **Bodeaus, Ed & Christine** from NC; **Sam Otto** with daughter Anne from Annapolis. . . . A great success!

• With Navy '33, 25 Nov: 14 present (7 Army, 7 Navy), all (**Lincoln** quote) "interesting and articulate individuals." Lincoln gave a short talk on the origin and history of A-N football; **Schmelzer** collected $1 bets.

Columbarium Chapel at WP. Recently completed and located under ("in the undercroft of") the Old Cadet Chapel, the Columbarium was made possible by the generosity of LTC (Ret) & Mrs Richard W Maffry '42. **June** & I first saw it at the svcs for (BG Ret) Hal Edson '34; it's a beautiful place.

Photos/snapshots of **Bill Darby**. The Darby Foundation (Emory S Dockery, Jr, Exec Dir), Ft Smith, AR 72902, wishes to secure "any photos of Darby while at WP or after grad." Perhaps you can find some in your old albums?

Cl roster corrections:

p 2: **Elder**. Change street address to 154 Battleship Rd.

p 4: **Otto**. Tel area code should be 410.

p 6: **Welling**. Delete Hague address and tel.

p 7 (top): Add to "Widow of": **Wood**; add to "Present Name": **Hersey**.

p 9 (between **Herb** and **Hill**) add: **Hersey**, Mrs Dorothy W 3517 Grant St, Abiline, TX 79605; 915-695-4755.

Next deadline for '33 notes: When you read this, you're late! (10th day of even-numbered months, remember?) But let me have 'em anyway; they'll make the July *ASSEMBLY*.

Thanks, and let's have a great reunion! **HGS**.

1933: Memorabilia at Darby House, Little Rock, AR

'34

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To meet our publication deadline, this col started appropriately on Veteran's Day. After *ASSEMBLY* sounded and an absence rep, we researched the Cadet record of the missing in the '34 *Howitzer*. It is an outstanding example of the literary and graphic arts. The annual begins with an ode, author unknown, titled *From These Gray Walls*. In memory of deceased classmates we quote a few lines. "From these gray walls a thousand heroes sprung have trod the field of Mars. These battlements that frown upon the Plain, to ancient wars have sacrificed the bravest of their sons. While we are free, O, Thou, whose outstretched arms give us our life, to Thee we make our prayer: 'When our time comes, when ringing calls to arms send us headlong to that vague frontier, give us the strength to pay the debt we owe. From the blinding fires of Hell, then give us nerve to bear the battle like the men that were. May we fall like them, knowing that we have done our duty to our country and our home.' "

At our reunion last fall in Williamsburg, actuaries forecast the Grim Reaper would catch up with half of us within 5 yrs. That calculation is imminent as John Donne's: "Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

We rep the deaths of **Curt Sluman** on 6 Oct, **Ted Hoffman** on 22 Oct and **Jack White** on 16 Nov. If you wish to give a memorial in their name, the families request you consider the AOG and the '34 Cl fund. We never will be without their love and experience, their tenderness and wise counsel.

Anna Sluman wrote to Cy, "Curt & I were watching the TV news when he quietly closed his eyes and never opened them again." **Curt** had heard the multitude of heavenly voices, recalling those of Michie Stadium and 100 airplanes climbing. Burial was at Oriskany, NY.

Ted Hoffman died of internal bleeding. His body was cremated.

A lengthy obit of **Jack** appeared in the San Ant papers. It reviewed his distinguished career and his & **Patsy**'s family. Honorary pallbearers included, from Uvalde, former

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Gov Briscoe and Judge Ross Doughty, and classmates **Ken Cunin, Larry Savage, Paul Hanley, John Hutchison, George Dany, Charlie White, Tom Wood** and **Bill Wise**. The graveside svc was at the Ft Sam Natl Cem.

Thomas Durfee '64 and David Durfee USNA '63, sons of **Don Durfee** '34, provided this elegy of their mother **Thelma Jean Durfee**, who died on 6 May. She was inurned at WP with Don on 15 Sep, the first opportunity for the family to assemble. Tom wrote, "Mom had a deep and unwavering love for WP, possibly greater than that of many grads. Born in Toronto, she worked her way through art sch in NY and met my father on a blind date after the 1932 Army-Notre Dame game. She gave selflessly of her time and love as a vol grade sch reading specialist."

Cy Betts says, "**Diane Fajardo** has already paid her reunion fee and made a generous contribution to the Cl fund in **Tirso**'s memory. **Jack Renfroe** is moving on the Cl gift acct for our choice to do something for **Jack Herbert** Hall. The gift is now over $8,000.00 and has the potential to add $180,000.00 if we decide to give to the new Alumni Ctr. The $180,000.00 is in a charitable remainder trust that can be captured in time for our reunion gift and has the approval of the donor. **Axel Waugh** and I will have something out on the 65th Reunion soon."

Please refer to your Nov 92 *ASSEMBLY* and read the article by our late classmate, **John Lawlor**, titled *Do We Need West Point?* It was a speech John delivered just before his final illness. Hon Supe reviewed it and wrote to John, "You are right on target!" The speech and article are a tribute to USMA in our time and to one of its great products, the Cl of '34.

After their whirlwind cross-country honeymoon and having to face the question "Could old pilots still fly?," **Lydia & Paul Hanley** rep: "We had a wonderful trip, interspersed with delightful hospitality dispensed by classmates from GA to NJ, VA and here in San Ant. We are frantically unpacking and reorganizing. We lost our title as 'Newlyweds of the Cl of '34' to **Cy & Roberta Wool Betts**. Before their wedding we called a mtg of the clan for mbrs, wives, widows and friends of '34 so that Roberta could look us over. The couple received an enthusiastic 'Follow me!' from **Ken Cunin & Jane Dahlberg, Irma Hoffman, Saralu & John Hutchison, Virgie Jablonsky, Larry Savage, Isabel & Charlie White, Patsy White** and **Anna & Bill Wise**. We, too, passed inspection, for Roberta seemed undaunted by the tales of wild rites of passage of our classmates. Lydia already knows her way around the Towers. We hope y'all will visit us soon, either here or in Gainesville."

Paul introduced '34 in Tidewater to his sister "Bam," married to Jim Newell, USNA '34, ret CPT. Jim is enjoying the slow pace while Bam, still on the fast track, remarked about the snapshot of the '34 luncheon that Paul hosted here: "It is a happy memento of a pleasant day. I wish we had all met 20 yrs ago when we had energy (and youth and brains and beauty!) to pursue the friendships. We'll content ourselves by sending happy vibes in your direction."

A call from Fergusson '45, confirming **Herb Andrea**'s address. That call from CA was followed by one from Seattle. Matilda Hahne wanted to talk to **Mary Baker**. Matilda's dad was from Mary's home town of Cologne, Ger. Their friendship goes back to when Mary & **JO** were stationed at Aberdeen. These calls always reveal intimate and lasting friendships: shared rewards of mil svc. Foxholes are not the only scene for the brotherhood of man.

Foss & Tom Foote repasted with us in Chesapeake en route home from their condo in Nag's Head. Let Foss start: "I find that Tom & I both are writing to you at the same time. I can only print (arthritis), but I'll bet that I am more legible than he. **Muff**, the lunch was gourmet deluxe and your home so lovely. A great pleasure seeing you both after so long. For my birthday yesterday, Tom took me for dinner with my sister & brother-in-law, the Peekes and Ann & Ken Hess."

Tom picks it up: "Traveling the interstate through the new Merrimac-Monitor Tunnel across and under the 5-mi-wide James River, we got lost but finally checked in at Langley AFB. We were given a lovely suite: two bedrooms with all the fixin's. Excellent dinner: it was dance night at the club. The waitress, the maitre d' and the band ldr made us their special guests. The next day we toured the Air and Space Museum in redeveloped downtown Olde Hampton—fantastic! The magnificent displays brought me up-to-date from our 33 visit to the Langley slow-speed windtunnel and the spinning airplane vertical windtunnel to supersonics and men-on-the-moon. The state-of-the-art film fills in the blanks and the 'black holes. Before leaving Langley we visited the COMTAC photo gallery and found the portrait of Bage Disosway. We were in the same cadet company."

This from **Ruth & Jack Renfroe**. He's our permanent trustee emeritus with AOG. "We went to WP Homecoming and the wknd events incl the unveiling of the Airmen Memorial. Also visited *ASSEMBLY* ofc. After the football game, we drove to Long Isl and spent two nights with **Ralph Bucknam**. Our daughter Joyce and her family live nearby, as do Ralph's daughter Joan & Richard. Ralph keeps busy—nothing different from his pattern over the yrs. He is taking a course in Arabic, playing in two symphony orchestras and leaving no time for idleness."

Lil & Bob Tyson sold their waterfront estate in Whitestone, "Lucy's Find," and moved into a new Westminister Canterbury Ret Community. He says it is the Waldorf Astoria of RC's. Their new phone no is (804)428-4000. Mail box number unchanged.

Our wives never claim to be angels, but here is one who wears her halo well, as shown by this ltr from **Betty Anne Cheston**. "This is not a ltr I ever wanted to write — to confirm the stroke my **Dan** suffered last Feb. There was brain damage, so he must remain in the healthcare unit here at the Fairfax. I am well-located in an apt nearby. He needs a lot of assistance, but he walks and talks and recognizes classmates who visit him. **George Gerhart, Gene Corrigan** and **Paul Hanley** have been to see him, as have **Hope Corrigan, Anne Kern** and **Faith Edson**. Dan loves to have visitors but has little conversational skills. **Johnny Stevens** visits Dan regularly and has been a source of morale for both of us. **Burt Bruce**, who also lives here, is a real spiritual asset to Dan. Johnny Stevens had a bad fall in which he broke a rib and scraped his face and arm. Add a black eye, which he cheerfully sports."

Much of the mail just misses our deadlines. **Johnny Stevens** is surely recovered from his fall, which **Betty Anne** rep in mid-Oct. This news with photo came the same day from

1934: Eddrea Hillyard, Alex Stuart and Polly Elliot at Park City, UT

Eddrea Hillyard in Indialantic, FL. "**Polly Elliott** and **Alex Stuart** were visiting in Park City, UT with her son and family. Later I was visiting our son Fred and his family in Breckenridge, CO. Then I am flying to PA to see our eldest daughter Lee Anne and her family. She & husband Delmar Mayfield will take me to WP. The monument I ordered for **Harry**'s grave is in place. I am back home now. I have said I would never stay in this house without Harry, but I am still here alone for a yr now. I have decided to stay as long as I can 'handle' running the house and yard by myself. Our friends and family keep me busy."

Our resident anthropologist, **Rhoda Metraux**, the beautiful widow of **Art Proctor**, rep how the Cl became more meaningful to her with the reunion in Williamsburg and to acknowledge our correspondence with "news from her other world. I am expecting my son Dan to arrive tomorrow from his sabbatical in Japan. He teaches at Mary Baldwin Coll in Staunton, VA. Then I am off to do research and various academic activities in NYC. I will write more when I return." Which is as much info or photos as we get after our repeated requests for what, in addition to gardening and housekeeping at Hazen Rd Schoolhouse, her "other activities" consist of. How am I doing otherwise? As a distinguished scholar from LT Fonvielle's last section English, in this brief col I have already verbalized a noun, "repasted", and ended a sentence with a preposition. Did anyone pick up on the third *faux pas* just then? Check on Rhoda at Reunion in 94. The peopled world is her venue, whereas we have conquered only selected rallying points.

We suggest that you drop a line to **Fred Cook** in San Ant. He had a blood clot in his leg, and a ltr to him might give his BW **Catherine** some respite.

Billie & Tom Gillis '35 relieved **Hal Edson** at Schweinfurt in 46. Thusly they became our neighbors, establishing a friendship that continued with svc at the French War Coll in Paris. I used to stand on the rear platform of the buses and ogle the beauties of and in Paris. Tom rode the Metro, learned conversation and became the American consciousness along the Champ de Mars.

Their son is cmdr of an LSD (Large Steel Desk) in the environs of Wash. When Hurricane Andrew struck FL, LT Gillis and his colleagues within the Establishment began, and I quote him, "Sending food, water, clothing and troops. 'Red Horse Outfits' (USAF Combat Engrs) went into action while the storm still raged. Regular Army and Natl Guard trps secured the devastated areas and were distributing food and water within 24 hrs. I worked all the airlifts into Homestead

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and, funny, I never saw Dan Rather. A more perturbing fact: It is politically correct to rep thoroughly, with interviews, 1,000 people losing their jobs at GM, but when 500,000 Dept of Defense employees are losing their jobs by Fiscal 95, it does not warrant an article in the *Post*! Plus the stark reality that 1600 AF ofcrs are being fired ASAP. The guys in uniform have families, debts and lives—just like the guys at GM."

Now for the good news. **Cy** rep that **Axel** rep that the AOG and other powers that be rep that the Cl of '34 reunion gets the Hotel Thayer! Sign Off!

Next deadline: 15 Apr.

'35

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Doleful news again—loss of a classmate and another classmate's spouse. **Harry Lemley** answered the Last Roll Call on 27 Oct at St John's Hosp, Leavenworth, KS. Svcs were conducted at the Post Chapel, Ft Leavenworth, and interment with full mil honors at the Natl Cem. Last yr we received an upbeat rep from Harry that radiated optimism for full remission after a bout with small-cell lung cancer; he underscored his recovery with a promise to attend the next Cl mini. Our deepest Cl condolences to his family, son Harry III, two daughters, brother Mac '40 and two grandchildren.

The news of **Irene Taylor**'s demise at the Fairfax on 14 Nov left us numbed. Her frequent communications on Cl activities plus *ASSEMBLY* pix, travel rep, etc, contained no hint of a lingering, prolonged cancer situation. **Marie** & I lost a dear, dedicated friend of 55 yrs; we cherish the fond memories of sch books, the numerous visits back and forth as guests and hosts. The DC contingent turned out en masse for svcs at Ft Myer Chapel, followed by interment of her ashes at Arlington Cem. The Cl joins **Milt**, Connie and Ronnie in their bereavement. Rest in Peace, Irene.

1935: The Caugheys and Ferrises, "beach bumming" at the El Presidente Hotel's poolside during the mini-reunion in Cancun, Mexico

The Cancun Mini was appropriately labeled! The gp of 17 stalwarts, plus 7 "camp followers," consisted of **Tige & Ruth Beall, Hart & Betty Caughey, Bill & Charlotte Chapman, Ed & Marie Ferris, Ralph & Sally Haines, Stumpy Haug** with daughter Cathy, her daughter, Stumpy's son Robert (OUR godson!) and the latter's spouse and 1 1/2 yr-old daughter, **Bill Lapsley, Bob McDonald** (**Helen** eschews air travel, so she gave **Bob** a "pass" for the event), **Nat & Ginny Martin** and **Rollo & Margaret Rutte** and granddaughter. Days were devoted to "as you please" activities, selected bus tours and sightseeing—even "lollygagging" around the beach/pool—both luxurious. PM's were devoted to cock-

1935: Bill Chapman, Hart & Betty Caughey, Ralph & Sally Haines, Marie Ferris, Rollo Rutte and Ed Ferris on the beach at the Cancun mini-reunion

1935: Betty & Hart Caughey, Margaret & Rollo Rutte, Sally & Ralph Haines, Bill Lapsley and Bob McDonald at the Mayan Ruins during the mini-reunion in Cancun, Mexico

tail/supper gatherings with a final night's assembly for a grand banquet.

It was refreshing to see the mini spirit still alive, although not substantiated by the numbers. (Actually, 40–50 accepted when the idea was first aired.) Resolutions were firmed, both in person and in absentia, to make 93 Sinowise "The Year of the Mini." We shall hope and see! Far and away the biggest "lift" to Cl morale at Cancun was the time spent with **Nat & Ginny Martin** observing first-hand his progress toward complete recovery from the carotid blockage and subsequent strokes in 91. They are *both* pursuing a dedicated program of physical therapy designed to return Nat "to duty." We are reminded that our **Jack "Tige" Beall**, during his 11 yrs on the faculty of West GA Coll, attained his doctorate and accordingly should be addressed "Dr Beall" (so with **Bernie Watherman**). A vignette worthy of "Believe it or Not," **Hart & Betty Caughey**, during their 91 summer sojourn at their Canadian hideaway, declared his Cl ring both missing and forever lost. Then last summer, while crossing a low footbridge, Betty spotted a glittering in the weeds/reeds, and her radar homed in on the missing ring. (**Bud Russ** "lost" his also; recovered it from the bottom of his golf bag!) **Bob & Helen McDonald** rep the completion of a happy first yr at their new home, "Mission Shadows," in Sierra Vista, AZ. They invite all to visit, golfers or not. **Bill & Eulalie Proctor**, our remaining PACNW mbrs, checked in on a cheerful vein; had entire family (14) with them at Christmas, plus two brides of two grandsons. **Jim & Kay Worthington** were in the DC area very briefly visiting relatives and for Jim's participation the "80's Tennis Tournament." Jim's going strong and improving with age; has sights set on a Jan ditto near Disney World. **Bill & Jane O'Neal** from Tucson rep things quiet in that sector. Ever on the go, they were aboard a cruise ship on her maiden voyage from Barcelona to NY via Gibraltar, Lisbon, Azores and Bermuda. Their two sons hosted them in San Fran on the occasion of Bill's "Big 80" in Dec—welcome to an ever-expanding club. **Al & Jean Robbins** hosted an A&N brunch at their home, and 30 ecstatic '35'ers raised the roof (in lieu of the goal posts!) as the 3-point clincher sailed through the uprights with 12 seconds remaining. The "cheering section:" The **Russells, Murdocks, Chapmans, Wheel-**

1935: '35 Cl group at mini-reunion in Cancun

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ers, **Fickels, Fiores, Everetts, Pattersons, Leonards, Watermans, Keatings, Rogerses, Furlows, Charlotte Rumsey** and **Walt Simpson**. **Glenn Thompson**, ever the loyal correspondent, offers a suggestion: If ever news is so sparse or travel so restricted, why not recollect and *resurrect* (as he did) memorabilia of cadet day incidents? He sent in a photostat he has of one of his starched cadet cuffs with autographs of Babe Ruth and Dick Powell on opposite sides. Others welcome. (This is the second time Babe Ruth has appeared in this column in a yr.)

News from the Cl Recovery Room. **Carmon Rogers** had successful by-pass surgery at WRAMC on 2 Nov; was home on the 9th and doing well. **Charlie Leonard** had carotid artery surgery at WRAMC on 18 Nov and is home making good progress. **Jane Duffy** told of **John**'s admission to VA Hosp as a result of an auto accident in mid-Nov. Details undetermined, so we share the optimistic conclusion that injuries were minor. **Dottie Wheeler** had gall bladder surgery (removal) at Andrews AFB Hosp on 25 Nov. Our Cl Chm **Bill Chapman** sustained a nasty laceration of the foot in Cancun, resulting in a very serious infection and confinement to the base hosp at Andrews for 36 days. We spoke with him today; he's home and on the mend. He & **Charlotte** are fully involved in moving to the Fairfax. **George Ruhlen**, via "Ltrs to the Ed," did a superb job of "chewing" (in writing) the Sports Dept for smearing the game of lacrosse in a local TV broadcast. The game is sacrosanct to George; he is active in the SW Lacrosse Assn and the San Ant Lacrosse Club.

All for now—keep it flowing. For 93—think mini! But let's be doers, not merely thinkers.

'36

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This is an update about the **Hosmers**' USAFA-USMA '36 reunion: 8–11 Jun will be our second reunion at the famous CO Acad. The first was in 72, to celebrate the 36th anniv of our Cl and perhaps to honor and emphasize how much we had contributed to the new university—through men like **Estes** and **Clark** (then Supe). In friendship, we donated a gift to AFA. This was the only such token from WP to her sister acad for yrs. (Now we hear there are two).

It is generally believed that our first reunion at AFA constituted the beginning of the "mini-reunions"—or the off-quinquennial gatherings. We also are of the opinion that this 72 mtg was the start of all minis that '36 has had (unfortunately, we've skipped two yrs).

Clark Hosmer and his illustrious son Brad now offer a once-in-a-lifetime, outstanding event in the Cl of '36's already fantastic history.

We're all slightly on the "reclusive" side anyway these days, so this occasion will "energize" everyone's special efforts to get together once more (it will be our 56th).

As we understand it (and we assume these are only "reminders"), this is what **Clark** has done or is doing:

1. Those who've signed up (sent Clark $65) will have already received another bulletin when you read this.

2. 10 May is your last opportunity to cancel (a reservation) and receive a full refund from Clark.

3. Clark will be sending (attendees only) a list of other reunionites before Jun.

4. He also has a "thing" about people who forget to wear name tags. He senses that our configurations have altered and our recollections have dimmed with the yrs. So, please. . . ?

5. If you desire to make a VOQ reservation, call 1-719-472-3060 (Acad Billeting Reservations Ofc). The line is frequently busy; if desperate, call 1-719-472-4910 and eventually someone will answer.

6. If you don't trust the phone or won't use one (hearing problem), write: Billeting Office, Rampart Lodge MWMB, Academy Drive #300, USAFA, CO 80840.

Notes as to reservations:

A. You do not have to prepay.

B. You are required to give a social security number.

C. Rooms cost less than $15 per night.

7. Above all: *BE THERE!*

Some apology for some of these notes, which date way back to Oct—whew, 6 mos! Anyway, the **Chappelears** and their Betsy and the **Meanys** met in Pacific Grove with **Fred & Lorena** (first time we'd all met the new bride) **Terrell**. Unfortunately, Louie had problems and there were no local wheelchair facilities available. The poor people had to go straight back to LA before participating in a very fine mini-mini at the Navy's Del Monte. It was really a terrific "show," arranged by **Sandy & Audrey McCorkle**. The all-too-short luncheon and visit was attended by the **Buynoskis, Dellingers, Fergussons, Janof, Jones, McCorkles, Millers, Terrells, Tetleys**, your scribe, **Liz** and sister Virginia (who took excellent pix—seen in Jan *ASSEMBLY*). We had a long visit with **Ace & Jean**, and our rep is that he is quite active, does some hiking, is as interested in everyone's welfare as he ever was, and gave us a rep he'd received from **Fred Walker**. (Rep will be covered later!)

Another surprise (to us) was a visit to the charming home of **Ruth & Adam Buynoski**—"high up on a hill" overlooking San Fran Bay. He has been doing photographs for a no of yrs and appears to properly qualify for the additional name "Ansel Adams" Buynoski!

Talked with **Howell Estes** Jr (by phone) and congrat him on his 3d star. He said he'd be at the AFA reunion if he possibly could. We now know of 7 stars among our offspring; surely there must be more!

Sally Beard's writing of the last *ASSEMBLY* notes is greatly appreciated. Since there are so many widows in the Cl, it seems appropriate that they have a spokeswoman from time to time. She was the first woman to write any *ASSEMBLY* notes. She spent part of Christmas near her son in Walter Reed (minor surgery) and some with **Betty Chaffin**. Sally hopes for a big lady turnout at AFA.

On 15 Nov **Fred Bell** died in San Ant. He had been ill for quite a long time, and it seems that his heart was mainly involved. He was a test pilot for a 6-engine airplane—the largest ever built up to that time. He also served in the Far E during the WWII period but ret early for health reasons. He is survived by **Fern** and two grown children.

Betty Chaffin had **Muriel Ryder** as a house guest around Dec. She rep that she also had visited with **Midge Evans**. **Bub & Caroline Clark** have moved to a smaller *men'age* for the golden yrs! See address in your new 93 list. **Bill Davis** wrote and phoned in Nov; he's in San Ant. **Lynn & Gil Dorland** have done no spectacular traveling in 92 but have limited their movements from FL to VA. Eighteen of his family celebrated his 80th! **Nick Grothaus** sounded chipper in Dec—said only his legs are not up to par. He also commented that **John Torrey** appears to be well. At the end of Nov, **Bill Hay** spent a wk in Atl. He visited with **Gage & Kelly** and made a number of visits to tourist attractions in the city. He seemed in fine spirits and health, except his rt side is weak after his stroke two yrs ago.

1936: Their new van? The McElhenys and Hiesters

Latest news from the peripatetic and peregrinating **Hiesters** is that they took a "Space A" trip to Turkey; their adventures sound like Marco Polo's. The **Dawalts** spent Christmas with their daughter in L.A. If not mistaken, she is the one who donated the beautiful silver boxes for the ladies at our 50th Reunion.

Clark Hosmer has been working hard to make the AFA reunion "one to remember!" But this has not precluded his making extensive trips out W. Photographic evidence attesting to this is attached.

1936: Hosmer, Bobbie and Gillespie in OR

Larry Laurion sets a record for the "Unbeatable Man;" "The Man Who Always Was;" "Every Doctor Wants Patients Like Him;" etc. This man was first in a wheelchair in 87; we don't know how many yrs before that he started his strokes. When one has a severe heart problem, you usually never hear from them again. Not Larry; we've received at least 12 written sheets at various periods in just the last mo. Larry doesn't understand the rules. . . or something! People are supposed to write those who are laid-up! We hope the more he writes, the well-er he gets! Another superman greeted us: **Clyde Layne** is experiencing his first Christmas without beloved (of all) **Gracie**. He went out to visit their daughter for the holidays and keeps busy doing vol work.

Last fall, **Helen Lind** wrote to comment on **Hank**'s death. (He died 1 Sep 91). She said he died from diabetes and cancer and was buried at Presidio of San Fran.

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We have always felt remiss in not being able to keep abreast of another Academy cl—that of USNA '36. Last fall we again had a good visit with Sr Aquinus at Dominican Coll, San Rafael, CA. We visit with her regularly because she is the youngest child of FAdm Nimitz. This yr she told us more about her brother, Adm Chester Jr. He lives in MA and on the W coast of FL.

Received a short note from **Nip Page** regarding the passing of **Bill Ryder**. Nip failed, however, to say how *he* was. The Cl has nominated **Bruce Palmer** for the WP Distinguished Grad Award. It's certain how the Cl would vote; let's hope a lot of others agree with us! And while on this award, **Sharon Sievers** received the Distinguished Grad award from her Dickenson Coll, Carlisle, PA. She is quite an achiever. She's presently pres of a DC educational orgn. Congrats to both Sharon and Bruce!

1936: Charley Stewart. Obviously he looks better than this (overexposed) pic!

Rebecca Patterson writes that she visited **Gen & Ruther Patterson** in Tucson in Aug. Both are quite frail. The **Quinns** have completed their move to Fleet Landing, Atlantic Beach, FL (**Ike & Betsy Smith** also are there). Juana likes her first floor and lakeside accommodations. Rob came back from Saudi Arabia to help his family move. **"TC" Rogers** wrote that **Tootie** sleeps a great deal, but, except for being a little underweight, he's in good shape. We certainly hope he joins us again at AFA. **Clint True** had surgery on his lung about Nov to ascertain if there was a malignancy. There was. And now he's taking chemo for 6 mos. As of these notes, he's staying with a favorite nephew and receiving his due: "TLC" (tender loving care).

The **Walkers** have recently moved to Green Valley, AZ, which they prefer over Sedona. It was mentioned earlier that Fred sent **Ace Miller** a rep. It was the most amazing I have ever seen from a classmate. Last summer Fred went to Poland to a conference with scientists who were examining "alternatives in cosmology." Fred's credentials (apparently) were not very substantial; he had no scientific degrees; and he ranked below Cl middle at USMA. Nevertheless, he submitted his opinions to an intellectual-as-you-can-get mtg. He stated (his own ideas) that "he does not believe the universe is expanding; he introduced a method for measuring galactic withdrawal; and he suggested a solution to the mystery in astronomy connected with the 'discordant red shift.' " A number of the highbrows present agreed with him! There's nothing more we know, understand or can say! We're still overwhelmed but hope Fred gets the world(s) straightened out. And after all, '36 hasn't yet recorded a Nobel prize. (How can we help, Fred?)

One eve in Nov we spent a while talking about the Cl with **Chuck Waters**. Subjects were **Steve Smith**, the **Hiesters, Mucci, Haywoods, Ace Miller** and **Illig**. **Westy** chatted about an idea submitted by **Bub Clark** regarding updating and informing all future survivors in the Cl about certain checklists of things to be accomplished in the event of loss of a loved one. Further details may be forthcoming.

Norma & Bill Yarborough were quite close to the **Ryders**, so it was natural that they should rep on/after the funeral. Among items mentioned: the Y's picked out a beautiful floral donation from the Cl; they said at least 80 attended the svcs; **Muriel** was going to DC to visit (**B Chaffin**). Bill was also the author of the memorial article on **Ted Clifton** in the Nov *ASSEMBLY*.

'37

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While in Turkey, we missed the biggest co-ed luncheon ever—57—but **John Frazier** provided more coverage than you would have gotten from me. Cocktails in the Fairfax "Living Room," courtesy of our Fairfax classmates; a filet mignon lunch with wine was served in the DR; topped off with champagne by **Scott Hall** in celebration of their 55th that day (16 Oct). The Odens provided flowers for the tables, and the one at ea table who found a penny taped to their saucer won the bouquet.

Our Cl Pres **Fred Clarke** presided and introduced: **Bob White** & his new bride, **Linda Grimsley**; **Pop & Anne Metz,** who were visiting the area; **Sally Mercado**, who stopped over with the **Lemmons** on her way back to San Ant from a Cape Cod vacation with her cousin; the Lemmons' Canadian friends, LTG & Mrs Gilles Turcot; and **Sally Taylor**'s friend, ret Judge Dick Reis. **Bill & Margaret Lewis** came up from St Mary and **Dave & Alice Griffin** from Annapolis, MD. Fred told a story on **Bob White**. Bob was found in English Plebe Christmas and GEN Eichelberger, the Supe, signed his exit papers. He went on to coll, majored in English and in WWII found himself on the staff of Eighth Army in Austria, New Guinea and PI, writing speeches for the CG, GEN Eichelberger!

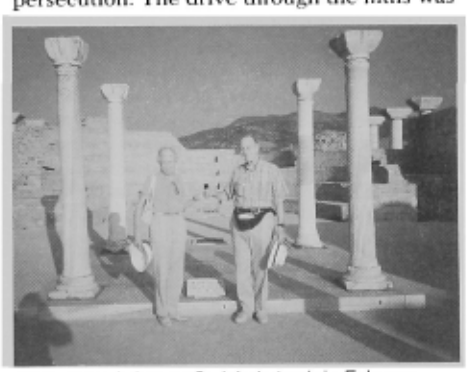
1937: Fran flanked by Amy Powers and mother Mickey at the 55th

Random notes: **Mickey Power**'s roommate for the Hawaiian Cruise will be another Fairfax resident, Lois Cowles, whom you will remember from the Bermuda Cruise. She is the lady from Down Under who became an Army bride after WWII. **Sally Mercado** left the following wk for a Caribbean cruise. The **Metzes** left in Nov for an extensive tour of Austria and NZ. Hopefully, they will send me a detailed rep with pix for my next col.

Our two-wk trip to Turkey was a fantastic experience for us. After a couple of days' R&R (jet lag) in our kids' apt in Izmir overlooking the beautiful Gulf, all 5 of us, incl Rachel's brother, shoehorned ourselves and luggage into her Honda and took off for famous sights in SW Turkey-Aphrodisias, Pamukkale and adjacent Hierapolis (all fabulous ruins of ancient civilizations). At KAS, we swam in the

1937: Don Jr and dad boating off Kas, Turkey

clear waters of the Med and climbed up to a Crusader fort on top of an isl mtn. From there to the luxe Hotel Kismet, where the Queen of England and other notables take their ease, and then back to Izmir via the marvels of Ephesus and the home of the Virgin Mary atop the mtn overlooking Ephesus, where St. John the beloved apostle took her to escape persecution. The drive through the mtns was



1937: Fran & Don at St John's tomb in Ephesus

spectacular. The fertile plains and valleys were covered with crops of all kinds. It was a revelation to see the women doing all the cotton picking and stoop labor while a few good men drove the tractors. The rest of the men seemed to spend their days sitting in cafés in the villages, drinking glasses of very hot tea and discussing matters of grave importance. Ataturk decreed long ago that all Turkish children have at least a 5th grade education. It was a delight to see all kids neatly dressed—the boys in coats and ties, the girls in uniform smocks.

Back in Izmir for a few days to roam the bazaars with Christmas in mind and then to Istanbul for two days of historic wonders—Hagia Sofia, Blue Mosque, the Sultan's Palace and Museum and the Archaelogical Museum. Turkey has not yet been overrun by tourists, it is a bargain and the natives like us Americans.

Upon return from Turkey I learned of the

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deaths of **Bill Horrigan** on 16 Oct and **Dave Davisson** on 20 Oct, too late for my Jan col. Bill had been seriously ill for some time under **Eleanor**'s TLC, and the fellows provided much spt over the yrs. See **Betty Davisson** later in this col.

On 8 Nov, **Fred & Isabel Clarke** had the Cl in for a lovely cocktail party at the Fairfax. It was nice to see **Bill & Margaret Lewis** in good health after their respective physical ordeals. In fact, everyone looked in the pink.

On 11 Nov, the **Gildarts** changed that by having a bad accident on Conn Ave in North Chevy Chase. A car crossed the median strip and caused a 9-car pile-up, with **Bob** (the last in line) rear-ending a PU truck. Both were taken to Bethesda Naval Hosp. After 3 days Bob was released, looking like a racoon with two black eyes. Ginger underwent a 6-hr opn to fix a fractured femur and tied it in with a new hip replacement. She was on her feet and getting physiotherapy shortly after. Upon discharge from the hosp, she will continue therapy in Bethesda. Their kids and families rushed to their aid. Incidentally, we got the word here in a round-about way from Chester Johnson in TX about a wk later.

Gus Prentiss passed to me a nice ltr from **John Erickson**. After the 55th, they extended their motorhome trip to a 72-day meander, with stops in Orford, NH, NYC, Manchester Cent, VT, Chambersburg, PA and Wisconsin, where they saw 18 cousins!

As much as they like motorhome living, it was nice to get home where they could stretch out without the danger of bruising elbows and legs. They thoroughly enjoyed the 55th and sent many kudos to the cmte. They are planning for New Orleans in 95. **John** recently became secy for their USMA Soc, and he enclosed a contribution to the Cl fund.

The last time he was here, **Pop Metz** left two documents with **Geo Maliszewski**, incl a copy of the Inaugural Induction of the Ranger Hall of Fame, which contains our own **Maggie McGee** along with 23 other great Rangers from pre-Colonial days to the present. In Aug 43, Maggie organized and trained a bn of volunteers from the 33rd Inf for hazardous duty. He continued in cmd as it became the 2nd Bn of Merrill's Marauders in Burma and until their last mission at Myitkyina. They operated behind enemy lines in the steaming Burmese jungle, cutting lines of communications and supply. The second document is a very detailed and readable history of his 2nd Bn, a monumental and authoritative work of over 250 pages, which he authored. And I though that Maggie did nothing but fish in ret! Shame on me.

Related to the above is a clipping from *Florida Today* (9 Nov) that **Bob Seedlock** sent; the feature article describes the celebration of the 53rd anniv of svc in the CBI Theater of some 60 survivors. They remembered their comrades left behind and their Cmdr, GEN "Vinegar" Joe Stillwell. Bob, who is also pres of the American Chapter of the Burma Star (an intl orgn), was one of the celebrants. He had cmded American and Chinese troops and about 5,000 Chinese workers in constructing the 145-mi road over treacherous mtn terrain in 45 days. The Chinese called it the Road to Victory because it permitted the first penetration of the Japanese blockade of China.

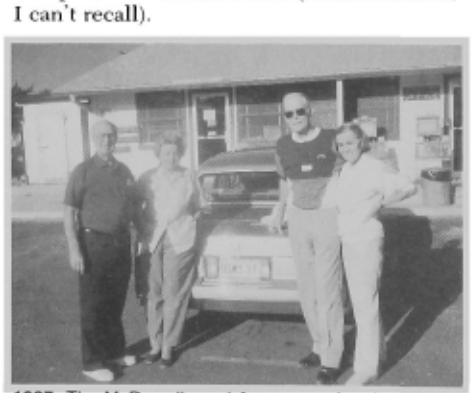
On 20 Nov, 18 of us gathered for our monthly luncheon at Ft McNair. **Bob White** described his honeymoon as an extended tour of the US. Both had made extensive travel plans before deciding to get married, so they put them together. They went to San Fran together, then went their separate ways, meeting at a Montana Ranch where **Linda** helped round up cattle while Bob went salmon fishing in Canada. Back to DC, where Linda joined up with a lady friend of the Coors clan on some sort of humanitarian mission to Argentina. Bob is in the process of moving from 4000 Mass Ave to S Street off Kalorama Circle.

Fred Clarke adroitly maneuvered **Bud Hines** into volunteering to chair the 60th Reunion cmte with **Fred Diercks** and **Betty Spengler** helping. Bud Hines then gave an acct of their trip to FL during which they visited the Indian R Colony Club, where they socialized with the **Majors, Seedlocks** and **Bonnie Chabot**. Bud Major led the sing-along

1937: The Reeves, Bud Hineses, Majors, Bonnie Chabot and the Seedlocks at IRCC

from the stage—a real Sinatra-like performance. They also visited Fleet Landing and gave a good rep on the **Eubanks**.

The **McDowells** and **Amoses** spent 3 days in Oct at Canyon Lake, TX trying to catch fish. He said, "The gods don't count against man's allotted time those days spent fishing." He recalled the summer of 37 when **Bill** and he were counselors at Long Lake, ME and **Charlie Robbins** and I were doing same at nearby Camp Rotherwood on a lake (an Indian name I can't recall).



1937: The McDowells and Amoses—where's the fish?

On that wonderful 5 Dec, 38 of us were guests of the **Fraziers** for the annual A-N spectacular. We were treated to a real thriller, plus being wined and dined by **Pat & John**. **Ginger Gildart** had offered to provide homemade fudge for the occasion, so from her sick bed she instructed **Bob** how to make it. It was delicious. A birthday cake was produced for **Jim Duncan**, who turned a young 79. Others from the Fairfax were the **Clarkes, Bud & Charleyrene Hines** (they are off to CA for 3 mos), the **Hoskas, Odens, Mickey Powers** and **Betty Spengler. Hank Byroade** showed up *sans* **Jitka**. He dropped in after a visit to the hosp for pre-op tests for Mon, which went very well. Jitka expected him home within the wk. **Sally Taylor**, who visited him, declared that he looked great. **Gus Prentiss** came solo because **Corinne** was prepping for a cataract opn Mon. It was a success. **Jerrie Stumpf** wore a Middie hat but rooted for Army. She had recently been to Jacksonville for son Robert's change of cmd when he took over the USN Flight Demonstration Sqdn (Blue Angels). She looked great in the cockpit of his plane No 1. The **Seedlocks**, who were in the area visiting son Walter, were with us. Other out-of-towners were **Dave & Alice Griffin** from Annapolis.

I had a chance at the **Fraziers** to grill **Jerrie Stumpf** about her choral escapades. She belongs to the Northern VA Community Coll Choral Gp. Last Jul they sang in 6 Spanish cities. They were joined in these performances by the Glynka Chorale from St Petersburg, Russia, with the Radio and TV Orchestra from Moscow and Vladislav Chernushenko conducting. They performed for very enthusiastic audiences and incl Beethoven's 9th Symphony and Carmina Burana in Spanish, which 'brought down the house' (as we used to say in the olden days).

A ltr to **Gus Prentiss** from Bob **Elkins** advised that Bob's mother Betty died peacefully in Tucson on 29 Oct. She had been very ill for the past yr and finally just wore out. They took her to her final home with **Harry** at WP. "The staff at WP were so kind and helpful. We felt like being a grad of WP must be a supreme honor." Betty's first husband was Harry's roommate **Robby Robinson**, who died 21 Jan 45 en route to Japan on the infamous prison ship *Brazil Maru*.

Fred Clarke received a warm note from **Betty Davisson**, thanking the Cl for the flowers, adorned with WP colors, which were sent for **Dave**'s funeral. His death was a terrible shock. He had gone into the hosp seeking help for angina attacks on Mon. On Tues am he had a fall and died 1 1/2 hrs later, on 20 Oct in the AF hosp. Svcs were held on the 23rd in St Luke Episcopal Church, with **Chester Johnson** giving the eulogy. Burial was in the Natl Cem at Ft Sam Houston. Dave had been ill for some time. He had planned to come to the 55th but had to cancel because of his illness.

In Oct, at the Intl Home Furnishing Ctr in High Point, NC, **Rene Lopez-Duprey** introduced Duprey International, "Rattan Furniture Since 49." Later, a card from Antigua indicated that he was enjoying a few days of R&R with his old friend, Nick Fuller '44. Ada, who is allergic to the "cucarachas" she sees everywhere on the isl, stayed at home. Another reason for celebrating was the winning of the Governorship, Senate and House elections by the Statehood Party with a convincing margin.

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On 5 Dec 92, **Dottie Jackson**, wife of **Chuck Jackson** and sister of **Dee Lynch**, died of cancer at the nursing ctr of their ret community in Mt Pleasant, SC. She had been seriously ill for about 12 days, although cancer of

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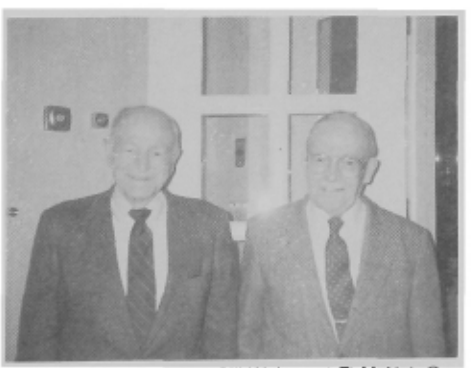
her lungs was first diagnosed last Jun. Mem svcs were to be held 7 Dec at the auditorium of their ret community. Attending were to be **Jim &** Dee Lynch, Dottie's brother, Braxton Butler from Ger and their son Chuck Jr '64, now living near Allentown, PA. Dottie will be cremated and interred in the crypt of the Mem Cem at Mt Pleasant. Cl Pres **Lotz** expressed condolences and sympathy to Chuck in mourning her death.

On 21 Oct from **Clare Beck** in Lawai, Kuai, HI (excerpts), "I appreciate the concern of our classmates who have written to me. This is the first time I have written anyone since Hurricane Iniki hit us about 3 pm, 11 Sep. We thought we were well prepared, and we were. Our home is on 19 pilings—ea 4 ft deep in concrete plus a concrete pad. These poles are held together with laminated beams 18" wide bolted through. All windows were taped and pic windows plus sliding glass doors were covered with plywood nailed from outside. All deck furniture and other loose objects were stowed under the house. However, we were not prepared for the ferocity of the storm. Local experts and the weather bureau estimated winds of 220 mph, with gusts up to 240. The Beck family picked the north powder room off the dining area—protected by a hill northside and heavy beams above. Also it had an escape door to the garage area. As the peak of the storm approached, we heard a noise like a freight train mixed with groans and squeals as the house was obviously being blown apart. So, all 5 of us and the two dogs bailed out the escape door and huddled in my station wagon until the eye of the storm passed over us. My sons and I took the silence of this moment to get out and take a look. **Pat**, my wife, shouted for us to come back, for the backside of the hurricane was approaching. She asked me what I saw. I answered, 'You really don't want to know.' When it was over I was shocked at what the storm had done to our home. Major sections of roof and walls had blown in 3 directions - N, W and S. Contractors have estimated that ea of 6 sections weighed more than 6 tons. We lost our 30' x 20' living room, dining area and had major damage in our kitchen, studio, master bedroom and apt below. We lost practically all of Pat's English and French antique furniture, plus all the other furniture normally found in such rooms where major damage occurred. We also lost the fireplace and chimney on the south side of the living room. We were without water svc for 27 days, power for 32 days, and still have no tel svc. We were fully insured. Having said all of this, I'm happy to rep that we are all alive and getting back to normal—if that's the word." Roger **Lotz**, son of **Junie & Shirley**, lives on Kauai and had similar experiences.

On 20 Oct from **JR Bailey**, "In early Jun some people came to the door and asked if I was thinking of selling my home—for the last 24 yrs. I admitted having thought about it, for it was so large for just me. They soon made an offer which I accepted. Our 4 daughters selected what they wanted of the furnishings. They were duly transported to OR, TX and to my daughter living in Madison, IN. On 30 Jul I departed from Madison to DeSoto, TX, where I have moved in (on invitation) with daughter #2. Daughter #4 lives only 5 mi away—besides, her husband is a dr. Also, 4 of our 9 grandchildren are here, and I enjoy seeing them. I think it will work out, although I miss the small town of Madison that both **Shirley** & I were fond of." John's new address and tel #: 512 Maywood Lane, DeSoto, TX 75115; tel 214-223-3532.

On 29 Oct 92 from Ed Hamilton '39 (excerpts), "In Oct 91 I was a guest at a dinner at Ojai Country Club and Inn, hosted by Mr John Sharpe, the mgr. Eighty of the local gentry were present. The honoree of this lavish affair was that tall, talented and articulate Texan, **Frank Norris**. The occasion was the publication of *War from the Ground Up*, the WWII story of the 90th Inf Div. Frank was head of the editorial bd and the moving spirit behind this project from its inception. Without him it would never have been completed in time nor in the format that it was. It has received plaudits from historians—one labeling it 'the best acct of combat in NW Europe 44–45 I have ever read.' It was one of 3 books selected by the C/S for his Cmdrs' Conference at Ft Leavenworth in 91. It contains comments about the late, great **Richard G Stilwell**, G-3, and vignettes of **Art Maloney** and Frank. Why was I there? Three 90th vets, incl Laughlin Waters, Sr Judge, L.A. Central District Court, COL Evans Yates, editorial bd mbr and the book's illustrator, and I were invited to relate war experiences. All the attendees hung until 11:00 pm. The bonus for me was 3 days with the Norrises. From the vantage point of their lovely home, the entire valley with its groves and the city unfold to the Western rim formed by the coastal mt range—a spectacular view shared with me by two wonderful hosts."

The 23 Oct luncheon at Ft McNair was attended with wives by **Bixby, Lewis, Mrazek, Art Smith** and **Riordan**; also by **Chavasse, Nim Collins, Damon, Dupuy, Trudy Hannum, Harrington, Harrison, Bill Smith** and **Walson**. The Riordans were accompanied by their daughter Janet, who lives in Silver Spring, MD. We appreciate the arrangements Bill Walson is making for our monthly luncheons.



1938: Bert Harrison and Bill Walson at Ft McNair O Club, Oct 92

Paul Davis was in Spain. Others had health problems and dr appts. **Alice Stilwell** went to Buffalo 22 Oct and will return 28 Oct. **Art Smith** discussed a draft feature article for *ASSEMBLY* about "The Unbroken Line" and its author, **Frank Glace**. **Nick Chavasse** briefed us on his proposal that USMA '38 present a Benny Havens Room in the AOC Ctr, when constructed.

On 5 Nov **Paul Davis** returned from Europe on the *QE 2*. The last two days were in gale-force winds and high waves. Taking refuge in the ballroom, Paul slid across the floor, colliding with other passengers, chairs and tables, but he was not hurt. About 50 people were injured in the storm. On 17 Nov from **JB Coleman**, "On 21 Nov I will be in a

1938: Tracy Harrington with Jane & Art Smith at Ft McNair, Oct 92

1500-meter race walk (age 75–79) and on 22 Nov I will swim free-style races—50 meters, 100 meters, 200 meters and 400 meters—all at a big Sr Games at Clearwater, FL." To date, no rep of medals won, but congrats to JB for being physically able to participate. He says **Kay Broberg**'s tel # is 904-247-1805. On 11 Nov **Mary Missal** had just returned form visiting Harrisonburg, VA with son Jay and family. On 15 Nov she will visit son Bob in Little Rock but will be home for our Dec luncheon. During Nov **Alice Stilwell** visited daughter Diane & spouse in Houston, TX.

On 15 Nov **Orleans Batson Strange** wrote, "**Eleanor Gay Scarano** will pass through here next wk. (She's from Alexander City, where I do all my shopping and where most of my friends live.) She and I will have great fun discussing our plans for next May—clothes, etc! I have just returned from a most marvelous Elderhostel at Lake Junaluska, NC. It was my debut back into the fun world of Elderhostels and easier than I expected." **Cliff Riordan** received a plaque for finishing first in his age gp in the Marine Corps Marathon on 25 Oct in Wash, DC. This is a remarkable achievement for a '38 classmate, culminating many hrs of rigorous training and preparations. Cliff is also active in the Golden Gators Social Club in Gainesville, FL, attending monthly luncheons and other activities. He is also a mbr of FL Track Club there."

1938: Cliff & Bea Riordan with daughter Janet at Ft McNair, Oct 92

The 20 Nov monthly luncheon at Ft McNair was attended with wives by **Barschdorf, Bixby, Conell, Art Smith, Izenour, Lewis, Miller** and **Sussmann**; also by **April Adams, Chavasse, Nim Collins, Davis, Trudy Hannum, Jane Hulse, Bill Smith, Alice Stilwell, Thackeray** and **Walson**.

Frank Izenour looked fit and has played golf recently. **Don Thackeray** has judging in one more horseshow scheduled in FL before Christmas. **Nick Chavasse** gave us more info about the proposed Benny Havens Room. Ref

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Mar 92 Cl notes in *ASSEMBLY*, on 22 Nov 91 the Radio Club of America presented our classmate, LTG **Lotz**, the Sarnoff Citation for "significant contributions to the advancement of electronic communications." At that time he was ill and unable to attend, but on 20 Nov 92 he accepted this prestigious award in person in NYC. He is only the first mil recipient of 31 recipients of this award to date. The Radio Club of America is a "world-wide Who's Who that includes many who founded the radio industry."

On 29 Nov from **Bill Strand** in San Ant, TX: "**Mert & Jean Singer** celebrated their 51st wedding anniv in Oct with a 10-day trip to HI. They were on the Big Isl for two days to see the volcano erupting. They also enjoyed dinner in Honolulu with the **Sternbergs.** Mert was impressed with **Ben**'s physical fitness program, incl tennis every day. In Nov Mert continued his business activity in Mexico. He has no plans to be "ret ret."

Jerry Brischetto came to SA in Oct for a reunion of **Roy**'s flying sch cl. She also visited with her son Bob and his family. On 29 Oct, she and the Strands enjoyed a delightful lunch at an open-air restaurant on the SA Riverwalk.

Mac Macomber and **Lou Coira** enjoyed some successful quail hunts with the help of Lou's faithful Brittany Spaniel. The **Battersons** have finished what they say is their final table. They are superb craftsmen, but Paulette says what they make in the future will be shoe box size and most of their time and energy will be devoted to repairs. **Mary Kelley** enjoyed a visit by her daughter Bonnis Hicks of Tuckahoe, NY during Thanksgiving. In Oct the **Van Sickles** drove to Salt Lake City for a sightseeing tour. From there they flew to CO Springs for a visit with Neil's brother Earl '46 & Jean. They saw an Acad football game before returning to Kalispell. They are going to China in Mar and to our 55th Reunion."

On 30 Nov from **Hugh Wallace** in San Ant, TX: "**Beno Bruton**'s grandson was home from Tulane at Thanksgiving—eager for some good food, ie TX enchiladas. **Maria Knox** attended an Elderhostel on a ferry traveling from Bellingham to Sitka, Juneau and Haines in AK. She & **Omar** had planned this trip, but after his death she and her sister decided to go. Doug Polhamus is now at the Army Residence Community Health Ctr. Lo has applied for an apt at ARC but does not expect action for a yr or more. **Mona Preuss** visited her youngest son and family in Seattle. The **Skaers** were in CA to visit her daughter. She is a nun in Orange County. While there **Ken** helped his older brother celebrate an 80+ birthday. **ME York** made the news photos recently at a McNay Art Institute mbr reception. She was a docent there, and her escort is a very good friend. The Wallaces had a super Thanksgiving. We trekked to Garland, TX. Our kids and their families from KS, Austin and Houston came in and, with the Garland daughter, prepared the rest of the goodies. Old Dad did the Turkey chore with dressing and gravy. Of course, we watched the Cowboys, AL and TX A&M win, which pleased us all. Keith & Marj Kincaid stopped by here—too short, but couldn't stay—headed for their son in South CA. Both looked wonderful! The **Coiras, Wallaces** and **Langfords** attended the USMA picnic here in Nov. It is sure sad that local events are poorly attended by '38."

On 6 Dec, Dr Rudolf Mrazek of Riverside, IL, a surgeon, died of cancer. **Jim & Thelma** visited him during his last illness, but Thelma had to leave before his death. Jim has just returned from funeral svcs for his cousin and dear friend. We sympathize with Jim and family in mourning their loss.

Although there may be a large attendance at our 55th Reunion, we regret that many classmates and families are unable to attend due to health problems. Many thanks to our readers who contribute info or pix!

1939: Edna Herzberg and Jack Merrell giving the straight word to Jim & Mary Emma Knapp and Martha Merrell at Randolph AFB Club

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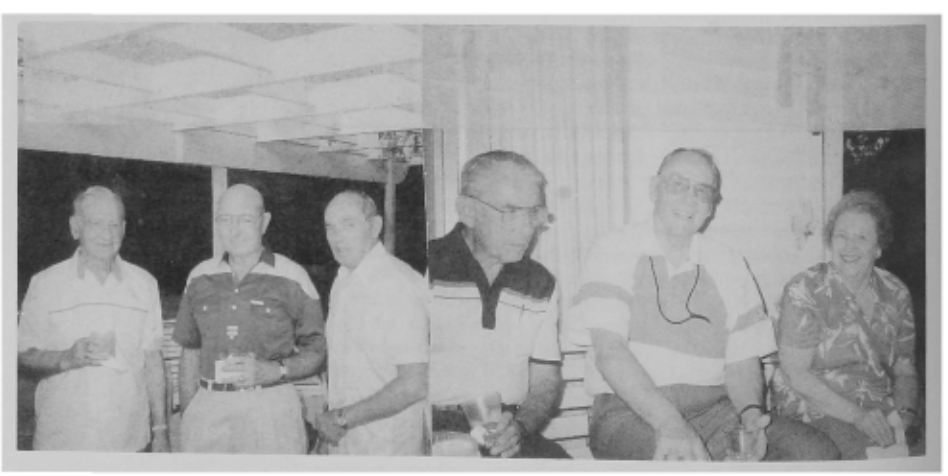
Flying Cl of '40-C's 52nd reunion in San Ant 24–27 Oct sparked a flurry of events among both visitors and locals: the **Bristols**' party at their home; **Bill Smiths'**, **Brinkers'** and **Whitehouses'** party at the ARC; the affair at the Hyatt Regency along the banks of the colorful river; dinner aboard motorized barges; banquet at Randolph AFB Club; and even a follow-up mini-reunion in Laredo! Partial list of out-of-towners only: **Milt & Jean Adams, Bob Cassidy, Curly Edwards, Ben & Lillian Glawe, Al & Edna Herzberg, Perry Hoisington, Jim & Mary Emma Knapp, Huey & BJ Long, Mac McDowell, Bill & Mary Martin, Jane Meals, Hallie Patterson, Bob & Jeanne (Latoszewski) Ploger, Ace & Jean Shepard, Bud & Mary Ann Stocking, Jane Sullivan, Bob & Miriam Wray** and **George Zethren**. Thanks to photogs Herzberg, Hoisington, Knapp and **Kurth**, we received nearly 100 photos of the "high spot of the yr."

John McCoy, skilled cabinet maker and an inspiring example—"I still have 8 fingers and two thumbs, and thus have no reason to stop enjoying my work-working. It's been a hobby of mine for a long time. There's been a treasured(?) heirloom in my family for many yrs; it's a breadboard I made for my mother in HS Shop! Perhaps my inclination to work with wood stems from the positive feedback I received from that experience. Or perhaps it was seeing the result of classmates' endeavors in the USMA Ord shop that provided the incentive. I thought consciously of making this an active hobby before I ret, but it wasn't until I did ret from mil space development that I got serious about getting some of the ingenious, beautiful, efficient tools that provide the exactness and precision demanded in well-crafted cabinet making. In some cases though, it was a project which needed a special tool in order to complete it that provided the demand and purchase of just one more tool.

"Along the way, too, I took some adult ed workshops and studied some good manuals. Then I had this damned stroke that handicapped my memory. Recapturing the joy I get in completing a demanding project has provided the incentive for me to overcome the disability so I can reapply myself to the satisfaction of cabinet making—as long as it doesn't interfere with my golf. If you think you'd get satisfaction in creating tangible beauty and utility with your own hands, then you need this for a hobby. There's nothing like handling and seeing the beauty in a well-finished, beautifully grained, lustrous, polished work.

"Only a few of my finished or rebuilt pieces are shown in these photos. [See pix next pg.] Another active interest has been making children's furniture for annual fundraising drives of the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation/ Spastic Children's Foundation."

Mike Krisman, our man at WP—Our Cl is very fortunate in having someone of Mike's qualities at WP. He volunteered to get our



1939: Woody Wilson, Phil Davidson, Matt Bristol, Bob Cassidy, Perry Hoisington and Jane Meals at Bristol party, San Ant

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Proxy

The undersigned appoints the Executive Vice President of the Association of Graduates or his duly appointed representative, as Proxy to appear and vote in the name of the undersigned at the annual meeting of the members of the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy to be held in the Rose Room, the West Point Officers' Club, West Point, New York, on 12 May 1993, 5:00 p.m. (EDT).

1. *FOR* ☐ *AGAINST* ☐ *the election of* ***Edward C. Meyer, Class of 1951,*** *as the* *President, Association of Graduates.*
2. *FOR* ☐ *AGAINST* ☐ *the election of the following slate of Trustees of the Corporation.*

TRUSTEES-AT-LARGE

Frank A. Camm	**Jan'43**	
John A. Hammack	**1949**	***(North Texas)***
William H. Ward	**1950**	
Warren J. Hayford IV	**1952**	
Peter L. Stromberg	**1959**	
Edward C. Handler	**1960**	***(New York)***
Michael J. Bowers	**1963**	***(Atlanta)***
Thomas C. Barron	**1965**	
Thomas B. Dyer III	**1967**	
Randall M. Pais	**1967**	***(Greater Houston)***
Paul A. Decoursey	**1968**	***(Indiana)***
Donna M. Brazil	**1983**	

CLASS TRUSTEES

Kenneth B. Cooper	**1944**
Donald F. Packard	**1948**
John T. Miller	**1954**
George W. Sibert	**1958**
Richard A. Nowak	**1964**
Henry L. Riser, Jr.	**1968**
Kenneth A. Riordan, Jr.	**1973**
Leslie Szabolcsi	**1978**
Teresa W. Gerton	**1983**
Robert M. Weaver	**1988**

3. *FOR or AGAINST the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Association of Graduates:*

Change No. 1: *To modify constitutional criteria for Regular Membership in the Association.*

Proposal: *The constitution presently requires that members of the graduating class and other non-member graduates desiring to become Regular Members of the Association, may becomeRegular Members by submitting individual applications for membership. It is proposed that all graduates of the United States Military Academy shall be automatically Regular Members of the Association, at no cost.*

- *To effect this change, an amendment to the following section and conforming modifications to other pertinent sections of the Constitution is required.*

Article IV, *section 4.2 (a)*

Current Language	***Proposed Changes***
"(a) The graduating members of each class of the United States Military Academy shall be Regular Members by (i) submitting to the Association prior to the expiration of one year following graduation the required form of application, and (ii) paying any initiation fee and dues which may be required under the provisions of Section 4.5 of this Constitution."	*"(a) All graduates of the United States Military Academy shall be Regular Members of the Association."*

Change No. 2: *To provide for the annual election of one additional Class Trustee.*

Proposal: *Class Trustees are elected annually to represent those classes celebrating their five-year interval reunions. It is proposed that in addition to the current number of class trustees elected annually, a class trustee be elected to represent that class celebrating its fifth-fifth reunion.*

- *To effect this change, an amendment to Article V, Section 5.3 of the Constitution is required to provide for a trustee to represent the class celebrating its fifty-fifth reunion.*

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Change No. 3: *To abolish the Membership Committee as a committee of the Board of Trustees and to assign its residual function to a committee of the Association.*

Proposal: *A primary function of the Membership Committee, that of processing applications for Regular Membership, will be deleted upon adoption of the revised criteria for Regular Membership. Those remaining functions pertaining to the procedures for applying for Associate Membership will be assigned as added responsibilities of the the West Point Societies Committee. It is proposed that the Membership Committe be abolished and its residual functions be assigned to the West Point Societies Committee.*

- *To effect this change, all references to the Membership Committee in all applicable sections of the Constitution are to be deleted and, as applicable, the words "West Point Societies" substituted therefor.*

Change No. 4: *To change the titles of the President and the Executive Vice-President of the Association.*

Proposal: *In view of the expanding roles of the Association and the increasing responsibilities of the senior officers of the Association, the current position titles of President and Executive Vice-President should be changed to reflect the duties and additional functions of these positions. It is proposed that the title of "President of the Association" be changed to "Chairman of the Association" and that the title of the "Executive Vice-President of the Association" be changed to "President of the Association."*

- *To effect this change, conforming modifications of titles, e.g., "President" to "Chairman," and "Executive Vice-President" to "President" are required throughout all pertinent sections of the Constitution.*

Change No. 5: *To create a new senior officer of the Association to serve as principal deputy to the Chairman of the Association.*

Proposal: *In view of the greatly expanded responsibilities and worldwide representational duties of the Chairman of the Association, a principal deputy will be required to assist the Chairman and act "in his or her stead" as the Chairman may direct. It is proposed that a senior elected officer position be created and titled "Vice Chairman."*

- *To effect this change a new section 7.5 must be added to the Constitution and conforming modifications are required throughout all pertinent sections of the constitution.*

Article VII, Section 7.5
Proposed Change

Section 7.5 Vice Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall be the principal deputy to the Chairman of the Association and, as such, shall assist the Chairman in the discharge of the Chairman's duties, act in the Chairman's name where so directed, and perform such other duties as the Chairman shall direct. The Vice Chairman shall be elected for a term of two years and may be reelected for one term. The terms of the Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be coterminous. The Vice Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees with all rights, including voting rights, of a Trustee. The Vice Chairman shall perform such other duties as the Board of Trustees shall prescribe.

4. *For* ☐ *Against* ☐ *The election of John A. Hammack, class of 1949 as the Vice-Chairman, Association of Graduates.*

5. *Change No. 1: For* ☐ *Against* ☐ *Change No. 4: For* ☐ *Against* ☐
   Change No. 2: For ☐ *Against* ☐ *Change No. 5: For* ☐ *Against* ☐
   Change No. 3: For ☐ *Against* ☐

6. *Upon any other business which may properly come forth before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.*

Dated: _____, _____, _____, *1993*
(City) (State) (Date)

_____ _____
Member (Signature) Print Name/Class

7. *The member represented by this proxy will vote as indicated. If no instructions are given, the proxy will be voted* FOR *the election of the President and Trustees of the Corporation ,* FOR *adoption of the proposed amendments to the constitution and* FOR *the election of a Vice Chairman.*

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1939: Laredo mini-reunion: (Back row) Milt & Jean Adams, BJ & Huey Long, Walt Brinker, Bill Martin, Jim Knapp; (second row) Tom & Ann Whitehouse, Nancy Brinker, Mary Martin, Jane Sullivan; (seated) Mary Emma Knapp, Bill & Nin Smith (Mary Ann & Bud Stocking departed before pic was taken)

1939: Lamp table with "turned" base

1939: Section of grandfather clock

1939: Dining room hutch

50th Yrbook together and published. With his regional help to spur us all onward, quoting **Norm Farrell**, "He got it out on time, at cost and without evident hassles; but most of all, his mgt, editing and the product were outstanding—just what we have come to expect of him in every endeavor. In awed recognition of this superb work, we presented him with a WP rocker. We had hoped to arrange a date for a suitable ceremony when Mike & **Alys** would be in DC, but after two yrs of non-movement, we asked Mike to pick it up at the AOG and save two moves of the rocker. He did." (Most deserving—and the rocker is also grateful for the non-moves!)

A Lending Library of Cl items is being established. Regional reps **Livie Taylor** (HI), **Jim Knapp** (NE), **Clyde Sutton** (GA), **Jack Habecker** (CA), **Phil Davidson** (TX) and **Ray Allen** (CO) will have copies of our 30th and 50th Yrbooks to lend. Several videotapes of our 50th, some of DC gatherings and snapshots will be available initially from **Norm Farrell**, to whom other donated items may be sent.

Standing Cmte consisted of **Farrell, Trahan, Kunzig, McCaffrey** and **Simon**, who resigned when he moved to MN. Per Farrell, "**Linc** had been a real workhorse in the SC and we will miss him." The SC then elected **Joe Dickman** to serve till our 55th, when the Cl will elect two non-permanent mbrs for 5-yr terms. Norm added, "We are pleased that Joe has agreed to serve. We thought some AF rep might add a touch of cl!"

1939: Lawton Collins' grape harvest helpers: Norm Farrell, PJ & Perditta Long, Yolande Collins, Harry McClellan and Perry Hoisington

Lou & Bettye Kunzig's granddaughters in Oct increased to 5 plus one grandson (feminists take note!). Their 3 sons respectively live in England, NYC and VA, and their daughter lives in Chicago. In late Oct they planned to pick up Bettye's mother in Tyler, TX, drive to Chicago and return home, where Bettye's mother would remain for Christmas.

John Dickerson, "modestly mobile" on a local scale in and around Vienna, made a long wknd trip in Jul to North Italy for a get-together with **Tom & Pat Crawford**, who came by train from Verona to Trento. After lunch "they played tourist in looking around the town." John planned to return to CONUS in Dec, be at son's Rye address through the holidays and then make the annual pilgrimage to South CA. His PS: ". . . pleased to see any '39'ers who get this far E in Europe."

Most vivid memory while at WP? Scene: Oct homecoming prior to alumni review and march-on to the Plain. Question: a local news rep asks 3 '39'ers, "What is your most vivid memory of any event during your 4 yrs here?" Instantly, one replied, "One bitter, cold Sunday pm in the 35–36 winter, when we had to line the streets to the cem for some MG's funeral procession." Instantly, the second '39'er interrupted with: "We were at 4-pace intervals and at 'Parade Rest' until the hearse arrived and then were to come to attention and present arms. A cold wind from Canada blasted down the river into my face. My hands were so cold they were like blocks of ice." Then the 3rd (as in 'yes, yes, now let me talk') interrupted with: "The chill factor had to be 30 below. We stood there for at least an hr, practically frozen in place and unsure we could even lift our rifles. When we finally returned to bks, some cadets had to be helped in removing their overcoats." (OK, so what would have been your response? Come now, instantly—no reflection—immediately! Not the most important necessarily, e.g. wedding, graduation, etc but the one etched in your memory the most; maybe FDR's arrival at graduation, or something in Beast Bks. Next, write me, and maybe I'll use the most interesting; I promise anonymity or confidentiality if requested.)

Directory—**Steve Mancuso** has moved from VA to 8969 S Greenwich Ct, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126.

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Final farewell—On behalf of the Cl, we extend sincere sympathy to the families of **Flournoy Manzo** (**Sal**'s wife), **Gene Romig** and **Carl Wohlfeil**. Flournoy died in Houston on 11 Oct; memorial svc in AZ and interment in El Paso. Child advocate, educator (Ed D) and philanthropist, she was most active on bds and assns. Her obit is available on request. Gene Romig died in LA on 17 Oct after lingering long enough for both children to return home (from HI and Europe). Our Cl memorial gift was sent to St Matthew's Music Guild, which Gene and **Lou** strongly supported. Carl Wohlfeil died on 24 Oct in Charleston, SC. Two of their 4 children live in Charleston and have been of great comfort to **Ethel**. Our Cl memorial gift was sent to the Episcopal Children's Home in York, SC.

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Ned Flanders' *Tahoe Spree in 93* cmte, incl **Bill Porte, Wing Jung** and **Marcus Klunk**, continues planning for the mini at S Lake Tahoe on 4–8 Oct. The plans now focus on classmates who, in response to previous mailings, said they will, probably will or might attend the reunion. Based on these responses and the experience of other minis, the cmte thinks as many as 80 couples may be there. The cmte's next bulletin should reach you soon after you read these notes, will give firm details and prices for the various mini activities and will ask you to sign up for the specific functions you want and, also, to make your own reservations with Embassy Suites. Meanwhile, mark the dates on your calendar and get ready for a good time.

1940: Spree cmte at Tahoe on the Flanderses' deck: (seated) Doris & Ned Flanders and Kathy Porte; (standing) Bill Porte, Mark & Fran Klunk and Naomi & Wing Jung

Note that, if you said you were not coming to the mini when you answered previous queries about the Tahoe Spree, you should expect no further correspondence from the cmte. So if, on re-examining your calendar for Oct, you find you can make it after all, don't waste time waiting. Call Marcus at 415-479-9335 and ask him to send you the commitment poopsheets so you, too, can join the mini.

There are many ways to celebrate the holiday season; **Marcus Klunk** has another. When I tried to call him to verify his Tahoe data, Mark was out in the pre-Christmas season with a barbershop singing gp, touring Marin County ret homes to harmonize for Sr Shut-ins.

After some setbacks and delays, the revised Cl roster was printed and in the mail in early Dec. Please tell me if you didn't receive your two copies or if you've found errors in the new version (I know already that pgs 14 and 15 were misnumbered and, hence, were reversed).

For a gp nearing the end of its septuagenary status, the Cl is remarkable mobile (a big reason for the new roster). And the changes kept turning up, even after the copy went to the printer. For example, in Asheville, NC, **Don & Bets Bennett** are selling their luxurious home near the Biltmore estate to move a few mi south to a ret condo. Again, **Frank & Helen Watrous** are leaving their Kirkwood, MO home to be closer to relatives in Albuquerque, NM. Still again, **Mac & Sally Lemley** are closing their house in Williamsburg, VA and will live in the ret community at Williamsburg Landing. As I said in the preface to the roster, I'll try to pick up all such new changes in the next edition.

The new roster lists, with the best addresses known on the publication date, all 254 living mbrs of the Cl. This edition also shows all 195 deceased classmates, with the identities and addresses of 91 known widows and 21 other next-of-kin. Please send me other info you find on NOK of other deceased classmates.

Charlie & Kathleen Banks wrote from Santa Fe that their "annual gathering of the Cl in the area to watch the Navy game had to be canceled because of our foot-plus snowfall the night before the game. But we all cheered that fantastic finish from our own snowed-in houses!"

Zeke & Marion Summers also wrote on the subject of weather from S of L.A.: "Life goes on here in the land of the earthquake, the drought and the fire. Our inch of rain in early Dec was more than we had all last yr, while the almost simultaneous fire at nearby Camp Pendleton ran over a huge acreage. And the expectation of an earthquake here—and soon—occupied the media until the Somali problem overtook it. I sort of got myself immunized to earthquakes in Tokyo and later in Taipei. In Tokyo, the German shepherd would know a quake was coming before we could feel it; he would run upstairs, hide in my clothes closet and try to cover his head with my shoes."

Russ Manzolillo wrote, "In mid-Oct, **Dot** and I made a cruise through the Caribbean on the *MS Sagafjord* with a stopover in Savannah, where we enjoyed visiting **Frank & Carla Meszar**. Frank is still active in publishing the successful med info journal, *US Medicine*, which requires him to commute to DC every few wks."

A mo later, though, Frank wrote me, "I can't seem to get my visits to DC coordinated properly. I won't be at the Cl of '40 Wash area lunch on 6 Dec since I have to be in DC on 15 Dec for our company party." With this b-ache, he enclosed a qtr-pg pic from the *Savannah Morning News* food section, showing Frank & Carla in their kitchen with chin-high stacks of pies and frozen goodies for the local charity drive. Frank added, "Some of us have to be famous!"

The DC contingent's annual winter lunch for classmates & wives went according to schedule on 6 Dec, even though the Meszars couldn't make it. It was quite well attended, with almost 50 present. **Kermit Dyke**, honcho for Cl activities in the Wash area, made the obligatory comments about the Navy game the day before. He then announced a similar lunch, with wives, for the Wash gp in the spring; this is tentatively scheduled for Sun, 18 Apr, in case you're in the area then.

I'm sorry to relay several items of bad news. First, **Ann Silvasy**, widow of our late **Steve**, died 11 Aug in Ambler, PA after a long and gallant battle against cancer. **Lu & Doris Arnold** sent this word after they attended Ann's memorial mass, at which the eulogy was given by Steve Jr '63, back on leave from Korea, where he is J3, UNC/USFK/EUSA. Ann was buried at WP next to Steve.

Next, **Jack Dibble** rep that **Wally Hackett** died, after extended treatment for lung cancer, on 26 Oct at S Padre Isl, TX, where **Julie** & he had long maintained their winter qtrs. The Cl extends its deep sympathy to Julie, who can be reached at their home at 910 S Main St, Fairfield, IA 52556.

Also, **Mac Lemley** called to say **Jimmy Strauss**, after some coronary problems, had died 3 Nov at Williamsburg, VA. Jim was buried at Arlington after graveside svcs 9 Nov. We offer our condolences to **Dottie**, who can be reached at their home at 297 E Queens Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

Marge & I extend best wishes for a healthy and successful 93; we hope to see many of you at Tahoe in Oct.

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FLASH: Will the following Army Heisman Trophy Winners please come to attention: **Blanchard, Davis** and **Dawkins**. Gentlemen, kindly join us in a '41 gun salute to placekicker Cadet Putmon Malcom, who, on 5 Dec 92, put a hurt on Navy which even you gents never dreamed of!

1941: The Army victory party at the Chapmans' (starboard side of the table): Bill Brier, Betty McIntyre, Mal Troup and Jerry Brier

As we ride, march and fly into the 21st Century, it seems appropriate that the deeds of '41 are being permanently recorded for posterity. They are! CW Borklund has written *Military Leaders Since World War II*. **Ed Rowny**'s *It Takes One to Tango* is receiving rave notices. *Skirmish, Red, White and Blue: The History of the 7th US Cavalry* (45–53), and **Bob Kramer**'s epic, *One Out of Eleven*, have been published.

Borklund, a very prominent mil journalist, selected just 11 men for his focus, and two of them are '41'ers: **Ed Rowny** and **George Brown**. Not only did these two classmates share in Borklund's limelight, but in the acknowledgements portion of his book he said, "Maybe a book should be written about mil wives. Two. . . come quickly to mind." He then went on to say some very special things about **Rita Rowny** and **Skip Brown**.

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The publisher's words on the dust cover of Ed's book say, "Ambassador **Ed Rowny** holds a unique position in American history as a key arms control advisor and negotiator for Pres Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush. No other policy-maker has ever negotiated for and counseled 5 pres and their cabinets. . . . Rowny provides an unprecedented look at world leaders, the Wash elite and negotiating about life and death."

The 7th Cavalry History, which chronicle's the heroic efforts of the men inspired by Garry Owen, has correctly given generous treatment to our classmate, **John Callaway**. It also has several pix, one of which shows John, cmdr of the 2nd Bn, 7th Cav, briefing GEN MacArthur about the tactical situation north of Chipyong.

1941: Port side: Jean Corbin, Ben Spiller, Alma Troup and Harrie Spiller

Bob Kramer's odyssey, *One Out of Eleven*, co-authored by **Ben Spiller**, is about to hit the bookshelves. To refresh your memory, we had 5 classmates ordered to the PI on grad: **Nininger, Cheaney** and **Polla** of the Inf plus **Pierpont** and **Kramer**, CE. Refusing to surrender at the fall of Bataan, Kramer and Pierpont were two of the 11 who paddled across to Cavite at night while searchlights played over their heads. Thus began a 27-mo odyssey, at the conclusion of which Bob was the only survivor. Remember that he never could be sure that he would not be betrayed by the Filipinos, who were rewarded for turning in Americans or who were executed if caught befriending them. Published by Walsworth, the company that published *Gold '41*, you can have a copy of this unique story by sending a check for $5 to Bob Kramer's Atl address.

It is good to have some cheerful news, and we have it—two Cl weddings. **Jack Norton & Leslie Smith Hogeboom**, his cadet OAO, had a family wedding, hosted by her 4 children and his 3 on 19 Sep in Kensington, MD. **Tom & Cathy Cleary** represented the Cl. After a honeymoon trip to New England, **Skip Brown** had a "very elegant dinner" in their honor. Others present were **Ed Rowny** and his "OAO" Betty Ladd, **Burnside & Marka Huffman** and **Lucy Cooper**.

The second wedding to rep, of **Ed Gelderman & Lois Gould**, took place in Oct. However, no details and no answer to a phone call. More on this one later.

The Sam Nunn's "Staffers" attack on the Acads continues. **Buck Brinson** sent an extremely well-written ltr to the Senator going back in history to Thomas Jefferson and the politically-driven notion that a militia force would be all the US needed. Latest rep indicate that, thanks to the massive effort mounted by USMA alumni, the Congressional Hatchet Squad has agreed to go at a slower

1941: The Rocky Mtn Memorial: Spiller, Konosky*, Hayduk, Kramer, Andrus, Troup, Carroll and Prior* (* guests). Upton was the cameraman

pace. Unfortunately, the USAF Secy and C/S have decided not to resist. What a pity!

You probably noted in my last notes (Nov 92 issue) the typo on this subject. It read, ". . . a ret LT USA, Cl of '47 who, in an interview. . . " came out in strong spt of the Nunn position. This should have read, ". . . a ret LTG, USA." I did not publish this joker's name, but if you want it, write me. It is astonishing to see such a thing from a sr grad. But, equally baffling, is this. Someone convinced our **Bill Seawell**, former chm of our Honor Cmte and former Commandant of Cadets, USAFA, to go on the radio in spt of the person who has said he found our profession "repulsive," or words to that effect. . . .

1941: Our own James Bond, Paul Skowronek, preparing for his next mission—this time to Korea

Our James Bond, **Paul Skowronek**, is still at the ramparts. He was posted from Eastern Europe to Korea and rep, "I remain skeptical about all Russians—Communists and ex-Communists."

Casualities continue to dog us. **Lucy Millikin Morrow** passed away on 25 Oct. **Roger Neumeister** was present at her svcs on the 28th. Her daughter Sperry indicated that a later svc would be conducted at Arlington, where **Jack** is buried. **Doris Kline** and **John Michel** each died on 14 Nov. **Dick** wrote that "she died peacefully—of cancer—and that a remembrance svc will be held on 19 Feb, her birthday. The clipping sent on Michel by **Jack Murray** gave his complete biography but no details on his death. You will find Dick's address and that of **Harding Michel** in the Cl directory. Contributions in their memory can be sent there or to their chosen orgns.

Fiftieth annivs are popping up. **Harrie & Ben Spiller** celebrated theirs at the A-N game bash at the **Chapmans**', and the Big Rabble came through! The **Neumeisters** held theirs at the Sun City Club with classmates the **Hendricksons, Gerigs, Risings** and **Clendennings** present. On 7 Nov the Hendricksons celebrat-

1941: Marge & 2LT Babe Hendrickson, newlyweds, Nov 42

ed theirs, with classmates coming from as far away as GA: the **Callaways** and **RL Lawsons**; and the **Laneys** from AR. Note: All these guys, from an area of 50 mi in GA, started at Ft Mac, the post that Pappy Callaway later cmded.

Note: Be careful not to lose your Cl ring. **Howard Goodell**, who, as you know, has the horrendous problem of Alzheimer's, was put into a home. His ring was soon stolen by a scumball. **Nancy** wrote Tiffany asking the cost of a replacement. After first demanding a $25 fee to make the assessment, Tiffany said the ring could be duplicated at cost to her of $3,000. That's not a misprint; it is three thousand dollars!

1941: In the ladies' foursome was this beautiful twosome: Jo Kramer and Lou Carroll

As you know, **George MacIntyre**'s Parkinson's condition continued to worsen in FL. When **Betty** decided to move back to CO, her children in Denver and several classmates helped in what was anything but an simple logistics problem. **Chick Seamans** drove him up to Tampa, where **Cocky Cochran** had contacted the USAF hosp at McDill to hold him and get him aboard the AF Air Evac C-9. Once into the Air Evac system, he was under professional med control until he got to Buckley AFB, which is the receiving facility for Denver. I had contacted the USAF hosp at the Acad, and an ambulance met him and brought him there, where he spent about 4 days recouping from the rigors of the trip. The kids, having hauled the household goods from FL to CO, then drove him down to the VA facility, where Betty says he is getting better treatment than at the home in FL. Such a move for a sick classmate is officially authorized; you only have to know which buttons to push.

POTPOURRI: **Ted Brown** plans a move in 93 to Austin, TX—will let us know the new address. **Curt & Terry Chapman** have sold their CO Springs home and will redeploy to PO Box 2325, New London, NH 03257. Our own **Betty McIntyre** has moved back to CO Springs. New add: Emerald Towers Apt; 107

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W Cheyenne Rd #102; Colorado Springs, CO 80906; tel 719-633-5449. **George** is in a VA facility in nearby Florence, CO. **Mal & Alm Troup** will journey, with friends, to HI for two wks of sun and surf in the middle of Feb. **Harriet Linnell**'s new address is 5215 Antares Ct, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233; tel 904-247-6610. **Paul & Betty Monson** are moving to Salt Lake City. **Barney & Bettie Woodruff** summered on their NC resort property and plan to build there next yr. "It may or may not become our permanent residence." The new area code for San Ant and environs is 210. **PC & Marylou Root** have a new address: #4 Del Mesa Carmel; Carmel, CA 93921. The addendum to *Gold '41* on **Emory Austin** will be distributed in the next Cl ltr. **Bob & Jo Kramer** had a fabulous cruise in the Aegean.

As our casualties mount, our bonds seem to strengthen. And we have others, like **George McIntyre**, where spt is welcomed by family. At this Christmastime writing, let us look through the gloom and praise Him whose birthday brings us sunshine.

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It may be the Season to be jolly, but a 15 Dec deadline for this, with Christmas cards and other preparations crying for attention, does not a happy camper make! And having thus registered my umpteenth complaint with the AOG over such scheduling, on with the show!

George Allin's extra efforts to include all messages in the Christmas Newsltr didn't quite deprive me of a few inserts to flesh out this effort!

Dues checks from **Lee Hamerly** and **Hal Ogden** provided evidence of their survival of the 50th. **Pat Gates** Lynch advised that she stays busy with Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty coping with the troubles of the former Soviet Union and Eastern countries. Visits with Larry, Pam and families have provided pleasant interludes. **Lee & Florence Jones** enjoyed a summer featuring a family reunion and many visits by the grandchildren.

John & Nell Mattina were on hand to share in son John's Army ret. His two tours flying choppers in Vietnam resulted in more than 70 medals, citations and ltrs of commendation! So ended a total of 57 consecutive yrs of Army svc by a John Mattina! **Jack & Betty Crowley** provided lodging for the proud parents and were on hand to help applaud at the ceremony. I still owe young John one for an occasion when official transport fell through and he rescued me from missing a flight home! Father John was named "Outstanding Man of the Yr" by an L.A. literary and cultural soc—and we thought that engrs didn't know from slip-sticks and computers!

Jim Josendale rep that **Debbie** continues to lose ground despite getting the best of care. The kids continue to thrive, with #4 son Mark having taken a bride in Sep. And **Jim Bartholomees** reminds that he & **Sue** are minutes away from I-95, and the bar can be opened on the briefest of notice!

The Oct golf gaggle in Austin was a real winner, thanks to **Bud & Caldy Ryders**' efforts. The **Deanes, Evanses, Hanleys, Hansts, Horridges** (with lots of fresh-picked apples!), **Kosters, Markses, McGuires** (a welcome addition), **Mizells, John Murphys, O'Neals, Plotts, Rehkopfs, Reinbolds, Rices, Robertses, Ryders, Shedds, Vivians, Wymans** and **Rip Youngs** made for a happy group to assault the golf courses, curse the cards at the bridge table, visit the attractions in Austin and socialize until long past bedtime! No; it weren't what it used to be! And yes, Liars' Dice still supplements Horridge's ret pay! The Fergussons were with us for dinner the first night (we were within spittin' distance of their old homestead), as were **Patty Jane (Plott)** & hubby Parke, who was familiar with the horrors of the courses. Thanks to Bob & Hancel Evans, **Susie Hughes** joined us on the last night and stirred some old corpuscles into unaccustomed activity! And Dick Horridge arranged for special delivery of two copies of the 50 Yrbook. What a beating they took—and what a debt we owe **Shirley Hozier**, distaff editor, **John & Dodie Westenhoff**, photos, **John Ely, Carl Ulsaker, Jerry Snow, Jim Hayes, Sam Koster, Andy Low, John Murphy, George Rehkopf, Rip Young, Bill Kraft, John Mattina, Bill Gernert, Crit Crittenberger** and Al Hunter for their contributions. But most of all, a great "well done" to **Dick Horridge**—and **Claire**!!!

Barbara & I went on to San Ant, courtesy of **Millie Marks**' driving and **Caldy Ryder**'s navigating, to spend two nights at the Army Residence Community, for which **Don Bolton** deserves so much credit. Did a job on the Boltons' and the Markses' liquor lockers while enjoying a dinner there and one on the town. **Gen Urrutia** let us inspect her cottage at the ARC—she's doing fine—and **Tom Hanley** took us on a tour of his golf course, the local area and their home—with **Elma**'s concurrence! We are now on the waiting list at his Club, thanks to **George Rehkopf**'s brother Nardie, who also signed our application! Saw **Lyn Koisch** briefly as she labored at the ARC equivalent of a flea mkt, with **Frank** as her go-fer! She's had major breast surgery, and he's had eye surgery, but neither looked in need of sympathy! We did indeed regret that our busy look-see didn't allow time for a visit with **Al Ward**, who's in the care unit there.

Immediately upon her return home, **Caldy Ryder** checked into Brooke General for a hip replacement, with two USMA dr grads on her case. She was home in a wk and is scooting around on her walker!

Bunny Bonasso was surprised to find himself accepting full-time occupation as dir of opns for Bentley Golf, Inc, inventor of the training device called the Leadbetter Putting System. He & **Eleanor** were off to visit kids in L.A. and are spending Christmas with their daughter in Valdosta. Bunny will honcho the next golf gaggle at the Grenelefe Resort in central FL on 25–29 Apr.

Charlie Fergusson wrote to give me the sad tidings of **Jim McAdam**'s death in Albuquerque on 10 Oct. He & **Pat** had summered at their accustomed place near Durango, CO. He took ill in Sep, was hospitalized there and later was moved to Albuquerque, where he was unable to respond to extensive treatment. Jim's remains were cremated and will be inurned in the Columbarium at WP next spring. Pat sends love to all, and we certainly share in her—and the children's—loss.

Carl Ulsaker sent me details on what he says may well have been the last regular dinner-dance for the DC gang, as he has resigned as Mr Entertainment and no one has stepped forward to fill the void! The event at the Bolling O Club featured the USAF Glen Miller Band and was enjoyed by the **Bortells, Carutherses, Cockrells, Elys, Crittenbergers, Farringtons, Fords, Harrells, Lynches, Mizells, Jim Newman, John Reid, Snows, Terrys, Ulsakers, Wymans** and **Rip Youngs.** Hope the gals appreciated having a stag runt and a stag flanker to twinkletoe with!

Bill Corley has appealed for help. He & **Penny** received a ltr of sympathy from "Helen" after the death of their Navy son-in-law in an air accident. They've wanted to respond but have no last name or address. If you are the thoughtful soul, please let them know! Bill advises that Lisa and the 3 children are hanging in there.

Muriel Dillon Brewer had a ltr from **Doris Hinkle** that she'd had to put **Carl** in a nursing home in late-Sep, after a serious gall bladder opn had worsened his Alzheimer's disease. I found a squib in a local sports col rep his subsequent death, but I've lost it and have had no other word. A tough finish for one of our stalwarts, and we do extend condolences to the family. The Brewers missed the 50th because they had an important trip to WP on their schedule in late Jun to enter grandson in the Cl of '96!!! Am sure that **Ec Cutler** will keep a weather eye out!

When the **Horridges** returned from the gaggle and visiting family in TX, **Claire** went to the grocery store to stock the larder, slipped on a stray grape and fractured a vertebra. She's been through a painful period of inactivity, but, from recent word, she'll be up and at 'em for the Holidays.

Jay & Mary Hewitt advise that they were among the beneficiaries of **Stan & Polly Josephson**'s A-N game party. Others on hand were **John Atwood**, the **Ballards, Duffiés, Helen Marshall, Dick Miles** and **Rock Obenchain**. Glad I wasn't there to share the half-time gloom but sure wish I could have been with them when the final gun sounded! Wasn't that one for the book?! Surely no Army team has ever shown more fortitude and made us prouder!

Phil Wyman's latest production was a two-man team scramble at ANCC Arlington in Oct, with teams paired by highest and lowest handicap, etc. Talk about testing the Honor System! **Marshall Waller** had to scratch when a heart problem necessitated hospitalization. The lack of later news leads me gratefully to assume that all is well. **John Anderson** and **Hal Rice** slipped into town to dip into the prize money but failed to make expenses! **Allin** and **Farrington** were the top dogs, with **Mizell** and **Sitterson** second and **Hesselbacher** and **Robinson** third.

Jim Newman and a widow friend who had been in HS with **Lois** visited the Naples Beach Club in early Dec. We had a most enjoyable Happy Hour on our porch and sent them off with a choice of two good restaurants, either of which was guaranteed to lighten Jim's wallet!

A Christmas card from **Penny Hennessee** MacKay, thanking all for making her feel so welcome at the 50th. Funny how gallant we old soaks can be with such a bright and attractive subject!

Barbara is celebrating discarding the sling she's been wearing since having the rotator cuff in her rt shoulder repaired on Election Day! Because there was bone removal involved, it's been much tougher than when she had the other done 4 yrs ago. She's well into the very painful therapy and fully determined to be back in the swing—on the golf course and otherwise—in the minimal possible time.

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Her being rt-handed has made this a long siege, indeed.

Do drop a line and a snapshot or two to gladden my 93! And do thank **George Allin** for another super Christmas ltr.

Jan '43

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In attendance on 6 Nov 92 for the dedication of the Flight Memorial Statue, the Mil Avn Gallery in the WP Museum and the Arnold Auditorium (with its Hall of Heroes) were **McD** (Chm of the Fund-raising Cmte and featured speaker at the dedication), **Tut Frakes** ("father" of the memorialization project and ad hoc planning cmte in the mid-70's), **Jim Frankosky** (a mbr of the cmte and Wash-area "prime-mover") and project supporters, **Fred King** and **Russ Smith**. The inspirational

Jan '43: Tut Frakes, "McD" and Jim Frankosky at the dedication of the Flight Memorial Statue at West Point, 6 Nov 92

statue "depicts a fallen grad ascending a column of flames and smoke, ingredients common to sacrifice in flight," and "honors the 847 WP grads killed in flight from 1908 through Desert Storm." It is located in the same glade at Lusk Reservoir as the Air Cadet Memorial, which is a "massive granite sun dial honoring the 14 cadets who were killed during flight training in WWII," including our former classmates **John Kirk** and **George MacMullin**. To those classmates who led and supported this noble project, we offer our sincere congrats and thanks!

Menawhile, here in the Wash area, some 40 classmates & wives (incl our distinguished soldier-diplomat returnee, "The Saint") assembled in the Ft Myer O Club on 22 Oct 92 for our fall business/social mtg. During the course of our mtg and socializing:

- **Bill Knowlton** (our Cl Pres) rep that the funding for all of our 50th anniv activities is in "good shape."
- **Fred Spann** advised that shuttle bus transportation between our Marriott accommodations and WP has been "all laid on," but the commuting schedule will be a "bit tight."

Pete Grimm (editor of our 50th anniv yrbook) was pleased to announce that the final "massaging" and preparation of the book is proceeding on schedule so as to ensure that a copy will be mailed to ea of you prior to our 50th Reunion next May. In this context, **Bob Fiss** (business mgr for the yrbook) has sent a ltr to ea classmate, widow and principal survivor for the purpose of determining who may desire one or more additional copies of the book.

- **Ben Edwards**, who has been editing "proofs" for our anniv yrbook, advised that we

Jan '43: Jack & Jackie Armstrong at our Wash, DC area Cl luncheon, 22 Oct 92

Jan '43: Bob & Ruth Cook enjoying our luncheon get-together at Ft Myer, VA

certainly have some prolific classmates and cited **Bob Smith** and **George Danforth** —ea of whom has some 19 children/grandchildren. Can anyone "top" that?

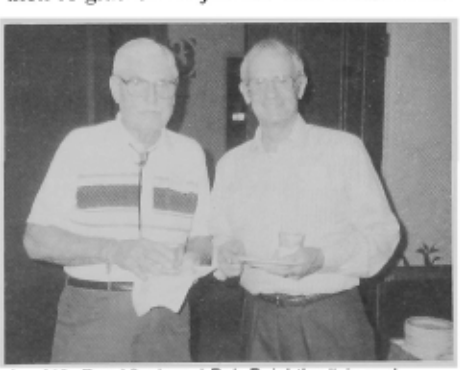
Jan '43: Joe Benson and Frank Camm at Constitution Corner, our 50th anniv gift to the Academy

- **Frank Camm** presented a mock-up of the final plaque to be installed at Constitution Corner (our 50th anniv gift to USMA) with the names of all of our classmates who were killed/died in the svc.
- **Tote Talbott** read the proposed itinerary of events for our 50th Reunion at WP, a final copy of which will be mailed to ea of you (along with a "sign-up form") by 1 Feb 93.
- **Jim Frankosky** described the statue of the flight memorialization project at the Academy and the forthcoming dedication.
- I learned that **Jim Dempsey** also received an award from the Pres, but the Pres was "Ike," the yr was 58 and the award was the Collier Trophy for Jim's outstanding contribution to the aerospace industry as pres of Convair Astronautics. FYI, Jim is also the "designer/maintainer" of the ever-growing data base for our Cl roster and other printouts on his computer.

Subsequent to this mtg, **Pat Wardell** (our Cl Secy) advised me that he and **"Bev" Bevan** are still searching for principal survivors of the following deceased classmates: **Al Bachrach, John Barnes, Don Bruner, Jack Clark, Hal Crain, Clough Gee, Jim Ledbetter, Jim Little, Woody (WW) Pratt, Jim Reynolds, Harry Saunders, Ernie Scott, Bill Scott, Boone Seegers, Ed Suor, Bill Tallant, Frank Thomas, Charley Wirt** and **Jim Wright**. If you have any clues, please call/write Pat or Bev. Pat also provided me with the following major changes in the addresses of the following classmates and widows:

- **Art & Terrie Grace**, 7400 Crestway, Apt 1016, San Ant, TX 78239–3088;
- **Duke & Virginia Kane**, 6 Darby Glen, San Ant, TX 78257;
- **Dimitri & Virginia Kellogg**, 6507 Deer Hill Rd, Charlotte Amalie, USVI 00802;
- **Walt & Anne Nygard**, 1726 Spanish Cove Dr, Lillian, AL 36549;
- **Jim Rumbough**'s widow (Mrs **Jean** Ferguson), 105 Osprey Lane, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949;
- **Ralph Truax**'s widow (Mrs **Ovidia** Brackney), 237 Arcadia Dr, Grass Valley, CA 95945;
- **Jack Hine**'s widow (Mrs **Caroline** Pietsch, but apparently no relation to our **Bill Pietsch**), 6728 Mauna Loa Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34241;
- **Andy Kerr**'s widow (Mrs "**Mickey**" Gilbert), 44 Blackberry Lane, Northhampton, MA 01060; and
- **Danny Bogan**'s widow (**Garnet**), 7400 Crestway, Apt 26, San Ant, TX 78239.

Thanks to **Pappy Wilkes**, up in Amherst, NH, I received a copy of a most interesting article that appeared in the Dec 92 issue of *Esquire* mag. The author of the story is James Salter '45 (née Horowitz and a classmate of my brother, Homer) and the title is *You Must*. The preface reads as follows: "At WP, there are only 4 acceptable answers; yes, sir; no, sir; sir, I do not understand; and no excuse, sir. It is a place where it is not a matter of if you can. . . You Must." As a matter of interest, Jim Salter's father (Louis Horowitz) grad #1 in the Cl of '19, which actually grad on 1 Nov 18 but was recalled as student ofcrs on 3 Dec 18 and then re-grad on 11 Jun 19. The article itself



Jan '43: Don Vlcek and Bob Beightler "sip and snack" at Jean Porter's Paso Robles/San Miguel, CA mini-reunion

relates Jim Salter's nostalgic, somewhat bittersweet memories of his days as a cadet,

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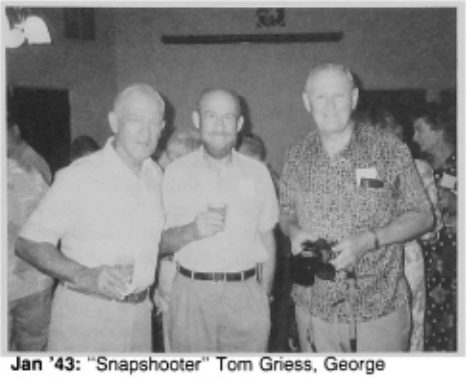
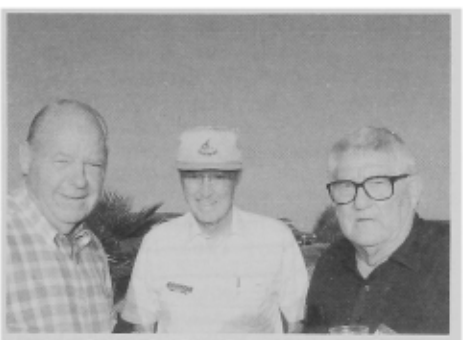


Jan '43: "Snapshooter" Tom Griess, George Maertens and Harry Pritchett pose for another snapshooter at the CA mini-reunion

including his experiences with our classmates **Benny Mills, Bill Waters, "Harsh" Jarrell, John E Roberts** and **John E Eckert** (all deceased), in the old 8 1/2 div, at our final "band-box" review in Central Area and as a flight cadet himself. It is a story well worth reading and, as my son Dave (x-'69) observed, Jim Salter's recollections are remarkably vivid and realistic for anyone who was there in both the 40's or the 60's. Dave also called my



Jan '43: Golfers Bill Pitts, Bob Watson and Sandy (VK) Sanders at the CA mini-reunion

attention to a short story by Jim Salter on a major reunion of the Cl of '60 at USMA. The story is entitled *Lost Sons* and may be found in Salter's book, *Dusk and Other Stories*.

Jan '43: Johnnie Raaen at the wedding of the Raaens' youngest daughter, Sandra Lee, to Bruce Estep in Apopka, FL, 12 Jun 92

In welcome ltrs from other classmates:

• **John & Emily Raaen** were proud to rep the wedding of their daughter (Sandra Lee), who was not only valedictorian of her HS cl and a magna cum laude grad of Rollins Coll, but also FL Miss Teen and a karate "black-belter." While Emily works as a volunteer in the local hosp and elsewhere, **John** does vol work for the Apopka, FL civic clubs and city bds and "keeps his trim shape by racewalking 4–5 mi/day, 3–4 days/wk." As he observes, "not bad for a 70-yr-old mbr of the former red comforter squad." John & Emily will be joining us for our 50th at WP via the autotrain.

• Victor Yount (son of the late **Bart & Lucy Yount**) wrote **Bob Fiss** to explain that his mother died very unexpectedly from a blood clot that went to her lungs shortly after she stopped taking a blood thinner. Lucy & Ed Haag (her new husband of 9 mos, whom she had met in SC before she married Bart) had planned to depart on a trip to China on 17 Sep 92, but she died on 8 Sep 92 without anyone (including her drs) knowing that her condition was so serious. How tragic!

• **Johnnie Norris** called an article to my attention entitled *Renaissance at Rosewell: Volunteers Preserve and Explore a Colonial VA Ruin*, which appeared in the Jul/Aug 92 issue of *Historic Preservation News*. The article features our **Cecil Page**, who is a "direct descendant of Rosewell's builder (Mann Page, c 1725) and who lives nearby at Shelley, an historic property that is a part of the original Rosewell tract and that has remained in the Page family since 1680." According to local legend, Thomas Jefferson (a classmate of Mann Page at William & Mary) "was a frequent visitor to Rosewell, was inspired by this grand estate and derived some of his early interest in architecture and design from it." It is also said that Jefferson wrote a draft of the Declaration of Independence in one of the cupolas of Rosewell. Needless to say, **Wray Page** is an active mbr of the Rosewell Restoration Foundation.

The glossy 3rd anniv issue of *The Bulletin*, published by the Fairfax (Army Retirement Residence Foundation—Potomac), highlighted the election of a new bd on which Willard Scott '48 has replaced **Frank Camm** as the pres. As reflected in Frank's article *Our First Decade* in *The Bulletin*, he has led the effort to organize/establish/manage the Foundation/Fairfax since Dec 82—for which we all offer our congrats and thanks. Among the current residents of the Fairfax are **Bob & Ruth Cook** (Bob is the new chm of the Residents Council), **Bill Fritz** and the newly-arrived "**Saint**."

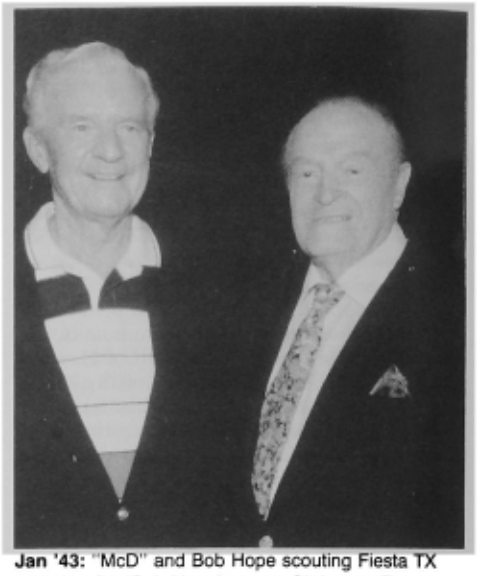
In other bits and pieces of info from here and there:

• USAA's Dec 92 issue of *Aide* features an article on the Bob Hope legend and the planning with **McD** for Bob's Christmas Fiesta from San Ant;

• **Otto & Sam Benner** sent their Christmas cards out early because they went off on a 3-wk cycling trip on HI (the big isl); and

• The A/N Town Club of DC has announced its list of the Knights of the Golden Circle (mbrs for 50 yrs), among whom are **Dee Armstrong, John Baer, Ben Edwards, Norm Greenberg, Bill Knowlton, Bill Hume, Bob Kurtz, Stew Meyer, CJ Moore, George Weart** and **Howard Wehrle**. OK, you stalwarts, now you can stop paying dues!

In closing, we wish our very best to **Joe Benson** (who is recovering from carotid artery surgery), **Dolly Neals** and **Don Wilbourn**



Jan '43: "McD" and Bob Hope scouting Fiesta TX locations for "Bob Hope's 4-star Christmas Fiesta from San Ant" at 8:00 pm (ET), 18 Dec 92

Jan '43: Otto & Sam Benner, "our intl cyclists," en route from Cape Town to Port Elizabeth, Republic of S Africa, Sep 92

(both of whom are recovering from strokes), **Bill Pietsch** (who is fighting the long-term effects of exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam) and **Don Thompson** (who is undergoing rehabilitation).

Jun '43

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Two nights ago, on 12 Dec, down at the Fairfax at Ft Belvoir, some 65 of our DC metro area gp gathered for the 4th annual Christmas holiday dinner arranged by **Alan Jones** *et al.* Again, we had a lovely, congenial time to usher in the season. Since photos and lists have yet to come in, I will tell you more about this event next time. . . . By the time you see this, Reunion Bulletin #2 probably will be in your hands, or will reach you very shortly. At this writing, **Bernie Rogers** and **Bill Malone** estimate that the Jun '43 turnout, incl classmates, wives, widows and guests, may be as high as 340.

Last time, I told about the marriage on 5 Aug 92 at Clifton, VA of **Bud O'Connor & June**

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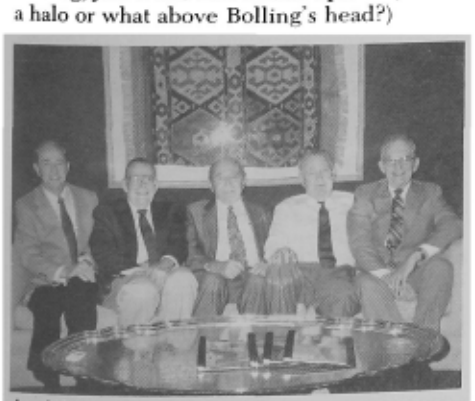
Jones, after their meeting as neighbors at the Indian River Colony Club (IRCC) at Melbourne, FL. Now, thanks to a friendly photographer, we have an elegant pic of the great event.

Jun '43: Bud & June O'Connor's wedding (photo credit: Sonshine Pictures, Warrenton, VA)

A message now from the bridegroom himself. In his capacity as Cl treas, Bud would like to remind you that, in making donations to the WP Fund of the AOG, we should designate some portion or all of our contribs for the "Cl of Jun '43—Administrative Acct" in order to retain the designated portion under specific Cl control. The balance, of course, will go into the general AOG fund.

Bud Bolling sends from Dallas a rep sketched out by **Howard Coffman** shortly before he entered the hosp to get a new hip, because, according to **Bolling**, "Howard's current hip has gotten too old." Howard himself wrote: "The Dallas classmates met for luncheon at the Northwood Club on 15 Oct 92, with 100% of Jun '43 in Dallas on hand. After a pic-taking formation (starring Bolling), we had lunch. The more we meet, the more the conversation concerns health—ours, yours and theirs. After exhausting this subject, we turned to serious discussion of the candidates and the election. But we became so stirred up by the many associated controversies that we adjourned the mtg and went home to our red boys." In the pic nearby are (L-R) **Hal Parfitt, Howard Coffman, Bud Bolling, Jim Wade** and **Chuck Spieth**. (Is that a halo or what above Bolling's head?)



Jun '43: Lunch in Dallas, 15 Oct

From Miami, **John Stockton** writes that he & **Rita** are well. Both have had adventures with surgeons and those whom John calls "body mechanics," but have emerged with success. John continues: "During our almost-annual pilgrimage to the Netherlands, last summer we attended one of the several Dutch natl tulip competitions. To our mild surprise, we found one tulip named 'West Point.' I don't know how this entry made out in the final scoring, but it had gotten past the preliminaries when we arrived." Unfortunately, I cannot show you this beautiful yellow flower in color, so the B&W will have to do.

Jun '43: John Stockton amid WP tulips

Before our 45th Reunion, as you may recall, **Walker Jamar**, the Sage of Duluth, MN, prepared and distributed to us a handy roster of names and addresses of living classmates, arranged several different ways. (The zip code section was quite handy for the traveler's reference on dark and stormy nights.) But many of us have moved since 88. Hence, Walker is working on an update, for which we all will be grateful.

Jun '43: Walker and Sylvia Jamar in MN snow

According to **Jim Phillips, Walter & Judith Burnette** have moved from San Ant To W FL, address presently unknown. **Walt**, would you please check back into the net? Going on, Jim says: "In San Ant we had a delightful luncheon at the Randolph AFB O Club on 1 Oct. Incidentally, this was our 8th Cl luncheon, and the first on a mil post/base. We had 35 folks in attendance, including two couples from our fringe areas: **Tid & Kathleen Watkins** from Austin and **Lee & Lib Hudson** from Corpus Christi." Here are two photos from this event; others to follow when space permits. In the first photo below are **Bower** and **Sam Pinnell**; standing are **Bucky Harris, Fergie Knowles, Ed Shaifer** and **Dick Parker**. In the second photo I am happy to see two of my old co mates standing side by side with a flanker! Seated (L-R) are **Lib Hudson, Elizabeth Teller** and **Anne Renth**; standing are **Lee Hudson, Craig Teller** and the flanker—**Eddie Renth**.

The christening ceremony for John Mellor Boatner at the Episcopal Church in Haddonfield, NJ on 1 Nov was an occasion for rejoicing and family festivity. Grandfather **Mark Boatner** himself, fresh from a visit to La Belle France, was to be present. Hence, **Cecile** & I were more than glad to accept our invitation from parents Drew & Carolyn and enjoyed a two-day visit with 3 generations of Boatners. Mark is pictured below with one of his former roommates.

Jun '43: At Randolph AFB

Jun '43: Company mates—plus!

Jun '43: Mark Boatner (L) with JW Krobar

At the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis in 62, **Roger Hilsman** was a sr official in the Dept of State and was a player in the key gp of Pres Kennedy's advisers who successfully guided the nation (and world) through this crisis. During the 30th anniv of this critical time, Roger was in Wash as a speaker at ceremonies and a conference reviewing these events. On 20 Oct, he had time to come to Ft Myer and have lunch with his old roommate, **Bill Naylor**. They were joined for this occasion by **Hank Morgan** and yours truly. It was fascinat-

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Jun '43: Margie Black and classmates, 26 Oct 92

ing to hear the story from a participant. Also, you can be sure there was a certain amount of reminiscing and just plain badinage. . . . Then, about a mo later, I received a note from Roger about a subject with which we are all familiar: *The Collected Works of Ducrot Pepys*, by **Ronan C Grady**. If you will open your copy to the title pg, you will see that this compilation, published in 43 by the Moore Publishing Co of Newburgh, NY, was compiled and edited by Roger Hilsman Jr, who had been, as you recall, editor of the *Pointer* in "our day." It seems that a book dealer in Cambridge, MA had come into possession of a copy of this legendary work and, recognizing Roger's name from other publications catalogues, wrote to him to offer this copy of *Ducrot Pepys*. Roger secured it, rescuing it from an unknown fate at the hands of anonymous booksellers.

Dick McAdam cannot resist the urge to rise. He & **Connie** have recently moved up to a high-rise condo at 3800 N Fairfax Dr, Villa 906, Arlington, VA 22203. (On the first floor of this bldg is one of the ofcs of **JW Morris**. Perhaps **Jack** can bring Dick down to earth, but has not yet.) Pursuant to his penchant for presenting Connie with unusual gifts, Dick contracted to give her a balloon ride on 1 Oct high above the VA countryside. There was a time when Dick drove aircraft somewhat larger and heavier than this, but here they are, ready to take off (the pilot is on the L). Well, they rose up, and they came down—safely, I'm happy to say.

Some mos ago, **Jack McGregor** asked me if I would care to go with him to visit **Gary Black**, who had long been chairbound at home. How glad I am that I went with Jack on this visit! We had a pleasant visit with Gary, who was alert and happy to see us, and with **Margie**. Mos earlier, Gary had been diagnosed as being in terminal condition because of colon cancer. At the time of our visit, however, the condition seemed to have become arrested, so Gary gained more time with his family and friends. But on 19 Oct he died at the Hospice of Northern VA. The colon

Jun '43: The McAdams go ballooning

cancer had spread to his lungs, but the immediate cause of death was a blood infection, aggravated by the results of old wounds from the war in Korea. He is survived by Margie, two sons and two daughters. Funeral svcs were conducted on 26 Oct at the Ft Myer Memorial Chapel, followed by interment in the Arlington Natl Cem Columbarium, where mil honors were rendered. About 40 classmates & wives were present. At the reception following, Gary Black III asked the classmates to pose with his mother. Some had already departed, but the balance are shown above with Margie. (L-R) are **Hamblen, Wood, Alan Jones, Buzalski, Roos, Morgan, Cover, Heintzelman, Umlauf, Sembach, Mozingo** and **Burr**. Her address is 5306 Easton Dr, No Springfield, VA 22151.

Above, I spoke of **Jack McGregor** and gave an example of his concern in visiting classmates known to be sick and in distress. No one was better or more faithful in this regard. Jack himself, early in 92, had radiation treatment for suspected cancer of the throat. These treatments appeared to be successful, and it was believed that Jack, my neighbor in Fairfax, was stabilized. But by late Oct and early Nov the cancer re-appeared, now in a lung, and Jack was under continuing treatment at Bethesda Naval Hosp, where he was familiar. Then the other lung succumbed, and on 1 Dec Jack died at Bethesda. (I had visited him & **Lois** at their home only 3 days before.) One of Jack's most cherished activities was attendance at the ea-Friday Cl lunch at the Ft Myer Club—the "Jun '43 Chowder and Marching Soc," of which he was one of the founders and where he was able to be present until just 3 wks before his demise. Indomitable and in control to the end, Jack's condition was worse than many observers realized. And then he was gone. He is survived by Lois and 3 sons and two daughters by his first wife, who died in 69, and by Lois' daughter and their families. Jack's funeral took place at the Ft Myer Chapel on 8 Dec, followed by interment at the Arlington Natl Cem, where mil honors were rendered. As with **Gary Black**, there were 40–50 classmates & wives present at the funeral. A memorial reception at Ft Myer followed the interment. Lois continues at 3220 Cambridge Ct, Fairfax, VA 22030.

On 9 Dec, after returning a few hrs before from **Jack**'s funeral, I received a ltr from the AOG saying, "I regret to inform you of the death of your classmate, Mr **William J. Daner**. . . ." Only 3 wks before, a note had reached me from **Bill**, rep his change of address from Bismarck, ND to the beach at San Diego, CA. Let me quote a few words: "Dear Bill—Well, I finally did it! Above is my new address. I'll never shovel snow again! I'm about halfway between residences of my son and daughter and 4 grandchildren (about 40 mi ea—far enough for peace). This is really God's country—temp always 60–80 degrees, beautiful scenery and lots of bikinis—but no Native Americans (which I actually miss)—no Indians, I mean. They are great people. I don't know if there are any classmates around here, but I'll check it out." From info provided by the AOG, by Mrs Foster of the USMA Mem Affairs Ofc, and by Bill's daughter, we know the following. Bill was at home alone in his new apt on 20 Nov when he apparently fell, struck his head sharply, was knocked unconscious and died of internal bleeding before he was found. After cremation, remains were sent to WP. There, after a Roman Catholic funeral svc on 7 Dec 92 at the Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity, mil honors were rendered and Bill was interred in the columbarium at the Old Cadet Chapel. These svcs were attended by Bill's two sons from CA; his daughter, who made the arrangements, was not able to be present but plans to visit WP with her children some time in 93. Her name is Mrs Mary Jo Varah, of 19370 Via Pamela, Jamul, CA 91935. Bill's wife died in 85.

And then the phone rang again, and, astonished, I heard **Bill Malone**'s voice saying, "**Grady** died last night." Yes, he is gone. Elsewhere in this issue of *ASSEMBLY* you will find a special feature memorializing Grady as "Ducrot Pepys," and in due course his formal bio will appear. The facts are: On 29 Dec 92, as the result of an automobile accident, Grady (alone at the time) was hospitalized in Albuquerque, NM. His two daughters, also residents of that city, were located and were then with him. His injuries from the accident were not, in themselves, life-threatening; but his system, exhausted by yrs of emphysema and congestive heart troubles, was too weak to make it. On the night of 30 Dec 92, Grady died of heart failure. A memorial svc was conducted on 4 Jan 93 at 1030 hrs at the Alumni Chapel of New Mexico U in Albuquerque. From our Cl, **Roger & Anna May Conarty** were present, with Roger acting as one of the pall bearers. **Don Dargue**,

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our other classmate in the area, was prevented by illness from attending.

Grady was buried in the cemetery at WP on 6 Jan 93, beside his beloved **Barbara**, who died on 14 Jan 91. Her loss contributed much to his gradual decline during the past two yrs. Chaplain (COL) Drummond of the NY Natl Guard conducted the Catholic interment rites at graveside. With impressive ceremony, full mil honors were rendered: The WP Band played "Army Blue" and the "Alma Mater," 3 volleys of musketry rang out, and "Taps" sounded for Grady. Present were his daughters Beth and Mary Ann ("Molly"), his sister Rhoda, his brother-in-law Larry Jones '45 & Gerda, son-in-law James Brandau and other family members and friends. Representing our Cl were **Wally & Peggy Magathan** and **Leo & Dorothy Hayes**. (Recall that Leo Hayes was one of Grady's roommates during our last yr as cadets.) The family asked that memorial contribs be made to the Salvation Army, for this orgn was known to be strongly favored by Grady himself. His daughters' addresses follow: Mrs Elizabeth Grady Dixon, 19 Tennis Ct, La Luz NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120; and Mrs Mary Ann Grady Brandau, 5840 Isleta SW, Albuquerque NM 87105. Four grandchildren also survive: Heather and Elizabeth Dixon and Margaret Maeve and Maria Caitlin Brandau.

To the families of **Gary Black, Jack McGregor, Bill Daner**, and **RC Grady**, the Cl extends most sincere sympathy. Our living classmates now number 294, by my count. (I still don't know if **Mazur, Richmond, Roe** and **Winn** are up or down, or whereabouts.) Let us hope that all who can make it are signed up for the 50th Reunion. So long, for now! PS: **Roger Hilsman** is presenting his copy of *The Collected Works of Ducrot Pepys*, by Ronan C Grady, to the WP Museum in honor of Grady. On 18 Dec 92 I phoned and found Grady, with much family help, arranging his house for Christmas. I asked him to write a 50th anniv Pepys piece for our program handout at the reunion. After demurring briefly, he agreed, and, in fact seemed glad to be called upon. Fate has intervened before he could write his 50th Reunion col, but his spirit and memory will be with us then.

'44

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Some issues back, *ASSEMBLY* published a snapshot of **Babcock, Blandford** and **Shannon** on a MS River cruise. Bob Shannon neglected to pass on that his bride went along. Since then he has been receiving inquiries about his going on the trip *sans* spouse. "I failed to tell you that **Dorothy** and **Ann Blandford** were also on the cruise. I would appreciate a note in *ASSEMBLY* so classmates will know that Dorothy & I are still happily married, as we have been for 44 yrs. This is to set the record straight."

Well, folks, WYSIWYG! What you send is what you get! My motto: "Never explain! Friends don't require it; enemies won't believe it; everbody else is just nosy." Let 'em worry a bit.

In this spirit: **Curley Jackson** sends a brief note to accompany a pic of **Inge** & himself at the 92 Homecoming football game with Lafayette, where he saw **Walt Guild**. Curly has had his pic in *ASSEMBLY* so many times that I have two ladies bugging me for his address even though I tell 'em he's married to a beautiful blonde. Next time, Curley, send Inge's pic alone; she has a larger annual quota than you. Know why? And what is Lafayette? Walt Guild rep marching with Curly in the Alumni Parade, disturbed to be so close to the head of the column. If Walt and Curley marched, I guess that certifies both as sober.

1944: '44'ers at Christmas dinner-dance at ANCC, Arlington, VA, 3 Dec 92

Then **Walt** rep freezing at the AF Game alongside **John & Mary Jane Lisenby** in the upper deck. That's no surprise; I long ago calculated that the '44 rabble would reach the 50 yd-line of the A-N Game only when I am 104 yrs old, provided the Supe's guest list of PPI (Presumably Politically Influential) freeloaders is frozen at 200 thirsty souls.

We rep in the last *ASSEMBLY* the death on 7 Aug 92 and Ft Myer Chapel svc for **Norma Jean Denman**. On Veterans Day there was published on the op-ed pg of the *Wash Post* a moving tribute to her, personally and symbolic of all Army wives, by her son-in-law Benjamin Stein, an author-actor in L.A. We can all be proud of her and of you ladies whose careers and lives of caring, working and waiting have been more like Norma Jean's than different. I'd guess Dale would send a copy, if asked.

This afternoon, 11 Dec, at the First Baptist Church of Ruston, LA will be held the funeral of COL **John Davis Calhoun**, USAF (Ret), who died in Shumpert Memorial Hospital, Shreveport, LA on 8 Dec 92. Johnny succumbed to vascular and pulmonary problems, of which we saw earlier signs when he took ill at the 45th Reunion. The progression of his condition was delayed, softened and made less painful by the care of **Jane** and a daughter who lives in Ruston. Johnny's pride was his family and home upon which he lavished affection and such time as his career afforded. There was more time after his ret, during which he renovated his ancestral homestead. The Cl of '44, and espec B-1 Co, have lost a fine man whom we held in high esteem and affectionate regard. Burial is in a cem in Ruston. Our condolences go out to Jane and their family.

1944: Inge & Curley Jackson at Homecoming 92

I take this opportunity to congrat **Don Carter** on the 92 issue of the *Annual Newsltr*, which came out recently. Beyond several interesting articles, it brought 90 ltrs from classmates. A great round-up!

On 3 Dec, the Wash gp had a fine dinner-dance, with 40's music, sponsored by Pat O'Donnell at the ANCC. All present appeared in good health, fine fettle and formal feathers, from the ladies' long dresses to **Bob Morrison**'s short kilt. Next Sunday I'm going to wear the **Smith** tartan, awarded for "svc to the clans" to my great-grandfather, who said, "'This tartan was won on foot, not in bed." Without a roster, I recall out-of-towners **Cushmans, Kinnards** and **Youngs, Frank & Sylvia McElvey Gilchrist, Rivers** (half time in SC), our own **Ruthie Scott** and friend and **Louise Vitullo**. Others are familiar local names you see so often here I decline to risk overexposure.

History project? I've written about it quite enuf. If you want it, it'll happen.

By the time you get to Phoenix—and receive this—my bride & I hope to have survived a skiing holiday in Austria with 3 grandchildren, whom we are importing, with parents, from Poland. The kids sing carols in French, German, Polish, Chinese and English. Think snow! Remember the 25th anniv of Tet '68! GSOYP,A!

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'45

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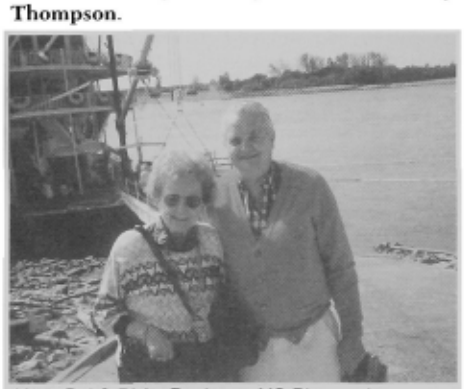
Just mention the word "reunion" and '45 is there! The latest mini-reunion was aboard the *Mississippi Queen* on a cruise along the MS and OH Rivers 8–13 Oct. **Fitz-P Fitzpatrick, Tom Longino** and **Ricky Fowler** wrote me about it, and I had a most enjoyable visit with **Lee** and **Jim Morris** right after their return from the cruise. Everyone enjoyed the reunion and said that it was the first time that there was enough time to really have a good visit with all the Cl mbrs on the trip. With several engr classmates along, all heard about the details of the construction and opn of the locks and dams en route. The food was great, and the particular cruise that was selected was scenic and interesting. **George & Barbara Benson** and **Jim & Ann Holcomb** deserve a whole bunch of credit for arranging all the details for this fine affair. Somebody asked me if I had heard about Jim Holcomb and his orange shoes or the orange hat that should have gone with them. I haven't, so we'll all have to ask him the next time we see him. In addition to those already mentioned, those attending were the **Atkinses, Boleyns, Brauchers, Browns, Brauns, Burnells, Joan Carnes, Clymers, Groves, Gloria Hamilton, Loves, Mackinnons, Mincklers, Bob Pine, Dodie Powers, Shoaffs, Stoers** and **Mary Thompson**.



1945: Del & Ricky Fowler on MS River cruise

1945: Lee & Carol Shoaff and Chet & Betty Braun on MS River cruise

Mary Jane & I were in Columbus, GA to see our son Jeff and his family the wknd of 17–18 Oct. **Lee & Jim Morris** invited all of us to join them for Sunday brunch at the Benning O Club. All of the **MacIntires** had a great time. The brunch was outstanding, the club atmosphere nostalgic, and the visit most enjoyable. We remembered all the good times of those long-ago active-duty days and exchanged news about our current activities.

1945: Lee Morris, Betty Braun, Ann Holcolmb and Barbara Benson

1945: Tom Longino, Lee Shoaff, Bob Mackinnon and Jim Morris

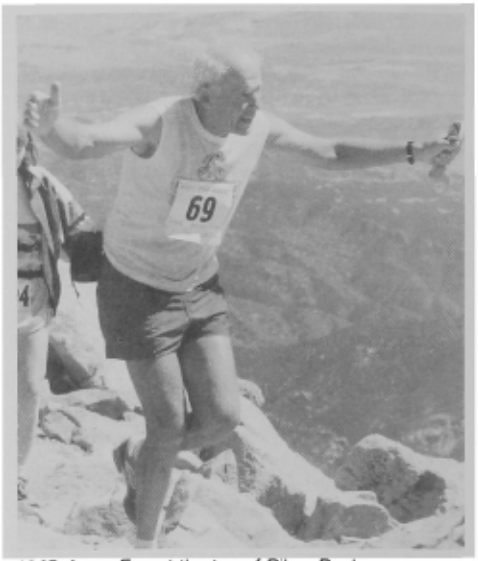
Ricky Fowler sent along a flyer "jes for laffs:" "Sr citizens are the biggest carriers of AIDS—hearing aids, Band Aids, Rolaids, walking aids, Medic Aids, govt aids."

Fitz-P had some other news. **Pat** & he had some interesting trips: Caribbean cruise on the *Seaburn Spirit* in Feb, Rome for symposium of Soc of Experimental Test Pilots in May, Athens followed by two-wk cruise around Greek Isles and Italy on *Renaissance IV*, a wk in CA in Sep, and the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, leaving halfway through it to make the MS-River cruise. At the Fiesta they saw **Toby Gandy** with his balloon, and **Ken & Mary Jackson** stopped by their balloon to say hello. One night they had dinner with **Pat & Roz Hurley**.

Larry Fox, completed his 21st consecutive run up Pikes Peak on 22 Aug. (He said he ran the round trip until 83 and age 60 but now does only the ascent.) He finished the Ironman Triathlon in Kona, HI for the 10th time on 10 Oct.

Oct issue of *Air Force* mag noted that the Cape Canaveral Chapter of AF Assn had a golf tournament to help the chapter's scholarship fund. **Boots Blesse** joined in the fun. Also, an ad in the issue said author **Jack Broughton** had secured the last few copies of his books *Going Downtown* and *Thud Ridge*, and offered them for sale. Call 1-800-497-4682 for details.

Jim Shilstone and his son Jay made the cover of trade mag *Better Roads* Aug issue. The issue had the first installment of a paper Jim had presented at a Transportation Research bd mtg. Jim has been involved in concrete research since even before Cadet days—in his father's testing lab. Since then he's been involved in the concrete aspects of projects totaling over $50 bil, incl the present WP hosp. Spring 93 is the date he hopes to release *SmartPlant*, a software package to customize every batch of concrete to meet exacting needs. The development has been an expensive drain of their own funds, but they believe it has great potential.



1945: Larry Fox at the top of Pikes Peak

1945: Mick McMurdo, Wade & Ann Shafer, Stu Stabley, Mary-Jane McMurdo, Polly & Ted Wagner and Nancy Stabley at micro-reunion at Hale Koa Hotel, Jun 92

Van & Bunny Foster, along with **T-Lou & Bert Bailey**, sweated out a violent thunderstorm which delayed the Army-NC football game. UNC stadium under lights was spectacular, but the game was a disaster. Weather for the Army-Wake Forest game was perfect, but after an early Army touchdown, it was downhill from there. But Van rightly predicted that Army would beat Navy. After a lousy first qtr, wasn't that an exciting finish!—the most exciting and satisfying A-N game in a long time.

1945: At Army-Wake Forest Game: Bert & T-Lou Bailey (L) and Shirley & Ed Saxby (R); unidentified woman in ctr

The 23 Oct Williamsburg, VA newspaper had a pic of **Louise Farrar** having *Green Eggs and Ham* read to her by two elementary sch

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kids. Louise participates in the Hidenwood sch tutoring program honored as a "Point of Light" by Pres Bush.

A Smith Coll classmate of **Nancy Munson** was on a bike trip in MS and stopped for lunch at **Walt & Jean Hylander**'s Rosswood Plantation. She described Jean as "dwelling lovingly on ea piece of furniture and the story behind it" and Walt as "well-versed in the early history of the house, the area and the local Civil War experience."

The New York Times (8 Nov) reviewed **Hal Moore**'s book about the battle of Ia Drang that he wrote with journalist Joe Galloway. Hal was the US bn cmdr of the first bn to be engaged there, and Joe was the UPI reporter who was on the scene of the battle. The book, titled *We Were Soldiers Once. . . And Young*, recounts the 4 days and nights of fighting in the Ia Drang Valley in Nov 65, the first major battle of the war. The reviewer says: "It is thoroughly researched, written with equal rations of pride and anguish, and it goes as far as any book yet written toward answering the hoary question of what combat is really like." [See review elsewhere in this issue.]

1945: DC area Cl dinner at A-N Country Club, 24 Oct 92: (Clockwise from front L) Fitz-P & Pat Fitzpatrick, Flo Pugh, Art & Jimsy Hanket, Wilbur Pugh and Genee & Bob Parr

Don Henderson wrote that we have 3 cos that have completed all the memorial articles for deceased classmates. Congrats to **Frank Kane** for E-1, **Bill McGuinness** for A-2 and **Jim Rasmussen** for F-2. Status: Of 137 articles needed at the start, 65 have been written and 60 are in various stages of preparation. Thirty-two WIN articles have been completed that Don knows about.

1945: DC area Cl dinner at A-N Country Club, 24 Oct 92: (Clockwise from front L) Gordy & Marty Allen, Betty & Bill Ochs, Hariett & Scott Adler and Rolfe & Calista Hillman

Schedule for men's luncheons in the DC-area: In general, luncheons are scheduled for the second Wed of ea mo. Refreshments at noon and lunch at 1230, Sec Army Dining Room, 3C668, Pentagon. Dates: 10 Mar, 14 Apr, 12 May, 9 Jun, 14 Jul, 18 Aug, 8 Sep, 13 Oct, 10 Nov and 8 Dec, occasionally subject to change. Call **Hap Argo** at (703) 780-5895 for reservations.

Have a good spring. Don't forget the mini-reunion in San Diego on 5–10 Oct 93.

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(193) Down 24–7, it was not easy to remain tenacious in the hope that Army would be victorious over Navy. But something started to happen towards the end of the 3rd qtr and all of the 4th. A gut feeling built up that maybe, just maybe, the game would turn. And, of course, it was a storybook ending that not even an extremely faithful Army fan might conceive. Makes up for Navy's similar trick in the Meadowlands. Yea, Army!!

In the most recent issue of *ASSEMBLY*, I listed **Al Wheat** as one of our classmates with a lost address. Unfortunately, as rep to us by **Dan Mahony**, Al died on 5 Mar 92 in NYC. Another classmate recently passed away is **William I McKay**, who died of complications from lung cancer on 20 Sep 92, as rep to me by **Jack Donahue**. Bill's wife **Roseann** is currently at 5324 N Ricewood Ave, Fresno, CA 93711. **Dick Carnright**'s and **John Jones**' passings were listed in the latest *Register*. I have also been informed that **Jule LaMar**, **Andy**'s wife, died in early Nov in Waverly, AL. **Jack McWhorter** has learned that **Shirley DeMoya**, **Hal**'s widow, died 24 Mar 91. Son Rick '71 advised Jack and is helping with Hal's obit. Jack had also located **Mary Anne Hauenstein**, **Judd**'s widow, only to learn she was in serious health and died 26 Mar 92. Judd's sister is helping with his obit. To the families of the deceased I wish to extend the deep sympathies of the Cl.

McWhorter is receiving book orders—at last rep 415—so looks good now. As in last issue, I'll list classmates with invalid addresses: **Jack L Bodie, Benjamin A Gay** (nobody seems to know what happened to him), **David C Hinshaw, Alden D Korn, Raymond T Moore** and **William R Phillips**. Jack states that when classmates get together, they should check to see if AOG, McWhorter or **John Mathias** have their current address.

Belle & Jim Loome have been traveling lately, both overseas and in the USA. In Feb 92 they were in Spain and Portugal then in Sep to Ger and Austria. Throughout the yr: Asheville, NC; Atl; Wilmington; MN; MO and Atl again. They were visiting children (4), grandchildren (10) and sometimes just plain on their own. Jim mentioned a great dinner party in Oct for the DC gp. They talked about the Great Hall fund-raising campaign and are hoping it will go over the top. **Dick Gruenther**, who sat behind me this past football season, said we appear to be getting there—so now's the time to make your pledge, if you haven't already, and put us over the top.

Two items, before I forget: **Ethel** & I are the proud grandparents of our 5th grandchild, Matthew Nicholl, born 27 Nov 92, the day after Thanksgiving. He's home now with his older brother Ben. Did I rep that **Ed Weber** has an extra copy of our *Howitzer* he'd be glad to send to a classmate? His phone: 405-248-6770 at 613 SE 38 St, Lawton, OK 73501–8401.

Now for the notes mailed via Loome: **John Callaghan** is in his 5th yr as a volunteer at the Natl Archives and enjoys conducting congressional constituent tour gps on behind-the-scenes tours. He rep son Bill (MAJ) in Korea as S-4, 1st Bde, 2d Inf Div; Liz, their youngest, in the financial svcs industry with Telerate, Dow-Jones subsidiary in NYC; Lucy has been with UN Pan American World Health Orgn for the last 10 yrs. They are blessed with 5 grandchildren; the oldest is 9. **Tom & Clarine Constant** like to spend their summers in Vermont, as do **Ralph & Jane LaRock**. **Jim Gigant** mailed a newspaper article from the *Los Angeles Daily News* featuring a 75-ft mural of his daughter Julie, a violinist with the LA Chamber Music Orchestra. **Goose & Colleen Gosling** still go to Bryce Mtn, VA ea summer. **Mimi Heiberg** rep son James recent grad from W & M Law. She is recuperating from a cervicle fusion-stainless steel neck! **Ed Jones** rep the birth of granddaughter Lydia Jones on 21 Jun 92; the parents are Chris & Pamela. **Pat O'Neill** is still working as a stockbroker, VP with Paine Webber. He revisited Ireland this summer and is expecting his 14th grandchild in Dec 92. **Bob Shackleton** has ret as US Forces Liaison Ofcr to the Hessen State Govt in Wiesbaden, Ger after 14 yrs on the job. **John Wiss** is still teaching at Carnegie-Mellon U and doing some engring consulting. He saw **Del & Lucille Barth** in Las Vegas this past Jun and rep Del is also still teaching environmental subjects at UNLV. **Duke Wolf** married **Tomoko**, and they are both in Nanjing, China. Duke, as many of you know, spent 8 yrs getting the US Armored Forces Monument completed near the entrance to Arlington Cem. As a change, he accepted an invitation to be a visiting professor for one yr at the East China Inst of Technology in Nanjing. He teaches science and American-English to 20 doctoral candidates and 60 masters' candidates, as well as a wkly lecture to faculty and students on technology in the W. Tomoko is studying Mandarin.

Jim & Mike Carter and **Sewell & Mary Elliott** both missed the last reunion, so they had one of their own, albeit short, during the Elliotts' Dallas airport stop-over on their return from Las Vegas. During refreshments they boisterously reviewed activities of the old days, whereabouts of progeny (5-of-a-kind vs full house) and how fast it all has changed.

Frank & Joy Blazey consider themselves Tarheels by now. During the past yr they have been visited by the **Kinneys, Gilhams, Bresnahans, Whiteners** and **McCollams**. They learned that Bill McCollam's father's best friend from LA formerly owned their home. **Bernard Conor**'s name and book were entered into the Congressional Record of 18 Mar 92 by the Hon MR McNulty of NY, and it was suggested that Mbrs of Congress should read his book *Japan's New Colony—America*. His book was also written up in a newspaper article and by exec editor George Weimer, of *Industry Wk*, in that mag of 16 Mar 92.

Received **Kent Berge**'s annual message and notes regarding his world travels this past yr. He spent 81 days in New Zealand and Tasmainia and thereafter spent the last 3 wks of Mar in FL and SE US. Mentioned that his Marco Isl place was virtually undamaged while Homestead AFB, where he spent some time, was swept away. In fact, I've received first-hand rep and pix from my daughter Ann, who lives in S Miami area and was only a

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block away from the beginning of real damage. After being in the USA, he then spent 93 days in Europe with visits to his 50 Norwegian relatives and then Crete and Matala. Other localities on his itinerary incl Turkey, Ger and Switzerland. He ends his story by mentioning visits to Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, BC, AK, WA and OR.

The Wash Post of 26 Oct 92 had a feature article on the 50th Reunion of the Cl of '42 of T Roosevelt HS, their first ever. Two key planners were **Ben Landis** and **Donna Beckner** (née Bussman, although paper states Bressman), **Dick**'s wife. It would be great if I could condense, but it's two full pgs. Ben's pic was in the paper, but not Donna's. I am Cl of '43, Woodrow Wilson HS, Wash, DC, and they are planning their 50th now. They've had others before, but I've just never made them.

Bill & Dusty Cound, now in Charlotte, NC, where daughter Nancy and their two grandchildren, Erin (9) and Scott (18 mos), reside. *People* Mag's 19 Oct 92 feature article, "The Insider" by Mitchell Fink, showed a photo of a cardboard facsimile of Ross Perot with lookalike **Max Feibelman** with caption, "Which is the cardboard Perot and which is Max." You would know if you saw it. **Bob Burke** mailed it with a note that he & **Jennie** were on their way to Tahiti and the S Pacific on the *Island Princess*.

An out-of-focus pic of classmates gathered at **Dick Kinney**'s home in Nashville was taken in Sep on the night **Jim & Jane Hobson** visited during their 6-wk tour of the E. It shows **Bikit & Tom Pardue; Phyllis & Dick Streiff, Ann & Roy Gillig; Charlotte & Fos Cowey; Betty & Dick Kinney; Jane & Jim** and **Jane & Miller Robinson**. Behind the camera, **Betty Ives**, widow of **Al (Babe) Ives**.

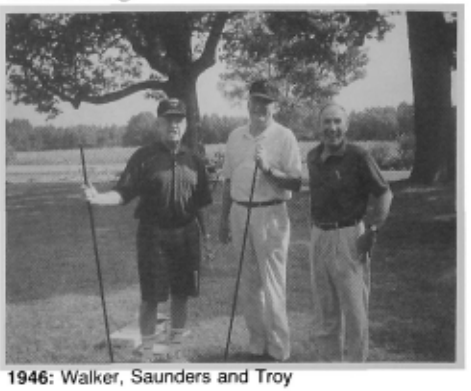
Last Jun **Jack Shultz** went to his 50th HS Reunion (Coronado, CA) and on the first eve, while scanning faces, he saw a very relaxed man, not a classmate he thought, maybe someone's husband. Then he focused on the name tag, **Jean Joyce**. It dawned on both of them that they were looking at a different kind of classmate, not only fellow '46'ers but F-2 co mates as well. They had not seen ea other these past 46 yrs, but Jean had met and married Jack's HS classmate, **Dorothy** Foster.

1946: Shultz and Joyce at HS Reunion

Former roommates **Jerry Butler** and **Harlan Koch** got together for the first time in 47 yrs when Jerry & **Julia** came from Chandler, AZ (a suburb of Phoenix) to visit. They relived Beast, recalling that Jerry was a 2LT from Benning and Harl arrived at reveille. I saw Harl & **Judy** for a football game this fall as guests of **Dick & Sue Gruenther**.

1946: Butler and Koch

Ed Saunders mailed a photo of himself with **Sam Walker** and **Guy Troy**, taken when they gathered for NC game (see last issue). Troy's house guests were the Walkers, Saunders and **Crevelings**. I did not mention that **Twill Newell** hosted a cocktail party the Friday before the game at his Greensboro home.



1946: Walker, Saunders and Troy

From **Kibbey Horne** comes a complete rep on Armor's big biennial branch bash in New Orleans on 21–23 Nov. In nearby pic are hosts and arrangers **Will & Beebe Joffrion** with book they received for their efforts. **Rus & Mary Vann Burn**, who hosted last in Santa Fe, looked both relieved and sympathetic. Will craftily roped in non-Armor types in the area to help: **Steve & Barbara Henry, Dan & Shirley Levy** (their 11 children have presented them with 38 grandchildren) and **Roy & Ann Mossy**. The Mossys held a cocktail party at home for these thirsty cavalrymen, of which 32 of 43 commissioned in Cav were present or represented. **Polly McMaster** came from CA and **Gina (Sinclair)** & Dick Crane '45 came from TX. Will, ex-BG, LANG, arranged for the Guard to entertain them at Chalmette Battlefield (see photo next pg), where Andy Jackson fought the Battle of New Orleans. **Bob Duncan** was shocked to hear that the Americans were not behind cotton bales. A visit to Jackson Bks was highlighted by a Cajun lunch at the club. The gp stayed at Westin Canal Place, on the river overlooking the French Qtr. Hospitality suite was handled by Beebe, **Dick & Sue Fuller, Wynne Troy** (**Guy** was transportation honcho) and **Andy Lamar**. Dinners at Westin's River Room, Arnaud's and Antoine's, with daytime enjoyment at Galatoire'e (one of **Kibbey & Peggy Horne**'s stops), Café du Monde, where **Stan & Winelda Blum** and **Biquet & Ben Landis** and others cut a swath throughout the beignets, as well as other eateries. At the River Room they reminisced about the late **Andy Talbot**; at Arnaud's **Jack Gilham** told how **"Smoothie" Musser** and **Jim "Cupcake" Day** got their nicknames. Kibbey feels **Ann** must have censored Jack's version, since **Jan** was still talking

1946: The Joffrions with book, *The Civil War*

1946: Classmates at Kinney's, Sep 92

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1946: Armor at Chalmette Battlefield

to "Smoothie" when they left. At Ladies' Night at Antoine's, they heard from **Joanne Patton** about how **George** painted their first qtrs (it got a little out of control) and from **Phyllis Streiff** how **Dick** introduced her to Army life at that hardship post, SHAPE. **Roger Nye** plugged his new book, and **Jake & Mary Burney** tried to explain why Jake had not run up the $16.32, left over from the last reunion, enough to cover this one! Also in attendance: **Dick & Donna Beckner, Jack & Mercedes Cassidy, Steve & Mary Clare Edwards, Fee & Janie Hardin, Cookie & Donna Kopald, Art & Karma Lochrie, Rox Roxbury, Mase Rumney, Charlie & Joanne Simmons, Harry & Marie Smythe, Stan & Anne Stanfield, John & Connie Treadwell, Wally Wallis** and **Mint & Hope Wilson**. Next stop: CO Springs.

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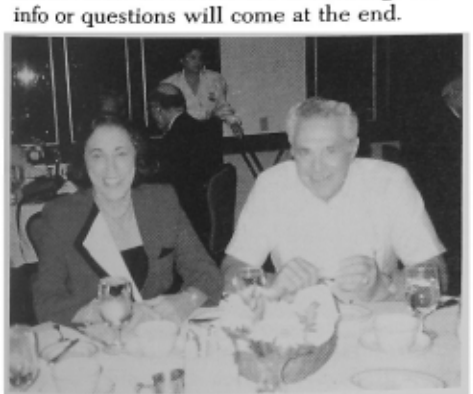
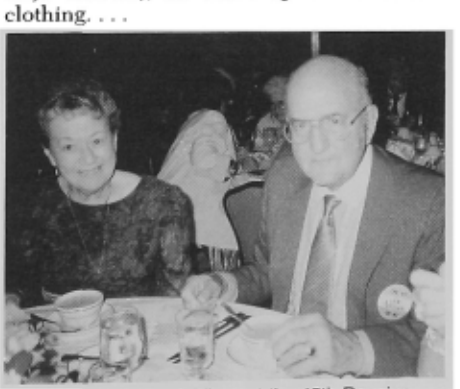
Dateline: Info will be presented by alphabetical order of classmates submitting; other info or questions will come at the end.



1947: Billie & Al Cretella at the 45th Reunion

Soon after returning from Reunion, **Bernie Abrams** and I corresponded several times re "fund-raising activities." Info should be included in next col (May issue) or we may get out a special coverage ltr. . . . **Barb Boerger** sold her home and is finally settled at 4378 Cowell Blvd, Davis, CA 95616. . . . **June & Jean Burner**—a "first." Both have written lengthy epistles. They received shocking news in Nov that Walter, husband of Leslie (daughter), suffered a heart attack at age 44. If you recall, **Geraci**'s son Stephen and **Johnson**'s daughter Pam and others in that age gp have had heart problems also. What is the cause—stress, bad eating habits, lack of steady exercise?? All of the above??

In Mar, the **Burners** head for Hilton Head again. I have often wondered what **Jean** did in the MI wintertime weather to stay fit. Unless temp is below -15 degrees F (then he stays indoors), he wears special Gore-Tex clothing. . . .



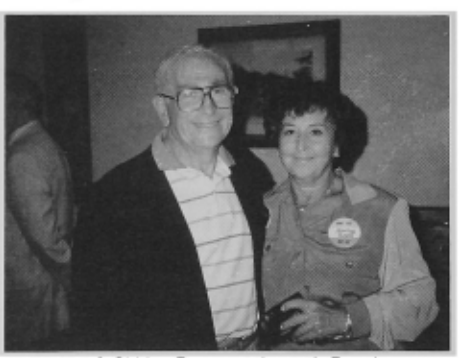
1947: Vonnie & Joe Addison at the 45th Reunion

Gerry & Bill Coghill's 16-yr-old grandson Billy won AK state golf championship again. Billy is looking for a major univ with good academies, warm weather all yr 'round and a good golf team. The Coghills are "complaining" that only the **Eberles** visited AK this yr, and different schedules did not permit them to get together. I have a written copy of the "Lafayette Marching Song," the song that was boisterously sung at Reunion, in case some of the Cl wives should desire a copy. Bill had lots of volcanic ash to shovel before attending Reunion. . . . **Patt & Duke Duquemin** have

1947: Bill Coghill shovels volcanic eruption ash off his front lawn

increased their traveling this yr, besides Reunion, making the long jaunt to S Africa. They are seeking a way to assist in organizing the Olympics down in Atl 3-and-a-butt yrs away. . . . Apparently the "travel run" is to Bermuda ILO of AK this yr: The **Reckmeyers, Greenes,** etc. **Elaine & Ed Greene** sent me a 3-ft-long "Happy Halloween" banner card, in line with my suggestion, to spread out the "Christmas" mail.

Rarely does a scribe receive a dissertation of an event written better than he could have done, even if he had attended. I am inserting excerpts of **Mary & Ike Ickler**'s wonderfully written ltr about our 45th Reunion. It is the highlight of this col. Major pic credits go to the **Sargents** and **Burners**. "We started by flying to Charlottesville, VA with a visit to the **Reels. Kermit & Marie** are active in VA conservation and wildlife activities, hunting, local politics and church. Kermit continues with woodworking and has produced nice pieces. We had a good time in Charlottesville (Marie's good cooking and a visit to Montpellier, the home of James Madison, which was later purchased and added to by the Duponts). The Reels gave us a ride to the Reunion. The



1947: Mel & Shirley Rosen at the 45th Reunion

Reunion was a great success. Mohonk Mtn House is a huge, old-fashioned hotel, with many community rooms, great food, many planned, relaxed activities and about 5,000 private acres of beautiful scenery. . . . We had several good, short speeches. **Bill Cooper** was there in great spirits but suffering from kidney damage. At the Cl mtg, he made a good speech re concern with the changes being instituted at USMA by Congress. . . . Bill had been an Arthur Murray instructor before joining the mil, so he was the judge of the dance contest. Bill was assisted by Jennifer, the charming daughter of **Al & Mimi Gould**. The floor was initially crowded with contestants, including yours truly & lifetime partner. Bill would tell Jennifer who should be eliminated, and she would tap the selected couple on

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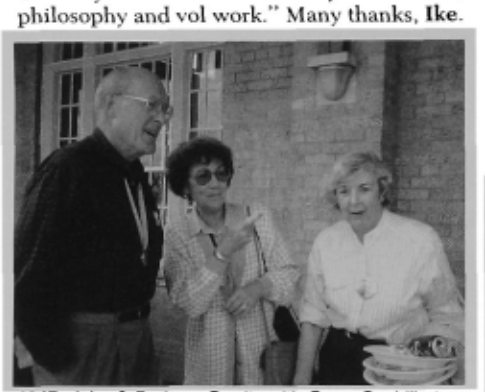
the shoulder. As the couples got fewer, the music changed from the two-step to rhumbas, polkas, sambas, etc and finally to the Charleston. The **Starobins** and the **Frasers** were the finalists, with the Starobins being the eventual winners. Both couples are excellent dancers. . . . Since the winner and runner-up were both engrs, there was speculation about terpsichorean science having been taught at the Engr Advanced Course.

1947: Nikki & John Lauterbach at the 45th Reunion

At the dance, we sat at a table with the **Karters** (he was my roommate plebe and yearling yrs), the **Boergers** (he was a frat brother in Sigma Nu at the U of MN) and the **Richardsons** (he preceded me in the Ord Dept at USMA and is from Defuniak Springs, FL, about 30 mi from my wife's hometown in AL). . . . The railway station looked in pretty good condition to me. While we were there, the Supe, GEN Howard Graves '61, talked to us about the changes that are being made and attempted by the politicians. These changes do not bode well for the Acad. I remembered LTG Graves in cl as an outstanding cadet. . . . After the review on Sat, LTG Graves came over to our Cl while we were getting our pic made and led the Cl in a "Rocket for Army." He had all the right moves — must have been a cheerleader as a cadet. The football game with Holy Cross turned out well. The weather was beautiful; Army won, ending a long winning streak for Holy Cross. . . . The last night of the Reunion we had an espec good time at dinner, where our tablemates incl the dance champions and runners-up and **Bernie Abrams**, who was my roommate in the 26th Inf in Ger and later best man at our wedding. Bernie's new knee is working perfectly, and he looks better than he has in yrs. . . .

1947: Ruth & George Harrington at the 45th Reunion

The final day of Reunion, we ate lunch at an outside barbecue. We almost missed the barbecue when one of our more outstanding Cav ldrs was well in front of the main body, leading us 180 deg in the wrong direction. We were fortunate that our marathoner, **Mary Delistraty**, was able to spring ahead, catch him and get him to check his navigation. Attendees at the barbecue included the **Millers** (who are contenders for the most youthful looking), the Delistratys, 4 **Rosens, Dells, Sargents** and **Bartleys**. . . . We then boarded a van for Stewart AFB for the flight to MN via Atl. **Jack & Teeny Young** and **Al & Mimi Gould** rode with us in the van and on the flight to Atl. Al is still in real estate devel in Atl and still is singing with the symphony. Mimi continues in TV commercials. Jack is teaching coll and counseling in FL, and Teeny is helping with a friend's bookshop. We were the only ones who have fully ret to fun, philosophy and vol work." Many thanks, **Ike**.



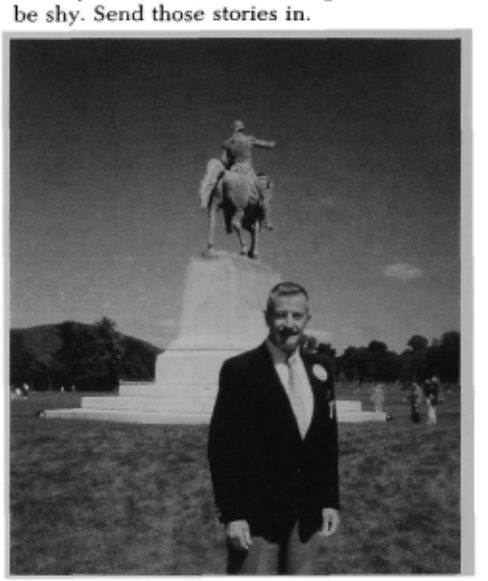
1947: John & Barbara Gernity with Gerry Coghill at luncheon in the Train Station at the 45th Reunion

Bill Mahlum has located **Frank J Kremser**. After some tel calls, Bill found Frank apparently doing well at Rt #2, Box 254, Greenville, FL 32331 (904)973-6815). Bill, Frank and **Jim Edington** roomed together yearling yr. Mary & Bill are fast becoming the ctr of hospitality at their Savannah location (like **Coghills** in AK and **Edingtons**, in HI), with **Lynns, Faiths,** and **Cretellas** recent visitor travelers.

Mil & Dick Steinborn sent me a "short story" complete with pic re reunion: "**PJ Curry, Hap Beuhler, Bob Rosen** and I were sent to Guam on our first asgmt in the 56th Engr Constr Bn in 48. In all the yrs since, never have all 4 "Guamanians" made it to the same Reunion (mini or max). Hap missed the 42 1/2 in CO Springs. He sent $20 for drinks for the 6 of us attending (3 were spouses). PJ could not attend the 45th, so he sent $20 + 10% for inflation."

1947: "Guamanians:" Steinborn, Beuhler and Rosen, NR with cheap drinks at the 45th Reunion

What follows could be considered another good "small world" event. I thank **Janet & John Miller** for sending details of the Memorial Svc held at the Reunion and a copy of John's remarks, which were expertly presented according to all rep. They also sent an info sheet entitled "Rev Dr Paul T Echel to Lead 10-yr Anniv Celebration at Saxe Gotha Pres Church (SGPC)." SGPC is in Lexington, SC and presently the Millers' church. Dr Echel was minister of Grace Pres Church in Springfield, VA during 69, when **Millers, Youngs, Rachmelers,** Hubers '49, **Geracis** and others were mbrs. He went on to pursue a full-inspirational ministry and become a top natl minister in Atl, GA. The Millers were part of his pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 89. In 82, Dr Echel started SGPC with 20 people. Mbrship is now 1200!. . . Janet & John sat with **Gwenne Heiser** one time during reunion and discovered the following: New College of US FL (NCUSF) is ranked second in the country behind Rice U for "delivering the best education for the money." **Ron** is pres of NCUSF! (See Sep 92 *Money Mag*). There are many more USMA '47 contributions to the country out there, still unrecognized. Don't be shy. Send those stories in.



1947: Jean Burner (and George Washington) on the Plain at the 45th Reunion

1947: Florence & Marv Stock on the Plain near Battle Monument at the 45th Reunion

Somebody must have energized the Cl at reunion. I received 5 "living" obits, from **Mel Rosen, Mary Short, Jack Young, Sam Wellborn** and **John Mastin**. These "living" obits are the basis for the real obits, but for right now, they could be great for "short stories,"

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"small-world" tales, back-up, background and input for any 50th Reunion book to be initiated. . . . The Sargents followed up their trip to Reunion with a trip to Europe (Barcelona, Nice, Rome, Florence and, of course, Frankfurt), where son Chris (picked for Bn cmd) and family are stationed.

Misc: New address for **Lee & Avis Christensen** is 480 Jerusalem Rd, Cohanet, MA 02025; (617) 383-1184. . . . Area code for classmates in San Ant and vicinity has changed from 512 to 210. . . . I thank Rich St Denis '70, PAO for WPS of Atl, for sending me a fall 92 newsltr.

Beware the Ides of March if. . . .

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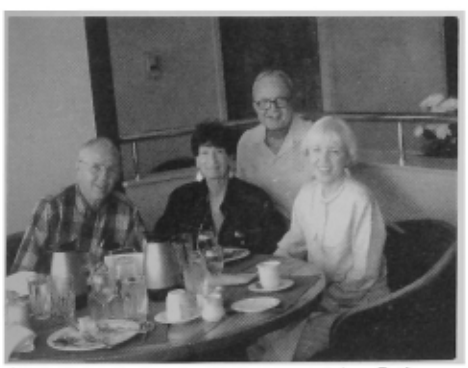
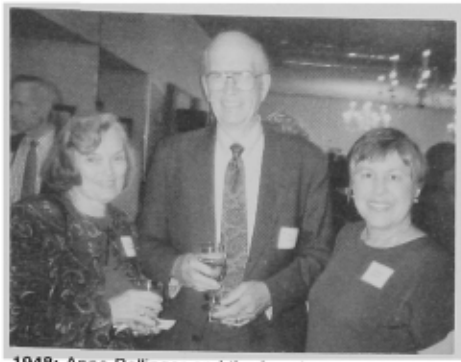
If it's cold when you read this, think 4th of Jul. It takes a while for pix and print to marry up, but here are E Coast and SW celebrants in action last summer.

1948: The Hallahans and Macklin



1948: Blaine Butler, the Walterses and Ann Butler

Norm & Carolyn Lovejoy were the distant attendees at the Oct 92 Wash area Cl shindig. They flew in from CO, where Norm is serving as admin judge for construction disputes for the new Denver Airport. Other out-of-towners were **Flick Flemming,** the **Doyles** and the **Schmidts**, joining locals **Kitty Allen,** the **Bellingers, Berrys, Brattons, Braswells, Red Deehan, Gene Forrester** and guest Maria Myer, **Anne Griffith,** the **Hoffmans, Jerry Jones,** the **Kastris, Kritzers, Marianne Kiernan,** the **Macklins, Nancy Pater,** the **Patches, Plummers, Pomeroys, WW Scotts, Seligs, Shivelys, Bill Smiths, Swearengens, Thomases, Wards, Wares, Whiteheads** and **Whitleys**. MC'ed by Ward, the program featured a rep from Prexy **Patch** on the Congressional proposals for significant changes to USMA, Bratton's update on plans for the 45th Reunion, the Cl musicians on their kazoos as '48's answer to the threat of USMA band termination, and a rep



1948: Anne Bellinger and the Lovejoys

1948: Kitty Allen, Ann Ware and the Doyles

1948: Fleming, Whitley and Kritzer

1948: Plummer pontificates in DC, Oct 92

1948: Forrester dragging pro, as always

1948: The Kastris and Lila Shively in DC, Oct 92

1948: Scott, Schmidt, Dusty Scott and Ginnie Schmidt

on the Presidential election campaign with Plummer, Pomeroy and Ware presenting different views from around the world.

Of particular interest was the rep by **George Thomas** of a series of planned seminars in the Wash area on such subjects as wills, living trusts, financial matters, etc, under the appropriate title, "Preparing for Life's Major Contingencies, or, It Doesn't Make You Die Any Sooner." **Sally Macklin** led the info-gathering portion of this new idea with a survey to determine interest and seminar times.

Scotty Scott has assumed presidency of the Fairfax, the Marriott-operated Army Ret Residence Foundation-Potomac, while **Novella Whitehead** continues as secy to the Foundation. A number of local '48'ers, doing their long-range planning, contributed or loaned money to the Foundation to get it going in 84–85. Enough are considering that as a ret residence that we may be able to hold a well-attended mini-reunion there early in the next century, with most attendees just hobbling from their apt/house to the dining hall.

Speaking of ret locations, the **Cockerhams** have purchased a beautiful condo in Bayport Beach and Tennis Club on Longboat Key off Sarasota, FL. Their use of the condo is limited now because of their activities in the DC area, so they will rent their future home to friends when they aren't in FL. Most recently, **Sam** served on the Presidential Commission on Women in Combat. He took what I would guess would be a typical '48'er position on the subject. If you want a copy of the full rep, Sam may be able to assist.

Jack Sullivan '47 thoughtfully sent a pg from the 4 Nov *Richland Northeast*, Columbia, SC, presenting the "Sidewalk Survey" with a large pic of **Bud Wagoner**, printed underneath with his comment, "I think (County Council) has to do something to reduce the taxpayer burden. We're completely overburned by local taxes." You tell 'em, Bud.

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Charlie & Mary Horn traveled to Ger and England in the fall. Charlie has been battling a recurrence of the cancer that he beat 20 some yrs ago. Charlie figured he wouldn't be any more miserable traveling than he was at home, and might find more enjoyment in the travel adventure. Worked pretty well. While at home they see the kids frequently: LTC Charles is a dr at Belvoir; LTC (P) Carl is with CINCLANT in Norfolk; Margaret's in Raleigh; and Kitten's in Leesburg. **Jim & Chris McCray** had a family reunion last Thanksgiving in Yosemite, where they own a cabin. Chris was too smart to have the reunion at their cabin, thereby avoiding such exciting chores as cooking and bed making for kids who long ago left the nest.

Belated rep on the **Witkos**' trip S last yr, which included stops in Charleston with the **Robertsons** and in Columbia with the **Wagoners**.

1948: Lynn Robertson, the Witkos and Robbie

The **Robinsons** and **Wards** attended, in Orlando, the second biennial reunion of the ofcrs & wives of the 18th Inf Regt from 1947–54. Carol & Robby left to visit the **Blakesleys** in Jacksonville and the **Days** in Columbus before heading back home to CA. Other '48'ers in the 18th at that time were **Buckner, Crouch, Doty, Rudd, Walk** and **Whitney**.

Sadly, I rep the loss of **Millie Whitley.** The Cl joins in condolences to **Whit** and the children.

'49

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The deaths of 3 '49'ers, **Marshall Neal, John Rasmussen** and **Bill Terrell**, were rep. Marsh Neal died on 18 Aug in Wichita Falls, TX. He had been in poor health for yrs and, during the last two, required close care by his wife **Sal**. They have a son and two daughters in TX. John Rasmussen died on 3 Nov in Santa Cruz, CA. He developed pneumonia following heart surgery and leaves **Lillian**, a son in OR and a daughter in WA. His ashes will be interred at WP. A mem scholarship fund has been established in his honor by the Data Processing Mgt Assn. Both **Turner Croonquist** of Pacific Grove, CA and **Bob O'Brien** of Castroville, CA sent clips of John's death. Bill Terrell died of leukemia on 18 Nov at Ft Sam Houston. **Jerry Schulz** of Plano, TX rep Bill was buried in Dublin, TX. He is survived by **Joan** (pronounced Jo Ann). No info was given on children, if any.

And to be added to the roster of those killed in the line of duty, **Roland Peixotto**'s son, LTC (AF Special Opns) Roland Jr '73, was killed, along with several others, in a helicopter crash near Hill AFB, UT, on 29 Oct. He was buried with full honors at Arlington Natl Cem on 9 Nov. A large number of classmates, fellow ofcrs and at least 15 '49'ers attended his memorial svc at Ft Myer. His wife Syl has established a memorial fund for him through the AOG.

In happier news, our "missing" **Jim Prescott** has been located. Jim is at the AF Vill, Apt 402, 4917 Ravenswood Dr, San Ant, TX 78227; 210-675-4888. **Mort Cameron**, Conneaut, OH, while in San Ant in Oct to attend the reunion of the 50D Pilot Training Cl, talked with him by phone. Jim is not too well, having some sort of paralysis of the legs. He requires a wheelchair and a special van. But Mort says his spirits are good, and Jim was disappointed he had not heard of the reunion. At the reunion, Mort says he, **Tom Bullock** and **Ab Martin** won the "golf scramble." It didn't come with much money but with "great bragging rights." In other moves, **Al Hale** sent notice he has left Leesburg, VA for Box 3033, Bald Head Isl, NC 28461. And **Charlie Smith** wrote that he & **Geny** have moved to 212 S Robbins Dr, West Palm Beach, FL 33400.

Jack & Petey Cox visited son David and new grandson (#4) in Norway in late Nov, where the snow was several ft deep. They planned to return just in time for the A-N Football Game. Those who saw that game, in person or on the tube, know how satisfactory the last few seconds were for Army.

Ed Hindman revealed something of his heart condition. Seems the lower third is not functioning. The docs took a look via angiogram and later did an angioplasty to stretch the artery walls. When Ed got out of bed, he "popped" the arterial incision and apparently squirted a lot of blood all around. He doesn't make too much of it, but that must have been a near brush with disaster. So, it was nice to see Ed at the recent DC luncheon.

Other happy news comes from **Carl Fitz**. He & **Ginna** attended the Feb 92 wedding of Elizabeth Dana Smith, youngest daughter of (the late) **Simeon (Snuffy) & Sue Smith**. The Fitzes agreed it was one of the most elegant and joyous weddings they had ever seen. The church bells of St Michael's resonated throughout the historic area as the wedding party moved next door for the reception at the SC Society Hall. Carl says Snuffy would have been proud. The groom was Christopher Bolles Jr, an ROTC grad from Vanderbilt. The couple headed for Ft Rucker, where Chris was due for helicopter flight sch.

Bill & Nan Luebbert volunteered to go to Albania for the Intl Exec Svc Corps. Bill wrote in early Oct, and I wish there were room to include his entire ltr. They gave up teaching on cruise ships when the much-too-idle rich took the bloom off their rose. They then spent 3+ mos in Zimbabwe, helping "the computer people" straighten out their tech ed which "had gone to hell under their Marxist govt." Then a vacation in AK and on to Albania. Bill says the whole country looks as if it had gone through the Watts riots but with no reconstruction. They do have lots of well-constructed pillbox-bunkers throughout the country—one for every 6 citizens, thanks to the paranoia of the "late and unlamented" dictator Hoxa.

Responding to a ltr from **George Crall**, I mentioned **Bill Luebbert**'s news, thinking George might be interested in construction opportunities there. Would you believe it? George was in Albania for the IESC in Jul, helping to privatize the natl construction industry. George sent a copy of his very interesting 5-pg rep (maybe he can tell us about it at Lake Tahoe) and promised to contact Bill to compare notes when he & **Nan** return home. George's original message was a copy of his fax of 18 Oct to the *NY Times* stating that they had misquoted him in an article of the same date concerning the bidding for privatizing and refurbishing the Hotel Thayer. George is quoted as saying he favored the bidding gp which included Fred Malek '59 (GM of the Bush-Quayle campaign) versus a gp which included John Dodson '68. George responded that his firm's recommendation was based only on the best aesthetic design and best opn plan. George wrote also that he had been in HI and saw **Bill Rank**. He said Bill is living right on the water and his biggest problem, aside from hurricanes, is his coconuts. They have to be cut off several times a yr, at considerable expense, to assure that they will not drop and injure or kill somebody. Tough life, Bill.

In more foreign news, **Dick Gillespie**, exec dir of the US-Mongolia Business Council, makes the most of his occasional trips to Mongolia. Since Ulan Bator is almost exactly 180 degrees longitude from Wash, DC, Dick makes some trips into round-the-world flights—through Europe going in and Asia coming out, or vice versa. **Bob Springer** tells a tale of how he & **Sally**, along with **Bob & Jan Townsley**, were lost in China during their tour last spring. The two couples were on a riverboat cruise when the boat docked at a large city. Wandering into the city, they could not find their way back to the boat. Bob says he must have tried to ask directions from 30 people (policemen, hotel people, etc), none of whom could speak English. His solution: He drew a sketch of a boat and a question mark that he showed to people. They then pointed the way.

1949: Reunion at the wedding of Lucy Muckerman

The first photo comes from **Joe Muckerman**, who says this is the only one he's ever submitted for *ASSEMBLY*. Shown are **Ann & Bill Stemple** and **Anne** & Joe Muckerman. The occasion was the wedding of daughter Lucy Muckerman to Faron Lamb. Ann and Anne were classmates at Georgetown Visitation. Joe, who works at the Pentagon in a political-appointee position, says his last day on the job is 20 Jan, for sure.

But why attend other people's weddings when you can have one of your own? The second photo was taken at the wedding of **Tom Moses** & **Kay** Kessler, in Albuquerque, NM on 24 Oct. Standing behind the happy couple are **Frank Wolak, Bobbie & Bob Ronald, Jane Wolak, Donna & Jack Rust, Bob & Helen Kemble** and **Rose & Bill Marfuggi.**

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1949: Tom Moses weds Kay Kessler in Albuquerque

1949: '49 gathering at Hilton Head, SC

1949: '49 attendees at Lake Tahoe summer camp

1949: A winery break during a river cruise

Jack Rust, who supplied the pic and notes, says it was a great, happy event. Rose & Bill came in from NJ. All the others are from the Albuquerque area. Bill and the groom "were 4-yr roomies" and Bill was Tom's best man at the wedding.

Lee & Trudy Surut were in Hilton Head, SC in early Oct and sent the next pic, showing (L-R) **Joan & George Orton, Joanne & Joe Eagers** and Trudy. Due to exceeding our space allocation for this issue, the pic showing Lee is omitted. But in a phrase, he is looking hale, hardy and happy.

Bill Hiestand sent a pic from "Lake Tahoe tennis camp." Pictured are (L-R) **Betty Jo & Bob Leisy, Diane & Tom Mackenzie, Marty & Bill Hiestand** and **Jean & Jack Albert**. The wk-long camp was organized by Betty Jo & Bob from among the participants in the tennis tournament at the Phoenix mini-reunion. Bill wrote that when he arrived at Lake Tahoe, he didn't know it had been selected for the 93 '49'er gathering. But he now can attest to the area as an excellent reunion location. It offers luxurious accommodations, an array of interesting individual and gp activities and a perfect Sep climate for sports and touring.

A few of you former cadets may recall a ship named *Argo*. . . **Phil Feir** spotted a tiny article in the *Investor's Business Daily* that stirred his memory and pen. He notes that, when last seen, the *Argo* was beached, disgraced and a candidate for the scrap heap. To quote the entire article: "The Russian Navy rescued all the estimated 290 people aboard a ship that had been swamped by a storm in the Black Sea, and then towed the vessel to port. The *Argo* had been carrying refugees from fighting in the Western Georgia region of Abkhazia when it was swamped by a wave Monday, the ITAR-Tass news agency rep." Phil added, "A later bulletin from Tass revealed the reason the *Argo* was swamped. Although 100 mi out, she still was tied to the pier. When she came to the end of the rope, she capsized." Maybe Phil writes for soap operas on the side?

In the last pic are some DC-area folks enjoying a river cruise on the Rappahannock near Fredericksburg, VA in late Oct. Shown are **Ted & Uschi Boland, Dave Bolte, Dick & Lois Bowman, Frank & Bette Hinchion, Don & Erika Keith, Art & Barbara Lee Kingdom** and son, **Lilo Kinney** and friend, **Kirby & Anne Lamar, Rocky & Margaret Marder, John & Marge Maurer, Wayne & Elaine Norby, Phil & Sue O'Brien, Sue Ogden, George & Carolyn Pollin, Bob & Barb Swantz, Ed & Jan Townsley** and **Ed & Eunice Yellman**. Dick Bowman, who organized the outing, supplied the photo, taken at a winery stopover. He didn't say if it were taken before or after the wine tasting.

Bob Ennis sent a clip from the 6 Nov *Wash Times*. It says **Bill Gorog**, CEO of US Order, has been named vice chm of WorldCorp of Herndon, VA, where he has served on the bd since 90. An item from **George Sylvester**: As of early Dec the returns from the 50th Reunion gift survey have started to accumulate. When responses are tabulated, the gift cmte will provide its findings and recommendations to the Cl Bd, possibly by spring. Stay tuned.

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As I write this, the holiday season is still ahead of us, but by the time you get this, it all will be passed. So here is a hearty HAPPY NEW YR, one and all.

In discussing the Cl Memorial project, a number of you have mentioned spt for the new AOG Alumni Ctr. You should realize that this ctr falls outside the guidelines that the Bd of Govrs adopted, which included a requirement that the project directly benefit the Cadets. The Bd did, however, consider it a worthwhile effort to spt in some manner. As a result, $1000 was donated from general Cl funds, not the memorial funds, to help with the new bldg. We have received nice notes from both Shy Meyer, as head of the fund-raising cmte, and Howard Graves, as Supe, thanking the Cl for the donation. On 31 Oct, **Lou & Rose Genuario**'s elder son Rick married Susan Schilling here in Northern VA. They met on the golf course two yrs ago when Rick caddied for her in the finals for the women's club championship. She plays to a fine handicap. At the wedding they gathered in all the classmates for a pic. No, the man closest to Sue in the pic is not the groom—it's Lou. On Rick's rt is **Al Romaneski**. Standing L-R are **Mel Johnsrud, Sid Steele, Bob Werner, Rufe Smith, Tom Austin, Ben Lewis, Volney, Warner**, me and **Jake Jacobson**.

We were lucky to have **Bob & Lee Werner** come in from Cleveland for the wedding and a good visit. Bob and his firm are still very active in Hungary, so he flies to Eastern Europe frequently.

Some good news came from **Kathy O'Brien**. Her daughter Erin '86, a CPT in the Army, took cmd of the HQ Co, US Army Element, Allied Forces Southern Europe, at a change of cmd ceremony on 20 Nov 92 at Naples, Italy. Kathy has a good reason to fly to Europe.

Another item of interest was a flyer announcing the 3rd Charles Allen Cary Lecture, in recognition of 100 yrs of veterinary med at Auburn Univ. Dr Cary, who founded the vet sch at Auburn, was **Andy Pick**'s grandfather. After the lecture, **Fran** & Andy, together with Andy's mother, hosted a reception in the lovely old Cary home, one of the landmarks of Auburn, AL.

From Indian Rocks Beach, FL, **Ardath Wilson** rep that her 5th granddaughter, Hallie Ann, arrived on 20 Feb. That is the 3rd girl for Ardath's daughter Kelly & John. Another daughter, Scottie, after 25 yrs in Houston, has moved to Chicago, where she will attend Univ of IL for an MFA. Meanwhile, Ardath helped daughter Borden find a condo in N Palm Beach. Borden is a pharmaceutical rep for Eli Lilly, covering the Palm Beach area. Both she and her brother Clay had to evacuate their homes during Hurricane Andrew. Borden was back the next day, but Clay in Coral Gables had to wait for 10 days. Meantime, he volunteered to help repair and reroof houses. To complete the family, Ardath's daughter Tracy & Larry, together with their two daughters Kersta and Bel, visited Ardath in June.

Several have asked about the '50 cadet pix that were in the 2 Nov issue of *US News*. They are of **Claude Doughtie, Volney Warner, Don Creuziger** and **John Fahs**. All this was part of the study for which many of you filled out questionnaires 3 yrs ago.

From FL, **Ed West** says his solid waste disposal firm handled the physical part very well but the politics were far more difficult. He is now dep ch of a team planning rehab of Homestead after Hurricane Andrew. Ed also says that **Marcy** is creating environments for others by her thriving real estate business in Boca Raton.

Tom Austin recently returned from Ft Knox, where his 16th (yes, 16th!) grandchild, Abby Elizabeth Austin, was born on 4 Dec to son David & Tish—a healthy 9-pounder.

Mel Johnsrud and brother Sherm rep from Las Vegas in Nov after two wks in Minneapolis; the secret to keeping costs down in Vegas is DON'T gamble. Earlier they told of their excursion into Mexico and Costa Rica following the mini in San Ant. They got to Calypso Isl and the Arenal Volcano, among other places. **Dave Carlisle** rep that the Army's Ch of Mil History directed that the history of the 24th Inf in Korea be revised to correct errors and give the 24th its rightful place. Much of the combat time had our old Tac, COL Corley, in cmd. Dave was in the 77th Engr Co, which spted the regt. [See review of *Firefight at Yechon*, in this issue.]

Now on to some Christmas cards and ltrs. **Phil & Jean Harper** had their usual family get-together at the beach during the summer. Daughter Chi Chi & Ran are moving to Dallas in Jan. Daughter Kim graduates from law sch in Dec and takes the bar exam in Feb.

Phil & Lorel Bolte managed to get their motor home from the mini in San Ant to New Orleans in only three wks. There they parked in the driveway of **Bob & Carolyn Hughes** and spent a fun wknd of sightseeing, eating, drinking and reminiscing. Phil was an usher in the Hughes wedding, way back when.

1950: (R-L) Bob Morrison, son Jack and a friend, Bermuda-bound

In Jun **Bob Morrison**, together with son Jack '78 and a friend, sailed the Morrisons' big boat to Bermuda. Son Jim replaced his brother for the return trip. Bob still hunts turkeys and deer and, with **Martha**, races the J-24 or cruises in the big boat. The family gathered at son Jim's new home for Thanksgiving. "Rug rats everywhere.". . . Two of the people to see Bob off to Bermuda were **Bob & Gwyn Groseclose**, whose daughter Nancy is married to Jack Morrison. In Aug Gwyn's family had a big reunion in CA, so she & Bob turned a mo and 7000 mi of travel into a "fabulous" trip. All that travel must agree with them by their looks in the pic they sent.

1950: The Genuario-Schilling wedding

1950: The Grosecloses

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Bob & Gloria McBride also had a family gathering at their home in Grosse Point Farms, MI last Jun for granddaughter Charlotte Hudson's christening. Bob is still busy running his steel firm but does get away for an occasional retreat. To remind us that we are really young at heart, **Monty Coffin** sent a pic of his family. That is 6-yr-old Vanessa on Monty's right and one-yr-old Charles on Tanya's left. They have settled into a new home. Monty still is teaching at both Clark State and Wright State, while Tanya takes classes when they fit into a busy schedule.

1950: Monty Coffin and his family

Out in MI **Carm & Barbara Milia** are enjoying their second ret by working, Carm as the Detroit rep for Alliant and doing taxes for Block and Barb with redecorating the house and doing vol work. Their big news is the marriage of son Bob to Robin Hildebrand last Jul. They live in Roanoke, VA, where Robin works for Nabisco and Bob for Do-All, a tool co. The other children are fine. Chris, with Mary and little Matt (7), is a TV producer in the area. Mark, with Marie, Sebastian (12), Nadia (9) and Jessica (6), is at Ft Benning. Terry, with Kathy, Kyle (5) and Karman (8 mo), was sent to Houston by Waste Mgt. Mary Carmen is happy in a gp home, working in a sheltered workshop. Youngest Matt, now 25, is the envy of his brothers, working hard and playing hard in Flint, MI. Nearer to home,

Larry & Betty Lodewick had a busy yr with lots of trips, including Disney World, Ft Knox and other places in KY, various parts of TX, and Ft Bragg, where they helped celebrate the assumption of cmd of 4–17th Cav by **Jim Mitchem**'s son Reagan. The Lodewicks rep that Reagan's wife Julie presented him with a son, James Alan, on 2 Dec. **Kelly & Betty Jane Veley** are still deep into running various candy shows in PA, CA, MO and other places. Their daughter Beth not only worked on the food service at the new Camden Yard Staduim in Baltimore but also for the Olympics in Spain. Betty Jane won a trip to San Fran, complete with shopping spree at Saks, so she and Kelly finally got a ride on a cable car. That

1950: Cobell and Ann Carter Fooshe

lovely pic at the Grand Canyon shows **Macon Fooshe**'s two children, Cabell and Ann Carter, celebrating their respective BA and MA. For Christmas this yr, **Jack & Bev Macmull** will have "everyone" there: 12 people, 8 dogs and one rabbit.

The big news from **Frank & Frances Thompson** is the arrival of their second granddaughter, Robin Michelle, born 3 Sep to son Stuart '78 & Kris. Frank and Frances also have two grandsons, both by daughter Terri. Frances, by the way, seems to be starting a new career as a movie extra, having been in both the mini-series *Queen* and the pic *Rick in Love*.

1950: Bob McBride's family

John & Ann Howard stayed close to home in FL. John had another good yr managing the Veterans' Memorial Park, while Ann sold her handpainted china at two shows. Their oldest grandson is now a freshman at Georgia Tech; we are getting along in yrs.

That's about it for this issue. Hope all of you had great holidays.

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Cl Activities: The Nov DC area luncheon was very special because **Earl Keesling** and **Roscoe Robinson** attended for the first time in many mos. It was great to have them with us rather than at Walter Reed. We were also pleasantly surprised by a visit by the Grey Fox, **Bob Simpson**, in town to visit a daughter, and **Jack Craigie**, who was in DC on business. A-N

1951: Pete Foss, Bruno Giordano and Don McGann after the A-N Game

1951: Elaine McGann and Elmer Pendleton after the A-N Game

was cold, but what a thrilling victory! We saw **Lou Casbon, Pete & Marie Foss, Don & Elaine McGann, Pete Prehn, Ron Roberge, Tom & Jane Williams, Dewey & Kitty Detar, Ab Weber, Bruno Giordano, Clyde Cocke, Sam Dickens, Bill Quinn** and **Fred Rockwell**. Once again Ab & Marge Weber hosted classmates for a victory celebration, and a great time was had by all. Thanks, Ab.

Reminder on the Outer Banks Spring Fling 7–9 May. For info contact **Joe Rogers** at (703) 459-5439.

Spotlight on the MW Area: Reps are **Dave Bills, Chuck Wallens** and **Guy Jester**. Dep reps are **John Cousins, Jim Guyer** and **Walt Johnson**. Jim Guyer rep that **Bucky Harris** visited the Milwaukee area on business and that he looked great. **Joe Clemons** was at Oshkosh for the annual Fly In. He flew his 46 Navion. Jim Guyer won the over-60 Flight of the WP Alumni of WI golf tournament last fall with an 89. He also won his village over-60

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1951: After the A-N Game: (First row) Clyde Cocke, Joe Rogers, Tom Williams and Elmer Pendleton; (second row) Ron Roberge, Fred Rockwell, Bruce Giordano, Pete Foss, Dewey Detar, Ab Weber and Lou Casbon; (third row) Don McGann, Sam Dickens and Bill Quinn

1951: Sam Dickens, Clyde Cocke, Marie Foss and Lou Casbon after the A-N Game

4th of Jul 5K race. Jim also admits that he was the only over-60 competitor in both events. **Betty & Chuck Wallens** attended the WI USMA Alumni Picnic. Jim rep they both looked great and have 4 grandchildren.

1951: Betsy & Sterling De Ramus and Leslie Smith, Sterling's bride-to-be, Apr 93

Jim rep **Chris Rupp** is still as upbeat and enthusiastic as ever. He is active with his manufacturers rep business with Dresser Indus, but he makes time to play lots of golf. He says he is still in debt to Joe Clemons because Chris's unit was the next one scheduled to go up Pork Chop if Joe hadn't made it. **Jim Bick** continues to enjoy substitute teaching but has taken up sailboarding. He may be the only classmate active in the sport. Jim's wife, an RN, took a special interest in a young cancer patient undergoing chemotherapy who later, as Miss Michigan, went to the Miss America Contest. The Bicks have 12 grandchildren, with another expected. Jim Guyer suggested a "recommended reading paragraph" in the Cl col, and I will be happy to include your recommendations. Jim recommends *Favorite Son* by Lewis Puller, 92 Pulitzer Prize Winner and son of Marine GEN Chesty Puller.

Dave Bills rep **John Cousins** is asst ch of Engrs for the OH Dept of Natural Resources and plans to ret in 94. John & **Mary** are looking forward to next two grandchildren due Jun and Apr 93.

1951: Ted & Sally Atkeson and Bob & Tinky Hyatt at DC dinner aboard the *Dandy*

Dave Bills ret from IN Dept of Fire and Bldg Svc in Jul 92. He was dir of Tech Svc and Bldg Research, which developed state bldg codes. **Danielle** is active in gardening at home and club activities at state and local levels. Dave is OIC of Composting Opns. Dave & Danielle expect their first grandchild next Jul. Last spring they visited Las Vegas and, since Dave did not rep winning, he probably

1951: Brooks & Mary Martin, Faith Stannard and Helene & Dick Ryan aboard the *Dandy*

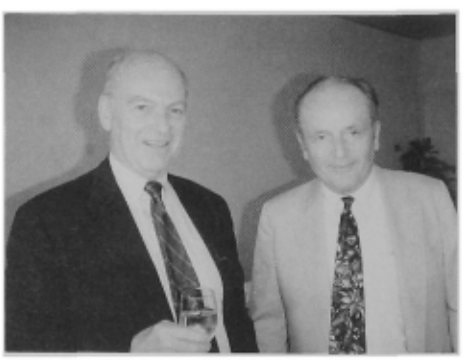
helped the local economy.

Del Ring rep he & **Jean** are enjoying great health. Del does a bit of computer consulting and has worked to upgrade the OH State Sch computer systems. He continues to train and fox hunt his horses while keeping up his 125-acre farm. Last Feb Del skied in CO with **T Nance** and visited 7 grandchildren. In Jul Del went to MN for his 50th HS reunion and to Houston, TX for Thanksgiving with two sons and families. He expects his CO son and family for Christmas and looked forward to the CO Ski Mini in Feb.

Bob & Carolyn Snyder rep travel to CO (Copper Mtn, CO Springs and Denver) last Apr and Ger and Austria in Sep. Daughters Sheri and Linda made the trip to Ger. Both were born in Weisbaden. During 92 Bob & Carolyn hosted **George & Faith Stannard** and **Don & Betty Ann Van Matre**.

Barney & Muriel Landry traveled to Myrtle Beach for USAF mini-reunion with the **Witmers** and **Sully Johnsons**; to Salt Lake City (saw **Milburns**); to Cheyenne for Frontier Days; to New Orleans for HS reunion; and LA to visit relatives and friends. In 93 they plan to attend the Outer Banks Spring Fling and next summer to travel to British Isles to visit daughter Donna.

Walt Johnson rep he is enjoying his job supervising construction of St Louis' New Indoor Stadium. He is closing out several demolition contracts and prep final plans for construction to be bid in Feb and Mar. The entire family was home for Thanksgiving. Walt & **Judy** will be grandparents for the 4th time next Apr. Craig & Lori are expecting their first then.



1951: Chuck Ewing and Pat Lynch at DC area luncheon

Guy Jester is still traveling to places like Israel and Pakistan in his job as pres of Intl Contractors Ltd. On his last trip, he was able to stop and see Elaine, in her second yr of teaching in Switzerland.

Better late than never: **Willie Winner**, who

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1951: Bill Crouch, Pete Beczkiewicz, Dean Mulder and Don Van Matre at DC area luncheon

ret last yr and now, in his words, finds himself taking long walks and harassing his wife, was inducted into the American Coll of Trial Lawyers in HI more than a decade ago. Less than 1% of attys are so honored. Belated congrats, Willie.

Wayne Dozier ret from his second career with the State of SD and is quietly looking forward to another winter on the plains.

Jill Buckstead (John) has retired. She recently returned from a trip to Ecuador with her two daughters.

Al Pursell rep that his son, an '81 grad, is the Environmental Ofcr at Ft Leonard Wood. Al is working on his PhD in English at the U of KS while teaching at a jr coll.

Jim **Craig** '93, son of **Fran & Bambi**, chose the Inf and is now facing the question of where to start his career. Jim must be close to the last son or daughter to grad from the Acad.

Ed Peter rep that he & **Jean** are fine. He is leading a busy but dull life and looking forward to hanging it up and returning to Southern FL in a couple of yrs. He and his son made their annual pilgrimage to the FL Keys in Aug in search of barracuda and other S FL game fish. Their luck was good; they caught plenty of fish and returned to MO ahead of Hurricane Andrew.

Frank Sisson is busy with his consulting firm in Wichita. He has orders projected out to 98—good to hear that a contemporary is thinking that far ahead!

Bob Pazderka is seriously considering slowing the pace a bit by ret from the U of NE and switching to consulting work in Lincoln. He has played a key role in the largest expansion in the Univ's history and is ready to pass the baton.

From Here and There: **Jack Martin** writes from Gainesville, FL that he, as a former mbr of the US Modern Pentathlon squad, offered his svcs as advisor, publicist, TV commentator and general helper to the Ocala/Manon County Chamber of Commerce. The Olympic Trials were held in Ocala, FL.

T Nance sent a clip about Mayor **Bob Isaac**, who was confronted by a man wielding an ax handle at a CO Springs City Council mtg. Bob, showing his cool, grabbed the man's hand, shook it and said, "How are you? I'm Bob Issac."

Bub Conti rep from Melbourne, FL that last fall he had a surprise visit from **George & Bess Psihas**, who were visiting **Gerry & Carol Reeve** nearby. They were joined by **Howie & Molly Peckham** for dinner and hrs of conversation. Bud rep daughter Irene works for the US Govt at Martin Marietta, son Ron runs a restaurant near Disneyworld, and son Rob & wife work for Disney. Bud volunteers as a tour guide at Cape Canaveral and serves on the

1951: Jack Martin at Modern Pentathlon trials with Lou Tremblay

Museum Foundation's Bd of Dirs. In his spare time he restores museum artifacts. **George Meighen** rep **Mike Simpson** now lives in Gulf Breeze, FL. He attended a pre-game mtg of A-N grads in Pensacola, FL.

Barnett DeRamus rep son Sterling grad from U of AL Law, has degree and will travel. Barnett & **Betsy** spent a mo in France last summer doing research for his Cl on 19th and 20th Century French lit at Birmingham-Southern, where he teaches 5 days/wk.

Thanks for your great spt. Keep those cards and ltrs coming.

'52

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Some 40 of the local contingent gathered with the **Larkins** to watch and celebrate the stirring outcome of the A-N game. We enjoyed the usual fare of chili and conversation that has become our customary method of marking the occasion.

Prior to the game, a few of us attended the annual Touchdown Club's A-N luncheon at the Bolling AFB Club. We were treated to good stories, fine fare, and a chance to rehearse some old cheers in preparation for the game. Present were **Burke, Danford, Kenney, Larkin, McInerney, Paluh, Sullivan** and **Youree**.

Frank Benedict was here for the A-N game and rep on the perils of doing business in Russia—inflation, local contacts, telephones, accommodations—but he has survived quite well for several yrs in that environment.

The **Maloneys** hosted a Fri eve get-together at their new home in Chapel Hill for the Army-UNC game back in Sep. Present were the **Lehans, Sellecks, Staniers** and **Claire Ellis**. Joining this gp at gametime were the **Clines, Niblacks** and **Ulmers**. The game was noteworthy because of the half-hour delay imposed by a violent storm.

1952: The Maloneys and Luthers at Fisherville, VA parsonage

Further from the **Maloneys**: they toured the VA wine country in Oct and took lunch with **Jay & Ruth Luther** at their parsonage in Fisherville. The Luthers have a congregation of over 500, drawing from the nearby cities of Staunton and Waynesboro.

1952: The Quinn wedding: Gordon & Carol Hahn, son Tom '79 & Sheryl Quinn, John & Nicki Pelton, Kay & Jack, Hank & Marcia Lowder and Will '58 & Barbara Merrill

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1952: Maloney gathering: Dolly & Pete Selleck, Vonny & Dick Stanier, Claire Ellis, Jim & Jeri Maloney and Jim & Nancy Lehan

1952: Haras-Harney wedding: Bob & Pat Haras with Stuart and Robert Jr and their wives

1952: The Rehm-Telford wedding: Daughter Katherine Rehm, Rehm, Marguerite & John Telford, Mary Rehm and Thomas A Rehm Jr '81

I have accumulated news and photos on all the summer weddings, and there were quite a few.

Bob Haras announced that he & **Pat** Harney were married 30 May at WP following our reunion. Many of you met **Pat** at that time. She is a native of Bangladesh but a citizen of Australia, where she & Bob met two yrs ago. Bob's best men were his two sons, Stuart and Robert Jr. Young Bob confided in me at the reunion that the wedding was on, so now all can share this news. Welcome to the Cl, Pat, and our best wishes for happiness with Bob.

The **Quinn** daughter (after 5 sons!) Mary married Michael Shalz on 8 Aug at Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Present for this happy occasion were the **Hahns, Lowders** and **Peltons**.

Larry & Barbara Putnam's son, Lawrence Jr, married Maggie Lawrence in Oct at a ceremony in MD on the banks of the Wocomico River. A bus called "The Love Bus" was chartered to provide food and libations (and transport) for the wedding and reception. Singing and merriment on the return trip made a complete day for the guests.

Tom & Mary Rehm's daughter Marguerite was married to John Telford at the Ft Myer Chapel on 26 Sep. Attending from the Cl were the **Claybrooks, Keeleys, Larkins, Lowders, Rentschlers, Wileses** and **Witherells**. Marguerite (Peggy) is the granddaughter of BG & Mrs George A Rehm '20. She & John will make their home in Toronto.

Cynthia & I are pleased to rep that son Andrew was married to Kathy Pryce last Aug at the Saint Thomas Episcopal Church in Great Falls, VA. They will make their home in Arlington. Kathy is the granddaughter of Roland F (Monty) Pryce, USNA '27.

I received a newspaper clip showing **Lou Churchill** publicly thanking all those who spted and voted for him in Bay County, FL. He says not all was lost because of the opportunity the campaign gave him to meet and talk to hundreds of citizens. We wish you greater success next time, Lou.

John Carlson rep that he saw **Foley** recently. Jack is the mgr of the utility district in Laguna Miquel (CA) and sits on the bd of the Metro Water District.

Was in Cincinnati last fall and took the opportunity to call **Don Ross**. He has ret from US Shoe and commercial real estate business and now engages in private real estate matters and investments, the latter in company with Betsy's 90-yr-old father. Don said **JD Smith** teaches math at the U of KY.

A ltr from **Tom Murphy** rep on the very busy life he & **Ann Marie** lead in Costa Mesa, CA. As a footnote to the reunion news, they made the most of their travels in the E: Ann Marie's 40th Reunion at the Coll of New Rochelle, a nostalgic return to Cape Cod where they honeymooned, Tom's 45th HS Reunion in Antigo, WI, and Murphy family reunions in Milwaukee and Chicago. As some of you know, Tom is continuing his ministry at a local hosp and nursing home and has taken on grad studies in theology.

Tom Leggett threw a surprise "sweet 16" party for **Patty** in Nov at Allenberry in Boiling Springs, PA. Their daughters and 5 grandchildren were there, as were the **Bullocks, Glea-**

1952: The Putnam wedding: (Front) Earle, Brown, Malone and Sluga; (back) Putnam, Youree, Moran, Garver, Bovard, Paluh and Sullivan

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1952: The Witherell and Pryce families at Aug wedding: Scott Pryce, Jeffrey Pryce, Amb & Mrs William T Pryce, Kathy & Andrew Witherell, Cynthia & Jack Witherell and Nancy Witherell

sons and **Bob Turners**. Tom is still traveling extensively, the Bullocks are minding their farm, and Bob & Carol celebrated their 40th this fall at the Greenbrier.

On a sadder note, we have recently confirmed that **Kelso Carroll**, previously listed as *missing*, is dead. *The St Petersburg (FL) Times* carried a rep of death by self-inflicted gunshot wound in its 21 Nov 69 edition. Our thanks to **Baird, Grayeb** and **Lang** for bringing this info to light.

By now you should have received a Dec newsltr carrying the latest developments concerning gift selection and fundraising for our 50th Reunion.

'53

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This is it—the last *ASSEMBLY* before our 40th Reunion! It's time to get it together. The clock and the calendar have brought us to the point where getting to the reunion is top priority for your attention and effort. This is the last chance I get to tell you that you really should be there. You know you should. If you have an urgent demand for your time, like being in jail or having a truck run over you, maybe you can miss it. Otherwise, you will regret it if you miss this one.

According to the ltr you were sent by the Reunion Cmte in Nov, you should be sending in the form about now to AOG for reservations to the Alumni Dinner Dance and the Luncheon. Then next mo (Apr), you must make reservations at the hotel by the 22d. You should have returned the questionnaire to **Bud Tardiff** in Dec, but if you did not, or there are any changes, get in touch with him ASAP. IT IS NEVER TOO LATE FOR YOU TO DECIDE TO ATTEND. It is just that doing things on schedule makes it easier. We can always add more water to the soup, but we may have to shoehorn you into a broom closet to sleep if you wait too long.

As I write, the A-N Game is a week past. That was some game! I was about to doze off, in resigned but patient disappointment—again—when Scott rode the mule and the game changed. I think we may have witnessed the establishment of a new superstition. What followed was one of the best games that I can remember. This yr, instead of the pre-game luncheon with the Annapolis Cl of '53 that has been our habit, there was a large A-N luncheon sponsored by the Touchdown Club and the two alumni socs. To make it even more ecumenical, it was held at Bolling AFB. I was not there, but my sources tell me that it was well done but not quite as enjoyable as our more intimate get-togethers with our crabtown brethren. **Norm Delbridge**, having lost last yr, presented his old B-robe to Carl Trost, former CNO and USNA '53 Cl Pres. I understand that, since Norm had Carl's old B-robe from a former wager, they decided to trade them back for sentiment's sake. On

1953: Bill Harris warms up the audience at the A-N Game party

game day, **Max & Priscilla Noah** had folks over to watch and party. I didn't make it to that, either. It's not that I'm getting to be anti-social, just that several priorities intersected. I did get an after-action rep from several sources. There were about 50 folks there. Space precludes listing all, and you don't want to read a roster, but I will mention **Ann Goetz**, her daughter Jennifer and son Darrell; **Lisa Creighton, David Delbridge, Kevin Henderson** and **Van Noah**. **Wally & Mutt Parker** and **Drew & Marlene Dowling** attended. Strictly speaking, they are not living in the Wash area, but they make the effort to drive in for many of the local doings.

1953: A-N Game party at the Noahs'

Congrats to **Bob Blum**, who married **Judith** Ridgley on 12 Sep. He is studying to be an Episcopal minister—commuting to seminary in Philly. She has a business here. Welcome to the Cl, Judith, and best wishes from all of us.

1953: Bob & Peg Laflam, visited by Sam Rogers and Pam & Al Lindholm in NH

Got a ltr from **Diane Hickey**. She & **Ralph** are doing well in FL, and she gave me their phone number. Epitomizing the kind of help I gratefully can use, **Al Lindholm** called me to say that **Bob Laflam** had been elected to the State of NH House of Reps. Shortly after, Bob called and said that Al had made him call! It seems he was involved in the local budget and has been active in regional environmental affairs, resulting in the Congress passing a bill to study the Pemigewasset River for inclusion in the Natl Inventory of Wild and Scenic Rivers. Of course, everyone knows that river, right? So his neighbors elected him to represent District 2 at the state legislature, which Bob says is the world's 4th largest, and which pays $100 per annum, plus travel. A couple of wks later, I got a ltr from Bob, sent from Ger, where he was spending Thanksgiving with second son David, now a 1LT in the 97th Sig Bn. Back in '53, Bob's (or "Flambo" as we knew him then) first asgmt was the 97th Sig. He married the CO's (LTC David Bowman) daughter **Peggy**. So this is the 3d generation in the 97th. (Coincidentally, back when I was a teen-age dependent in the ETO, 46–48, I had several friends in the 97th and spent a lot of afternoons in their dayroom, which was the mezzanine of the Stuttgart Opera!)

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1953: Bob & Peg Laflam visit Sue & John Schuessler at Enterprise, AL

I don't mind admitting that I am a really chicken guy. I do not like to write unpleasant things. On the other hand, if there is need for some or all of you to know, then it is my duty to put it in here. On death notices, for example, if I get the news late and it has already been listed elsewhere, I don't see that it serves any purpose to repeat—but perhaps it does. Maybe some of you have not read the 92 *Register*. **John Scoblick** is listed as deceased 6 May 91. I did not know about it, and it has not been in *ASSEMBLY*. It was brought to my attention by Sheherjian x-'54, whom John used to tutor in the sinks. Another piece of heart-rending news is that **Bob & Jeanne Glasgow**'s eldest son William was the victim of a homicide on 5 Mar 92 in Tampa, where he was working for a church. The defendant was sentenced on 6 Nov to life in prison.

Bob's ltr went on to say that they had visited with **Tom & Tardy McGregor** in Nashville at a reunion of Yokohama HS (Yo-hi). Jeanne, Tom & Tardy had attended in the late 40s, along with **Walt Henderson, Rob Roy McGregor** and other Army brats. Further, Bob wrote that he & **Jeanne** recently visited Dahlonega, GA, where he and many of the Cl had Ranger trng in 53–54. He says the layout and appearance are much the same—the pond in the middle of camp, the cabins, mess hall, briefing room and supply area—with the major execption that it is now a 4-H camp. The Ranger trng camp is now a couple of miles away and has permanent bldgs, PX, commissary, *et al*.

Gray & Louise Kinnie sent a short ltr with a mix of bad and good news. Louise's son died in Mar. Then they bought their ret home in Hilton head, SC, and 6 mos later it was struck by lightning and burned down. Gray had to have a heart valve installed in Dec 91, but the good news is that it works, he can exercise and keep his weight down. He ret from IBM and "loves it" but was hired back as consultant for a mo.

Si & Anne Nerone may be settled at last. Correct the address given last issue to read Box R 7021; the rest remains the same. Tel/FAX number is 34.1.352.23.94.

Weemo Wubbena said he talked to **Art Arduna**, who seems to be happy and healthy out in CA.

The Wash area bunch is planning to have a luncheon on 23 Mar, TBD, and 21 Apr at Ft Myer. The annual picnic is set for May Day at **Al & Pam Lindholm**'s. If you are going to be in the area on any of those dates, let somebody know and join us.

'54

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On 17 Oct, **Bill & Jean Epling**, from Annandale, VA, hosted a dinner for the VA/DC area classmates at Ft Myer. Attending were 46 classmates, spouses and guests. Among those were **Rose Mologne** and guest, LTC (Ret) Mary Bateman (Connell), RN, who was chief nurse at USMA Hosp during our matriculation and later served with **Lew Mologne**.

On 8 Dec, **Larry Skibbie** and **Jim Obendorfer** organized a business luncheon at the A-N Country Club in Arlington, VA. BG Jerry Galloway '57, USMA Dean and the guest of **Bill Hilsman**, was on hand to extol the new hi-tech classroom that will be our Reunion gift. LTC Mike Mahan '70 represented AOG. Dr Steve Epstein, IBM, provided a demonstration of the concept, the hardware and its capabilities. More than 60 classmates and others attended.

Ron Lee is pres of the Nutrition Div, Vantage Mkting Intl in DC, mkting interior design nutritionals—food supplements that will invigorate your life. Where were you when we needed you, Ron? He & **Nancy** live in DC with their new baby daughter. Ron is threatening to contact all L-2 files about their 40th Reunion plans. Open the prize envelopes carefully so the money doesn't fall out.

John Woodyard & his wife are in Snellville, GA. They spent a few days in Destin, FL with companion F-1 files **Len & Seeley Fuller** and **Bob & Helen Chapman**.

John Pappageorge, who won the Rep primary for MI's 12th District seat in the US Congress, finished second in the election, with a respectable 46% of the vote. We hope Papp perseveres and takes it all the next time. John & **Helen** live in Troy.

Bill Bathurst, who lives in, on, or under Big Sheep Cliff in Chashiers, NC, asks about which side of Michie Stadium our AF files should sit at the Army-AF game during our 40th Reunion. One protocol has them sitting with the home team first and with their svc during the second half, or vice versa. We'll try to find out, but meanwhile, Bill, for God's sake, don't cut across the field during the game and risk getting hit by an errant pass or a plebe usher's purse.

The day before Thanksgiving, **Ed Pawlowski** phoned from his son's DC home that he was on leave from his CO post in Ger. We had a pleasant lunch, during which Ed tried unavailingly to learn from me the latest industrial secrets. One more combo burrito with salsa and I might have spilled all.

On 1 Dec, **Jack Galvin** was featured speaker at a two-day gathering sponsored by the Natl Def Univ of Ft McNair and the US Institute of Peace at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Alexandria. The Symposium theme was "Non-Traditional Roles for the US Mil in the Post-Cold War Era."

It's not too late to offer your help in publishing the 40th Reunion Cl Book. The qualifications are creativity and enthusiasm. If you have not yet done so, send your data or comments to **Richard H Sugg**, 7119 Marine Dr, Alexandria, VA 22307; phone (res) 703-765-6712; (ofc) 202-646-9151.

As the man wakened from his sleep said to the wrong-number caller who apologized for disturbing him, "No problem; I had to get up anyway to answer the phone." Our col gets printed regardless of input, but it's easier and more interesting with your help. See how hard you can make me work. The situtation is like the gambler who says to his friend on their way to the track, "I hope I break even today; I can use the money."

Have a long, happy 93.

'55

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Once again, it is my sad chore to rep the passing of not one, but two classmates: **Richard H Gray**, who was my co mate in I-2 and a dear friend from prep sch days at Stewart Field, passed away from the effects of a brain tumor in his home city of Carlisle, PA, on 1 Nov 92. Dick is survived by **Beverly** and 6 children: daughters Lee, Susan, Elizabeth and Nancy and sons Jonathan and Peter. Cremation followed svcs in Carlisle. Dick ret from the Army in 75 after serving 4 yrs on the Staff and Faculty of the AWC in Carlisle. He became the business mgr and then dir of Admin for the Dickinson Sch of Law near Carlisle. Our sympathies and warmest regards go out to Bev and the children. Dick was one of the sharpest and keenest wits I have ever known. He, perhaps more than any other trait I can remember, had the superb ability to listen. This was a great friend and I, as we all will, am going to miss knowing Dick is there. Be thou at peace, old friend; well done.

Our other loss is ex-classmate **George G Rhinehart**, who, like **Dick Gray**, was also a comrade from Stewart Field days. Max left WP in yearling yr, served for a time in the Army, then became very successful in the brokerage business with Kidder, Peabody in MA. I last chatted with Max in 85, and I'm sure there are many others in the Cl who have kept in even closer touch with Max over the yrs. Our sympathies to Max's family, to whom we extend our "Well Done" to another fine comrade.

I'll begin by rep on a superb visit to Honolulu (I know, terrible work, but someone has to do it!), during which we held a mini-mini reunion of '55'ers with **Don & Berniece Gransback** and **Eck Hayes**, both of whom have spent the yrs since ret in spitting distance of Waikiki! These great folks live within about 10 min of each other, get together frequently, and enjoy the visits of "Howlies" who come to their isl paradise on business or to seek the sun. Grans is the dep dir of Emer Planning for the State of HI, and opns dir for the state when hurricanes—like "Iniki" in the fall of 92—and tidal waves threaten the many isls that make up the state. Berniece continues to work part-time for the Army at Ft Shafter, as well as maintaining her championship tennis game in the local over-40s league, and they both work hard keeping track of 3 great youngsters, Steve, Greg and Derrick, and the grandchildren. Eck & **Kitty** also are kept busy; Eck with his work in a financial and real estate firm, and Kitty with her crafts work. Sadly, Kitty was back on the mainland during my visit. We all 3 had a ball dining on great Thai chow and recalling the neat days of '55 on the Plain. Both these great couples extend their invitation to all classmates visiting Oahu, and there is no greater nor more spectacular view than that from

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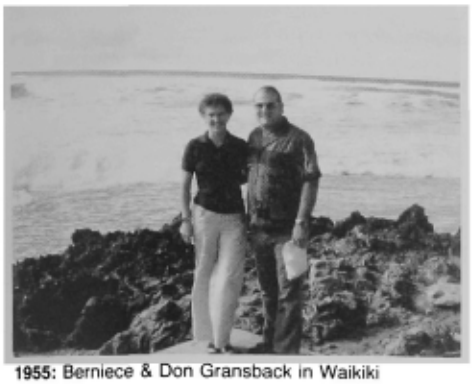
Grans' apt—the zillion-dollar view! Mahala, good friends.



1955: Berniece & Don Gransback in Waikiki

As I rep earlier, the great news from the Philippines is that **Joe & Puring Dado** have been selected by the new PI Pres, GEN Ramos '50, to be the gen mgr of the PI railroad system. Significantly, Joe is one of many USMA grads to have become railroad directors, but the first one in the Philippines. Puring also has been involved deeply in the Dept of Agrarian Reform, the Lepanto Women's Club and her quilting. Both are kept busy with their granddaughters, one of whom was arriving as Joe took his oath of ofc. Thanks, Joe, for your nice ltr, and all of '55 wishes you the best.

1955: Joe & Puring Dado with Pres Ramos

Had a great call from **Frank Robertson** in SC, to chastise me about his entry in the most recent Cl roster (a fair hit) and tell me about his son. Wallace, an '84 grad of The Citadel, Co Cmdr in the 101st Abn Div, has his MBA from the NPGS in Monterey and is carrying on his dad's great record of svc. Frank rep that **Tom Turner**, who used to be in SC, relocated not long ago to Houston, TX; we look forward to hearing from Tom. Maybe he and **Dick Soper** can get together there—old M-1 mates!

As all of you know, the Old Rabble rose up and smote the Middies in a contest of patience and nerves in the last micro-seconds. I maintain that young Malcom could have kicked that field goal 30 more times and from as far away as his home town, if necessary. Army football is certainly not pretty, and it lacks some of the glitz, but as **Bob Camp** rep in his note right after the game, it was surely enough to excite the '55'ers assembled there in Philly. Bob rep **Lou Crandall, Danny & Loretta Dienst** (who are among the most loyal and vocal Army fans), **Don & Chickie Hilbert, Ted Gay, Paul & Elsie Jefferies, Carl & Jo McNair, Bob Nourse, Vern Pace, Bob & Pat Strati** and **Rod & Pat Vitty** were gathered on the 20-yd line (as we get older, the view gets better) to share in this exciting victory. Bob came all the way from his perch near Denver, CO, so there are still avid Army fans alive and well.

Apropos of football games, **Rod Vitty** sent along the snap below from the margins of the Army-AF game at WP earlier in the season. Although this game took some of the zip out of the A-N event later, the '55'ers gathered with the "Host With the Most" **Kelly Lichtenberg** and his world-famous tailgate festivities send along a message of strong '55 spt for Army football.

1955: Vitty, Monahan, Strati, Cathey, Hilbert and Dienst

During that same wknd at WP, the Flight Memorial was dedicated in ceremonies held at a glade near Michie Stadium. Representing all of us in '55 who made some or all of our careers in the flying business were **Carl McNair**, who at one time headed the Army Avn program, and **Carl Cathey**, who was Vice CINC USAFE. Carl rep that the ceremony was exactly right in its praising of the contrib that WP aviators have made to our common defense. '55 was a prime mover in spting the monument, so we have a great stake in the pride of honoring of all WP grads who performed their duty through air svc. Shown in the snap below are the Carls and Sam Gemar '79, an Army astronaut in the Shuttle program.

1955: Two Carls and Sam Gemar '79 at Airmen's Memorial party

Often in the past I have asked you all to send me your Christmas ltrs so I can use the news to keep the Cl up-to-date. Happily, I've gotten several so far. **Joe & Connie Franklin** have returned to the US from Spain. Joe is to be the exec consultant to Frequency Electronics Inc, with ofcs in both Long Isl, NY and in Arlington, VA, so they will be at home in Garden City, Long Isl and at their long-held home at Deep Creek Lake in Swanton, MD. Of the Franklins' 4 young sons, two are in MD (Bill and Perry) and two are in MN (PJ and Dean), where they operate their own drywall firm and raise the Franklin grandchildren. Thanks for your nice ltr, and much success in the new ventures. As Joe says, the Spanish taught them a great lesson about the balance of work and enjoying life.

Another nice holiday ltr from **Jack & Marlowe Viney**, who recount the very memorable and meaningful trip they made not long ago to Israel. Jack is still going strong at Hughes-Fullerton and Marlowe now does her nursing emergency room work in Huntington Beach, near their CA home. The pic shows them silhouetted against the Holy City.

1955: Jack & Marlowe Viney in Jerusalem

Tom & Helen Wilkinson sent along a nice recap of the yr that saw them intimately involved with two favorite causes: first, their grandchildren—soon to be two—and the achievements of their 3 youngsters, and second, Tom's involvement in the Olympics this past yr, including a mo at Albertville and 5 wks at Barcelona. While in Europe, they also visited the airbase in France-Toul-Rosieres-en-Hays, where they were married, and from which Tom flew during his early pilot days. They were thrilled to meet with the Mayor, see the record of their marriage in the town archives and visit the base. See! You *can* go home again! Tom & Helen are looking forward to Norway and Atl as the next Olympics begin to shape up. Thanks, TC, for a great ltr.

Perhaps the best of the holiday ltrs came from **EJ & Doris O'Brien** from Vandenburg Village, CA. The tale of travels they have made is marvelous, and few ltrs I receive reflect such strong attempts to link up with '55 classmates wherever and whenever possible. The O'Briens are motorhomers, and, between EJ's USMA buddies and Doris' Wellesley friends, they can hardly enter any city without a whole coterie of friends. In Denver they visited **Bob Camp**, who EJ says keeps the game and fish depts busy with all his activities. In N England, they visited **Danny & Loretta Dienst**; shared a football day at WP to see Army-Holy Cross; visited with **Kelly** at his tailgate party; met **Tom Napier**, who was visiting his two cadet sons, one of whom is a mule rider; and met with **Vern Pace**, who was active in Orange County, CA, politics when EJ ran for ofc back in 62 (good thing they could share election yr memories!). En route home, the O'Briens visited with **Bob & Terry Shaffer** in Angel Fire, NM, where they settled after yrs in Saudi Arabia. Finally, back home to the family, repairs for the aching motor home and rest for the travel-weary bodies. But soon they were into planning their next ven-

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tures to Mexico, maybe to Maui (don't forget the **Gransbacks** and the **Hayes**!) and maybe a dessert trip to AK. What a deal! Thanks, EJ & Doris; may the road rise up to meet you.

Space restrictions prevent me from rep the intimate details of the great A-N Game party at **Dave & Toni Maurer**'s in CA on 5 Dec, but I will hold that superb rep, sent along by reliable correspondents **Bill & Ronnie McWilliams**, until the next installment. I will also rep the lovely holiday brunch here in the DC area on 13 Dec, hosted by **Carl & Marcia Cathey**. One last time: At the Catheys' brunch, **Dan & Yvette Troyan** rep about Dan's recent trip to OK City to visit with old roommate **Bob Phieff** & lovely lady **Ann**. These are very special friends from AF days long gone by; naturally, I was pleased to find both are well settled into OK living, since Bob ret from his Tinker AFB asgmt. The old roomies had a great visit. Take care, Bob & Ann, and know that we all send you our best regards and wishes for the joy we all know of long friendships such as Dan's.

We look forward to a new yr, to new natl ldrship, to new opportunities for the country that all of us served. Our generation—the "Silent Generation," as it is being dubbed—may never produce a Pres, but what we have given to the nation is the kind of strong, stable spt and ldrship that has seen us through some of the most perplexing and changing times that any mil establishment has been asked to encounter. When historians write the definitive accts of how we traversed these times, we can and will be proud of our achievements. **Vicki** & I send you our best wishes for the New Yr. Plan now for the August mini-reunion in CO! Take care.

'56

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The "10-yr-old fruitcake" award for the first Christmas card received goes to **Bob Schuler**, who recently moved to the UK and is living in W Sussex. He can be reached at (tel) 903-879391. **Ted & Judy Grant**'s ltr rep both healthy and happy. Together they share Ted's post heart-attack exercise program and religiously follow the advice of their non-resident cardiologist: **Doc Bahnsen**! They recently spent a wk with their family at the Port Lucie Club Med and recommend it as a possible site for both a mini-reunion and a family vacation.

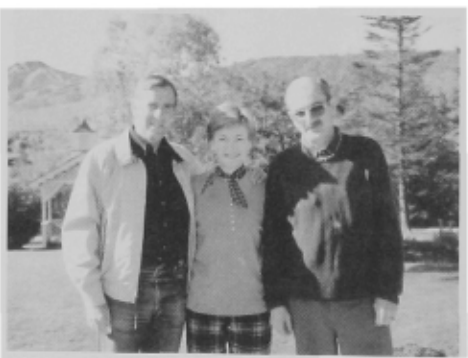
1956: The Mericle family: Elizabeth, Mark, Andree, Russ, Terry, Sam & Tara, San Ant, TX

Russ & Terry Mericle have moved into their dream home in San Ant and will never PCS again. I had dinner with them on a recent business trip and received the following family update: daughter Andree (mgr at Foley's Dept Store) & Brian live in San Ant and have one son; daughter Elizabeth & Mark live in Dallas and have 3 sons; daughter Tara (bank administrator) & Sam also live in San Ant. Having raised 3 daughters, Russ & Terry are overjoyed with the 4 grandsons in the family. Russ is a dir at the Broadway Natl Bank and encourages all to call as we pass through Brooks AFB for the Heart Research Program.

A '56 Change of Cmd took place in Dec 92 at Stratford Hall (Robert E Lee's Birthplace) when **Jack & Sophie Nicholson** replaced **John & Suzanne Wall** as the exec dir. John is leaving to enter the Seminary and will study in the DC area for the next 18 mos. My thanks to **Maury Cralle** for keeping me posted on this special event. **Mike Conrad** rep that he, accompanied by **Don Ackerman, Al Hoffman, Bob Quackenbush** and **John Snodgrass**, met in the fall of 92 with the GHQ of WP to discuss an appropriate '56 gift for the Acad. Details to follow in future issues.

1956: Feagin '55, Sorley, Kirk '58 and Palmer rally 'round in the TX hill country

While in DC at the AUSA show, I had the good fortune to see **Tony Jezior** (who accepted early ret from Digital Corp), **Bob Sorley, Stan Diez, Chuck Torrey, Leroy Suddath, Knobby Glock, John Foss, Mike Alexander, Bill Cody** and **Jack Nicholson**. Also had the opportunity to talk with **Tom Weinstein**, who is with EWA Assn in DC. **Jim & Judy McMahon** met up with **John Higgins** in VT in early Oct. Jim rep that "John is in excellent health and spirits and that famous 'Higgins Twinkle' is still there."



1956: Jim & Judy McMahon and John Higgins in Killington, VT, Oct 92

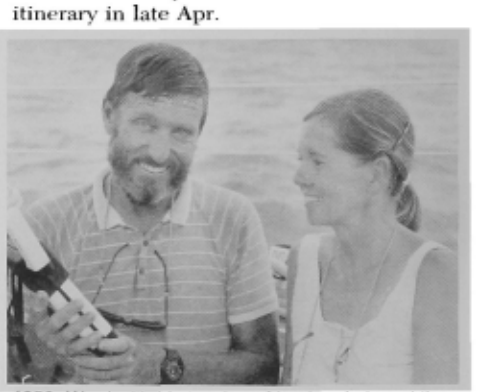
Stan & Betty Wilker rep that **Bob Stein** is gen mgr of Overland Tech Corp in El Segundo, CA, specializing in elec auto tech and steam sys for oil wells. **Joan** continues her work with Hughes. They visited son Rob, an artist in Metric, OR. Stan ran into **Paul Jakus**, who will be the next pres of the WPS of Las Vegas. Paul conducts mgt seminars worldwide, while **Mary Kay** is a real estate broker and mortgage banker in the LV area.

Perry Smith's note included a copy of his book review of **Norm**'s autobiography, *It Doesn't Take a Hero*. I espec like the last paragraph which states, "We all know what Eisenhower did after he ret from the Army at age 58. Norm, who just turned 58 himself, does not reveal how he will spend the rest of his life. Somehow, I don't think we have heard the last from this extraordinary man."

Perry also has audio-taped his lecture/seminar on "Taking Charge/Ldrship." Should a classmate want a copy, Perry can provide a 30% discount by calling him at (706) 738-9133. Perry & **Conner**, plus **Sam & Ruth Alward**, shared in the joy of **Lee Denson**'s son's recent marriage in Richmond, VA.

As rep in the last issue, **Don Fisch**'s funeral was held at WP on 13 Oct 92, with the Cl represented by **Gerry Richardson** and **John Snodgrass**. **Ed Kime**'s ltrs from Vienna, WV find him, his family and business all doing well. Ed is talking about ret again and moving to East WV, closer to his children. In his spare time, he is still building a helicopter.

Amlong's Log: **Jerry & Nancy** have completed their 5 1/2 mo-odyssey to S America and docked their ship *At Ease* in Puerto Rico while spending the Christmas holidays with family in MD. They will sail N up the intracoastal waterway with St Simons Isl on their itinerary in late Apr.



1956: Ward with his two best friends—Judy and the GPS Navigation System, somewhere in the Pacific Ocean

LeHardy's Log: After leaving Bora Bora in French Polynesia (which James Michener describes as the Pacific's most beautiful isl), **Ward & Judy** sailed to Suwarrow Atoll in the Cook, Isls after weathering 12-ft seas and 30-knot winds in the most severe weather they had seen since Panama. While en route to Tonga, they finally were able to shout "Thar she blows" as they spotted their first whales. In addition, they crossed the Intl Dateline and quickly switched from 8 hrs behind EST to 16 hrs ahead. Planning on only a short stay at Tonga, they stayed 10 days and, as Ward says, "One could easily stay a lifetime." The next port of call is Fiji in the Melanesia Isl Gp.

Received a call and ltr from COL Larry Laurion '36, who wanted to contact **Heath Twichell**, who recently published a book about his dad's 333d Engr Regt and the Alcan Highway Proj. COL Laurion was kind enough to forward a copy of his article, *The Damm Fool Army Engineers Didn't Know It Was Impossible*. I know that **Jim Ellis, Scott Smith, Bob Cremer, Mark Sisnyak, Jim Mc-**

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1956: Camp Buckner Illumination 53: (Top) Jim Stroope, Johnny Johnson, Jack Woodmansee and Al Beauchamp; and (bottom rt) Carol Beauchamp

Nulty and all our other Engr files (with the funny buttons) just love that title!

Over 100 '56'ers and family gathered at the Vietnam Memorial in early Nov for our 6th annual observance. This yr the Cl wreath was placed in front of **Don Holleder**'s name on the wall, with **Caroline** and her family in attendance. Our thanks to **Maury Cralle** for the photo, **Ernie Ruffner** for the buffet, **Bob Hammond** for the magnificent wreath and **Pete Verfurth** for, as always, being a great correspondent.

1956: Mike Conrad and the Don Holleder family at the Vietnam Wall Memorial Observance, Nov 92

Jim & Joan Shirey rep all is well in Sarasota, FL, with Jim working and traveling in spt of the High Speed Rail Project for PBQ and D. John Sloan '55 has been very active in promoting interaction between American and Russian mil ofcrs. Trips to Russia are planned, with mil guides to Napoleonic, Crimean and WWII Battle sites. Contact me for further details. Dr **Dale Clark** is continuing his writings to document our Cl research project for the past 40+ yrs. It would greatly assist his research and findings if next-of-kin would forward a copy of the death certificate (of a classmate) to his ofc.

The '56 Outing for the A-N Lacrosse Game is 3 Apr and the DC Cl lunch is 23 Apr. Next col deadline is Apr Fool's Day!!

'57

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Hearty congrats to the Army Team for a very rousing victory. The game certainly had everyone's interest to the very end, which is the way it should be. The Cl had a joint luncheon with the other side on the Wed before the game, and it was full of friendly strife. Although it was held at the Navy Yard, once again we outnumbered them. Obviously we either have more spirit or we like to party more. Take your pick.

Regrettably, it is my sad duty to rep the death of **Mike Petruno** on Thurs, 26 Nov, from cancer. Mike had been sick for a no of yrs but always managed to appear in good spirits. He was buried at WP on 4 Dec. **Dianne & Dick Stephenson** sent me the following info. The Mass was held in the Catholic Chapel at WP and was attended by **Betty**, their 4 children and many other family mbrs. The speakers were Dick, **Ed Szvetecz, Jerry Myers** and **Joe Cygler**. A number of other classmates attended, and a reception was held at the Galloways' following the interment. On behalf of the Cl, our sincere condolences to Betty and the family.

Patti Erickson sent a ltr with more info, which I'll share on an indiv basis, and a copy of **Darrold**'s obit. She and son Tim are just beginning to recover from the sudden and traumatic events which led to Darrold's death. Her message to the Cl is very heartening. She wrote, "The Cl of '57 has to be the greatest cl in the world! I have received flowers, tel calls and ltrs from all parts of the country. Their love, compassionate understanding and assistance have meant very much to us." As examples, she noted that **Fletch Elder** and **JJ Cortez** promptly notified classmates, **Marie Cortez** faxed the Army Blue music to the church and **Chuck Russell**'s son Doug arranged tickets to Sioux Falls for the burial. **Ted Voorhees** provided individual assistance and **Joe House** assigned a special USAA agent to assist her. **Jim & Linda Swenson** and many others have been constantly supportive. **Ed Szvetecz** was one of the pallbearers, along with several other teammates from the football team, and delivered one of the eulogies. Patti also mentioned that Army Mutual Aid has been exceptionally helpful. She intends to sell their home in FL and move back to Sioux Falls. The closing line of the ltr was a request to tell the Cl that "Tim and I send our gratitude for all they have done. Dar loved the Cl of '57 and was proud to be a mbr of it." Thank you, Patti, for sharing your thoughts with us, and we all wish you and Tim a healing and happier future.

Got a ltr from **Tom Adcock** with a news article clipped from the *Wash Post*. The headline was, "The House Recruits a General," and the first line reads, "A general is coming to clean up the House." By bipartisan agreement, **Len Wishart** has been selected to "take cmd of the nonlegislative svcs that in the past yr tarnished the House's reputation—its 11 restaurants, postal opns and the payroll functions of the defunct House Bank." Len said he first became interested in the job when the media rep that the House wanted to hire a professional administrator and decided that they could probably use somebody from the Army who had the right skills. The article points out that Len has described his new post as a patriotic way to help the House get its job done without having to worry the administrative details. "I have no political affiliation. I vote, and that's it. I'm not registered in any party, and I call myself independent." Good luck, Len, and help us get our vote's worth out of our Representatives, not to mention our money's worth. Thank you, Tom, for the article.

Got a lovely card/newsltr and pic from **Cory & Bill Bailey**. The card described a very happy 92 and plans for an exciting 93, to include a family visit to Paris and skiing in Chamonix in Mar. Bill collected his profits on his Neward (DE) Opera House venture and is now bidding on other projects. Cory heads the Middle Sch English Dept at Tower Hill Sch, and Bryn is continuing with the Neward Public Library and taking cls. Son Bill is in his final yr of a 5-yr program at Brown and should get his MS in materials engring and poly sci in 93. He wants a PhD in materials sci and the two Bills are going out to CA to look at Cal Tech, Stanford and Berkeley. Any other recommendations?

1957: Dave Schorr, John Hocker and Lou Circeo

For anyone considering GA Tech, I suggest calling **Lou Circeo** for good advice. Daughter Brooke grad with honors from Harvard in Jun. She had tri-capt the Natl Championship Squash Team. She's now living in NYC and working at a publishing house located in the Guggenheim Museum Bldg in Soho. That's enough to make a parent worry. Thanks for the news. (The pic is of Brooke getting her degree, but the rules preclude me from publishing it unless one of the parents is in it. Please keep that in mind when sending pix in the future.)

1957: At the reunion

Tony Bullotta, my favorite pilot, sent a copy of the *Jerusalem Post* he picked up on a flight to Tel Aviv. It had my daughter's name in the credits for the layout. Since then, she has become "the youngest art dir of an intl newspaper," the *J Post*, and we are very proud of her. Thanks, Tony, for being so thoughtful. Unfortunately, Tony ret and probably won't be sending these to me anymore.

Lou Circeo sent a card, a pic taken at the SHAPE Ofcrs Assn Annual Banquet in DC in Nov and a *Wall Street Journal* article about his work. Don't they look distinguished! The first line of the article (dated 17 Nov) is pretty catchy: "In a dusty research lab here that dates from World War II, Dr Louis Circeo is about to provide a peek into hell." Actually, Lou was conducting a demo of his plasma-arc torch melting waste material (garbage) down into little non-toxic clumps of material that

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can be used to seal dumps or in roadbeds or other construction. The process, which heats the material to about 12,600 degrees F, could reduce existing landfills by 80%. Lou is trying to get financing to build a furnace for the Olympic Vill in 96 as a way of getting more natl interest. Anybody want to invest? He needs about $10 million. He already has some intl interest from France and Russia. Good luck, Lou.

1957: At the reunion

Bill Cudmore sent a note about an orgn called Forty Plus. When Bill was laid off back in 89 because of Def Budget cuts, he joined Forty Plus, which is a not-for-profit, self-help job-finding orgn. As a result he got two more jobs, both of which ended with the additional def cuts. He recommends the orgn. Recently, Bill has been working with **Tommy Thompson**, dir of the Career Advisory Svcs Program for the Orange County Chap WP Soc. **Bob Tener** was in S CA in Oct working on a proposal with one of the local major construction cos. He had dinner with the **Cudmores** and provided some info. Janine Turner, who stars as Maggie O'Connell on the TV hit, "Northern Exposure," is **Tex Gauntt**'s daughter. **Tony Bullotta** received an award from TWA for heading up the intro of a new commercial jet into the fleet. Bob was raising money in Dallas for a city beautification project and one contrib was Ross Perot. He said it was a very enlightening experience dealing with Mr Perot. Bill suggested that **Carl Vuono** get in touch with Bob for some pointers on raising money for the Cl fund. Bill received **Sam Focer**'s ltr about his golf book and intends to buy it. Thanks for the ltr, Bill. Sam Focer wrote and incl a profile he did on our classmates in Atl. It was the brainchild of **Bob Faulkender** and was published in the *WPS of Atlanta Business Chronicle*. I also received a copy from Rich St Denis '70, who remembered my daughter Sarah from when she was an exchange Mid at WP in 81. Back to Sam. He has volunteered to donate part of the proceeds he receives on the sale of his golfing book to the Cl fund, and has donated close to a $100 in two mos. Thanks, Sam. I'm going to use the profile material in the next col. **Bernice** & I will be going to Israel in Feb, and the profile will make writing the May col (due Feb) a lot easier.

Cliff & Sue Goodson described their 2 1/2-wk trip to Sao Paulo, Brazil to visit Sue's family. Sue had not seen her mother and most of her brothers and sisters in over 30 yrs. Although virtually no English is spoken around Sao Paulo, Sue's brother was able to translate for Cliff, and everyone was very friendly. Cliff was espec pleased with the food. They also visited Rio de Janeiro. In Oct they went to San Ant for a convention, and in

1957: At the reunion

Dec they "sat in mind-numbing cold" in Philly to watch the A/N game, but it was worth it. Cliff & Sue are still into sports—they qualified for the racewalking Sr natls next Jun in Baton Rouge. Thanks for the ltr, Cliff.

Frank & Peggy Hanigan sent their annual ltr from Cairo and rep that all is well. Peggy and son Robert spent last Christmas in Spain, took a tour of Turkey in the spring, spent part of the summer in the States, then went to Paris and Amsterdam and finally returned to Egypt. Frank missed most of the traveling because of work. He even missed son Greg's grad from San Jose State because they were supposed to sign an extension on his contract. As of Dec, it still had not been signed. They were in Egypt for the earthquake, but fortunately no one was hurt. Peggy's health is much improved, and Robert's allergies seem to have dminished now that he is into track and basketball, in addition to swimming. Daughter Bernadette & Mat are in Korea and made the Hanigans grandparents in Jul. They were all hoping to get together in Cairo in Dec. Frank is on the Parish Council, dir of English liturgies and publishes the church bulletin. Peggy is presently studying French and Spanish. The next time she goes on a trip she'll be well prepared. Thanks for a very fascinating ltr.

Got a lovely card and some pix from **Jack & Dean Hill**.

George & Sally Kilishek sent a newsy ltr. Son Doug is now managing a retail store in Concord, CA for the Imaginarium Toy chain. Son Tim is now at the U of CA, Riverside. Sally's decorating business is keeping her busy, but she still has time to serve on the bd of High Priority, a charitable orgn focused on breast cancer, and on the bd of their homeowners' assn. Unfortunately, George's mother had a stroke in Jul and has not made much recovery. Thanks for the ltr.

Bud & Nancy Langworthy spent last Jan helping son Peter get his home in New Orleans ready for sale, drove out to San Jose in Feb for Bob & Barbara's wedding (Nancy baked the wedding cake) and spent the rest of the yr in Ormond Beach. They did get to Poughkeepsie in Aug to help celebrate Nancy's mom's 80th birthday and toured the FL Keys with Jim Henthorne & his wife in Oct. Son Steve & Melinda, who is expecting in Dec, were visiting with them in FL at reunion time. Bud suffered a "silent" heart attack some time in Sep, resulting in 20% damage to his heart. Thankfully, his otherwise good health is in his favor and, with some dieting, he seems to be back in good shape. They invite all to come on down and walk on the beach with them. Bud, take care of yourself.

John & Gale Loberg noted that the real estate business has been slow in 92, and Gale has been working temporary asgmts after being laid off last Feb. John was elected Natl Jr Vice Cmdr of the Mil Order of the Purple Heart last Aug and has been traveling for that orgn. **Joe Shimek** makes and sells tin soldiers around the world under the name of the Potsdam Tin Soldier Co. John reminded everyone that the W Coast '57 reunion will be the 3rd Sat in Jun in 93, and all you W Coast classmates better be there. Eight were absent this yr, and it has been duly noted. The 18th Loberg Fall Climb was a big success this yr, with over 170 attendees who hiked a mere 6 Loberg miles (which others believe was 10). The 8th Annual "Uff Da Open" golf tournament was held on the Sun after the climb, and **John Stokes**, who traveled all the way from VA to play, was part of the winning foursome. He promptly took the trophy back to VA. John L's son Stuart & Kathleen are expecting a second baby the end of Dec, and John expects to visit his new grandchild in Issaquah, WA. Hope you have a good 93, John.

Len Marrella is pres of the Wyomissing Financial Gp and presented a seminar called "Women and the Pursuit of Financial Independence" here in Nov. Len probably runs many of these seminars, and if you're interested, contact him at 215-478-9000.

Jack & Rosaleen Meehan sent a tale of one of those unusual encounters. Two wks after the reunion, Jack got off a flight from Hong Kong at the San Fran airport and met up with **Jack Hill**, who had just arrived from Seoul. They flew on to Chicago together. That was the second time they've seen ea other in a two-wk span after not seeing ea other for 30 yrs. One of these days someone will even run into **Jesse James**.

Got a note from **Maxine Stout**. On 24 Oct she attended the christening of the *USS Stout, DDG 55*, named for Bruce's dad, Herald F, USNA 26, in Pascagoula, MS. It's the 5th ship in the Arleigh Burke AEGIS guided missile destroyer class—very impressive. All the Stouts were present, including Bruce and his brothers Hal '54 and Pete, USNA '59. Daughter Beth also was there, with her 3 children, Ryan, Joshua and Christy—whom Maxine had not seen before.

Our son Jacob & Shari had a second son on 23 Sep. Jacob was down in Atl and Shari was staying with us at the time. The baby was born at DeWitt Army Hosp with yours truly in the delivery room. It was quite an experience after never being present at the birth of our 5. Bernice & I are thrilled with our second grandchild.

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74th col. Too often this col must open with sad news and must this time as well: **Jack Burke** lost his long battle with cancer on Sunday, 6 Dec. "At his bedside when he passed on were his son John, his brother James, a family friend and **Jerry Lewis**." Jerry sent the news by fax on his way to work the next morn. His rep continues: "I had visited Jack on Tues (1 Dec). He immediately knew me, and we had a short, friendly visit. His son John, who lives and works in San Fran, had a nice visit on Sat and was summoned when complications developed. Jack had been operated on twice in the last 18 mos for the brain tumor which first struck about 20 yrs ago"

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(while at CGSC).

Following svcs at the St Charles Roman Catholic Church in San Carlos, Jack was buried at the Golden Gate Natl Cem, where his parents are interred. Classmates attending the funeral in addition to Jerry were **Cary Martin, Jack Gordon** and **Harry Kramp**. George Young '56, and an E1 co mate, provided LTC Arty shoulder boards for Jack's dress blues. His fight with cancer was long and difficult. It may be said, "Well done; be thou at peace."

Jerry was helpful in notifying classmates in the San Fran and Silicon Valley areas and arranging flowers on behalf of the Cl. He also contacted **John Evans**, the E1 CCQ. On a happier note, Jerry's other news is that he & **Barbara** will be in Ger 18 Dec-5 Jan visiting their daughter & German son-in-law and only granddaughter, who is celebrating her second birthday on 26 Dec. His only lament was having taken Spanish and not German at WP. Thanks for the info.

Must mention the A-N game and the B-robe won by **Chuck Toftoy** from Ralph Leedy, USNA '43. Chuck promises to wear it to the DC area Beat Navy Potluck in Nov 93. The potluck tradition was started by **Tom & Emily Carpenter** and has been continued by **Florence & Al Salisbury**, 21 Nov 92 being the 13th annual. Thanks to the Carpenters and Salisburys for hosting us for so many yrs.

Meanwhile, **Chuck & Patty Toftoy** joined a few of us to watch the game with local USNA '58 types at Fred's Place, a bar in Crystal City. Needless to say, we sucked swamp water for most of the game but returned it in spades in the last 12 seconds!

The photo here reflects some of our hardier classmates who braved the cold weather at the game. Not pictured but at the game were **John Evans** (visiting the Navy side at halftime), **Ben & Marie Pellegrini** and **Ray & Kay Lou Tomlinson** (the latter were sitting in "warm sky boxes," which is not much braver than being in a bar in Crystal City).

News not in any particular order. Old fax from **Jack May** saying that **Ben Crosby** was coming to visit on 4 Jul. The fax included a copy of Jack's FL license plate: "USMA '58."

Moves not previously rep (info via AOG and/or Cl Exec Cmte): **Larry Lonero** to Houston, TX. **Dennis Bruzina** to Milford, KS. **Hal Lyon** returning to Grafton, NH (after yr in Munich as Fulbright Professor). **Karl Oelke** to Belle Meade, NJ. **Bill Parker** to Punta Gorda, FL. **Paul Ruud** to Sacramento, CA. **Bob Finkenaur** to Sunnyvale, CA. **Len Shrader** to Huntsville, AL. **Butch Saint** from CINCUSAREUR to 1116 N Pitt St, Alexandria, VA (info via DA Form 3955 change of address and directory card).

Lost and found: Found in W Palm Beach, FL was **Bruce Davenport**. As of Jul-Aug, no classmates were lost. We are missing some NOK. **Jim Ramsden** is now CINC Lost and Found, having taken on the detective role for the Cl Exec Cmte. He is busily trying to locate former classmates and to ensure that none of those found give us the slip.

NOK Tod **Morrill** (son of **Mel & Connie**) was misplaced, not lost. Actually, Todd is still in Newburgh—simply had a new phone number. He works as an undertaker/funeral dir, so keep him in mind if your "last P-rade" is to be at WP.

Tom Forman rep the arrival of 5th grandchild, Jacob Henry Forman (second grandson), to Erick & Mitzie Forman of Florence, SC. Tom anticipates moving from Joshua Tree, CA to SC to be closer to his children and grandchildren. He also rep a grand visit with **Pete & Rosie Shunk**, who live in Dana Point, CA.

News from **Bonnie & Bob Moscatelli**: They designed a house being built in Frisco, CO, complete with a hot tub crying out for '58 visitors. They saw **John Hill** in Denver, attending a book signing and getting Norm Schwarzkopf to autograph a copy for Bob.

Received an announcement from SEC Donohue informing the Cl that **Charlie Profilet** is the VP for Opns, responsible "for providing professional svc to meet environmental and infrastructure needs of clients within FL."

Mayors. **Pat Donovan** is the mayor of Ouray, CO. Other classmates who have served as mayors incl **Ken Clark** of Freehold, NJ; **Tony Forster** of San Juan Capistrano, CA; and **Barry Zwick** of Sun Valley, ID. Additions/corrections requested.

Dale Hruby provided a correction in the spelling of **Sammy Vichitra Sookmark**'s name, please note the r. Sammy signs his name Vijit and definitely uses the r. Sammy is now the ch of the Joint Staff of the Royal Thai Armed Forces. He & **Jintana** plan to attend the 35th!

Dave & Sue Depew have been in the States for some seminary courses, med check-ups and to attend daughter Ann's wedding in San Diego on 24 Oct. They were planning to stop in Phoenix to see **Brad & Janet Eliot**. They will return to Thailand o/a 1 Apr 93 following a 3-mo stop in HI en route to further training in youth ministry.

A ltr from G2 CCQ **Pat Donovan** quoted a ltr from **Edgie Waller** "On 27–28 Aug daughter Patty Waller and her IP flew me and relief supplies from Miami in light f/w aircraft for my brother and his boy's families in Homestead. Damage to S Dade County was incredible—much like one would have expected from a nuclear blast. The generator, food, water, medicine and toilet articles did come in handy—US Army doing a good job of providing assistance." Edgie & **Marianne** live on a 235 acre ranch in Altamont, TN, from which he conducts his consulting engineering business. They plan to attend the 35th.

More from **Pat**'s G2 ltr: "Our son Mike, who is teaching Physics at WP, was walking past the Patton statue and saw an elderly man genuflecting in homage. Since Mike was concerned about the old codger's ability to get up, he stopped and engaged him in conversation. Seems he turned out to be an old grad—Cl of '58—named **Barry Eveleth**. Barry's version may vary in non-essential details."

And from the H2 CCQ, **Phil Pryor**, ". . . Please let me know (of changes), I will pass along any changes to **John Nun** for the Cl master roster and mass mailings. Not a lot of news. Those of us who went to Thailand had a spectacular time. We were pleased to meet **Nancy Prime**. She & **Lou** were recently married and took this trip as a honeymoon of sorts—a honeymoon with 200 of your closest friends!"

Don Johnson's 4th grandchild, Taylor Brooke Johnson, arrived on 15 Nov (Don's grandson Matthew's 8th birthday—making it easy for grandfather to remember dates). Don sent along the program for Lynchburg Coll "Richard P Gifford Lecture Series" featuring **Butch Saint**. Butch also addressed a Diplomatic History cl, an intl relations cl, and the Lions Club breakfast. **Jim Roberts** drove over from Roanoke for a dinner with Butch and Don. During his two days in Lynchburg, Butch and Don also squeezed in a visit to Appomattox. Last yr's featured speaker was **Mike Dugan**; other '58 gens beware—Don Johnson is after you. Don concluded with "when we meet for our 35th next fall, it will be the 40th anniv of many of us entering the Prep Sch."

Mike Dugan called recently to give me an address. He is the pres of the MS Soc in NYC, raising about $90M per yr for med research. He took the job after his brother-in-law, af-

1958: (Front L-R) Peggy Morgan, John Nun, Billie Nadal, Mimi Nun, Rosalyn Evans, Andrea & Will Collett, Kay Wright; (rear L-R) Jim Morgan, Tony Nadal, Lonner Straus with Bob Rhodes, Mary Jane & George Lawton and Frank Wright

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flicted with MS, assured him the soc did outstanding work. **Grace** is living here in Alexandria, so they both do a bit of commuting to/from NY.

Gerry Schurtz called during AFA in Sep and left his hotel number. Called, left message, no response. Sorry I missed him. He was in town from Saudi Arabia.

Unusual news re offspring. **Dan Johnson** called me in Nov to let us know that his daughter Daniela is Miss New Mexico! Daniela is 22 and a student at U of NM. She will appear in the Miss USA contest on 17 Feb in Wichita, KS. Daniela is taking the yr off from coll to meet the demands of Miss NM and the upcoming Miss USA Pageant. Congrats and good luck! Dan promised to call again to let me know the outcome in Feb; I asked him to send a photo of '58's Miss NM!

News from **George & Gale Robertson**'s Christmas ltr moved here for continuity re unusual offspring news: daughter Christy is the reigning Miss Metroplex (Dallas/Ft Worth area) and will compete in the Miss TX competition in Jul 93. Her "talent" is Middle Eastern Dance (Christy wrote in the newsltr, "yes, belly-dancing"). She will be busy in 93 with "pageantry" and "premed."

Scribe has been reading about the tennis exploits of **Mark Sigurski**'s daughter, another Christy, in the local Arlington papers. She is a soph at Yorktown HS, was runner-up in the VA State Finals, earlier having won two rounds at the Natls in Detroit playing "up" in the 18-yr bracket (she is 14). Christy will go to the Gator Bowl Tournament in FL between Christmas and New Yr's. Her coach is **Don Williams** of USMA tennis fame a few yrs ago (my definition of few yrs is 35). Christy is sponsored by Wilson for tournaments, etc (counts as a pay raise for father Mark).

Christmas cards/ltrs. **Gene & Ellie Wilson** rep from pacific NW. Gene's workload at his Job Assistance Ctr is going up as the Army is "downsizing." Ellie is doing some "long-term subbing, mainly 6th grade," which is challenging after working with younger children. They have son Chris (& Teresa) in second-yr med sch at Baylor and son Doug (& Suzy) at Oceana Naval Air Station with prospects of moving to CA. Daughter Jennifer, the youngest Cl offspring when my scribing began, is now in coll search mode. Does make one feel older.

Bill & Edna Mae Serchak moved their annual epistle from Valentine's to Christmas. They enjoyed a second summer trip with AOG. This yr AOG went to the natl parks, "Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Arches, Monument Valley, Grand Canyon, Bryce, Zion plus wknds in Salt Lake City and Las Vegas." Serchaks were again the "jr" or youngest couple in the gp and again recommend highly the AOG tours. "Edna Mae continues to teach part-time at various special ed schs. Her volunteer position as an 'ombudsman' for a 100-person nursing facility keeps her busy aiding patients and their families."

Paul Ruud writes, "Although this is not my first ltr, it has been much longer than it should have been since I last provided news. . . ." (Aside: Confession is good for the soul). Paul's news was marriage to **Patty** last Mar. She is a lawyer and works in county govt, while Paul is a coll professor at U of Pacific in Stockton. His ltr continues, "We were unable to make Thailand, but you may ink us in for our 35th. Indeed, we should issue fair warning to classmates in F1 (they won the attendance award at 30th), D2 is stirring up an attendance frenzy for the 35th—beware! Any challenges?" Scribe adds: Look out for A2—they have cleaned up at the mini-reunions the past 3 yrs.

The **Ruuds** are looking forward to seeing **Burt & Diane Miller** in Jan when they will be visiting from Tucson. And in Feb the Ruuds are to see **Jack & Rachel Bujalski**, who live in Merced, CA.

George & Gale Robertson's daughter Christy wrote their newsltr again. Some excerpts: "Dad is working hard at SSC (as) Assoc Dir of Admin. Mom keeps busy watching grandchildren, playing tennis (and) is working on the steering cmte for a new Vestibular Support Gp we are founding in the Dallas area for people with inner-ear disorders. Robin & Sean are married and attending Azusa Pacific U. Russ & Susan are new parents! Shelby Lynn was born 11 Jan 92. They are in grad school at GA Tech getting ready for their move to WP (Susan to Math Dept and Russ to Admissions). Randy & June keep busy with Gale Marie (4), William (18 mos) and Rachel (8). Me (Christy)—after "bacheloretting" it in Lake Oswego, OR, had to move down here (Dallas) for another hosp stint this summer."

1958: Patty & Paul Ruud at A-N party

Terry & Harriett Connell are in Portland for Christmas 92 after spending two yrs in Egypt. The highlight of their summer was an "extended family gathering with visits from family in Stockton, Chicago and Seattle plus Harriett's sister, Mary, from her home in Bali, Indonesia. Betsy's husband, Michael Panhorst, came for the final wk. We espec delighted in welcoming our newest mbr, David Reeve, a charming Irishman and prof of philosophy at Reed Coll. David & Anne were married in May."

Ed & Faith Ofgant must believe that pix are worth a thousand words. Their lovely card was brief but did include photos of TWO weddings in 92.

1958: Harriett & Terry Connell in the middle of a family gathering

1958: David & Andrea Ofgant (with Michelle, 7), 6 Jul 92

An update on **Jim Ramsden** via newsltr: "Jim's Sep Walter Reed test revealed a re-

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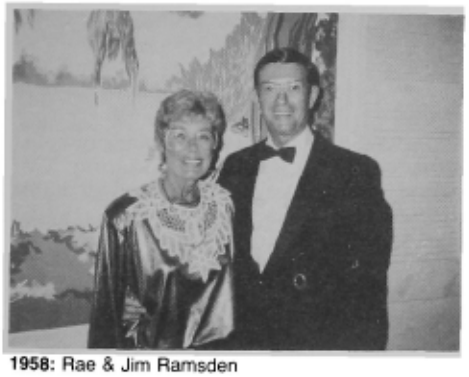
1958: Gail & Jeffery Ofgant

lapse in the multiple myeloma, and he has been switched to a very strong steroid treatment. This dims the prospect of a long-term remission, but he may go for a bone marrow transplant in 93." Our prayers are with **Jim & Rae**. If the photographic evidence means anything, Jim will do well!



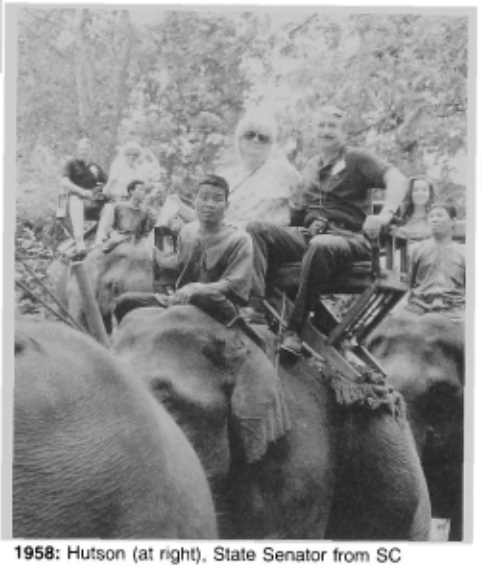
1958: Rae & Jim Ramsden

Out of time and space but not news. Will close with photo on **Leslie & Sam Myer**'s Christmas card.

1958: The Myers in Thailand

PS. After the col was UPSed to AOG, **Ed Ofgant** called with very sad news: **Ola Nelson** died of leukemia at U Hosp in Boston on 28 Dec. You will remember that Ola spent most of the past 25-plus yrs as a Jesuit priest and missionary in Brazil (please read his remarks in the 30th Reunion Book). He was in the States for training to return to Brazil on the staff of the Jesuit seminary there. His stay in the US was both extended by his illness and then tragically cut short by his death. In the words of the psalmist, "His soul fleeeth before the *morning* watch."

Ola was buried on 31 Dec in the Jesuit Cem in Weston, MA following the funeral Mass said in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Campion Ctr, Weston. Our sympathies are extended to his brother, COL Thomas W Nelson '52, who lives in Kiawah, SC. You may remember a SC FD photo a few yrs ago of Ola with **Heyward Hutson** and his two sons (then cadets, now graduates '90).



1958: Hutson (at right), State Senator from SC

PPS. And, to end this col on a happier note: A ltr and check for $1958 from **John Rave** for the First Cl Club renovation, our Cl Memorial to happen in 93, the yr of our 35th! Thanks, John—we needed that!

Further good news/bad news is that col 75 is now begun and saved in my PC with the Christmas news from **Bob & Marion Bunker, Jim & Dottie Castle, Ann & Hugh Trumbull** and **Karin & Ron Hudson**, which I cut to add the two postscripts.

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Jim Massey died of cancer at his home in Watkinsville, GA on 8 Dec. The Cl sends its sincere sympathy to **Janet** and his children, Mary Lou, James *III*, Anne and George. Jim was diagnosed with melanoma by **Bill Barry** shortly after our 30th Reunion, and Bill continued to serve as his physician until Jim's death. **Mike Gable** was his atty and is helping Janet settle the estate. A memorial svc was scheduled for 9 Jan.

Jim & Gudrun Burwell are no longer in St Louis. Their new address is 2 Shingle Oaks Dr, Edwardsville, IL 62025; tel 618-288-3646. Jim is still an electronics engr and recently a grandfather, thanks to daughter Lynn & Patrick. Grandson Dylan, born 6 Mar 92, is pictured here at his christening in Apr 92. Lynn is an Auburn grad, went RA as a DMG, and is now out of the svc and selling for Pfizer. She met Patrick at a night jump at Ft Bragg, where Patrick was an XVIII Abn Corps jumpmaster as a JAG ofcr. Abn JAG!

1959: Lynn Burwell Hughes, son Dylan and husband Patrick

Ted & Mary Colby are in Dover, NJ, and Ted is with GPU Nuclear in Parsippany. He is the token WP grad, except for Chip Fenton '60, among lots of Annapolis "Navy Nuke" grads. His entire chain of cmd consists of Navy classmates. After having lost an election for alderman in Dover a few yrs back, Ted has been content to serve as municipal chm of the Republican Party. He had the time of his life as a mbr of the NJ delegation to the Republican Natl Convention in Houston last Aug and is looking forward to 96.

The **Colbys** have 4 children, all married. Daughter Susan (32) & Brian Vicedomini live in NJ with son Jeremy and daughters Colleen, Martha and Sarah. Brian is sales dir for Brothers, and Susan is into every activity and orgn in NJ, at least according to her dad. Son Rich (31) is a commercial diver for nuclear power plants; he & Sherrie and their son Stephen (soon to have a sister) live in CT. Son Lindsey (31) & Robin live in ME with sons Nathaniel and Nicholas. Lindsey teaches at Colby Coll in Waterville. Son Joe (28) is MIS supervisor for Levelor, and he & Sue live in High Point, NC. **Ted** notes that **Mary** and daughter Susan have gone into the crafts business and can be found at craft fairs under the "Apple Tree" sign.

John & Gillian Cohan are in Hingham, MA, where Gillian's mother's family has lived since the landing of the Mayflower. John, born landlocked in PA, has long since taken up sailing and moors his 40-ft C&C at the Hingham Yacht Club. He has run his full-svc law firm, Cohan & Associates, in Hingham for 12 yrs now, having previously been with the Boston firm of Sullivan and Worcester. The Cohans have two teenage daughters. Skye (17) is at Thayer Acad (founded by Sylvanus) in Braintree, and Caitlin (14) is at Derby Acad in Hingham and hopes to follow her sister at Thayer.

Dave & Rainy Fried spent two wks in Kenya on a pic safari in Nov. The food was great, as Dave usually says first off, and they ate from various buffets, relaxed by various pools and viewed various animals in their natural surroundings. They stayed in camps

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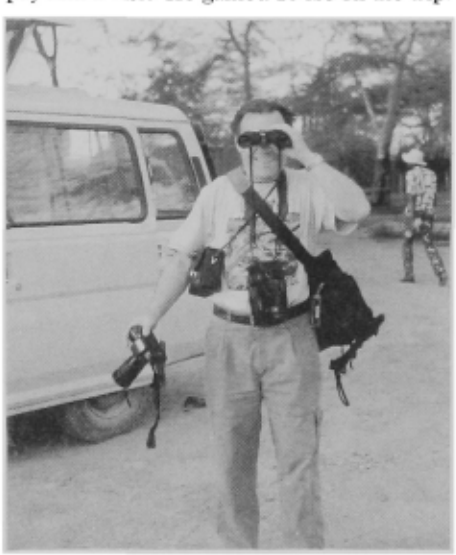
1959: Mary & Ted Colby

1959: Rainy & Dave Fried

surrounded by electric fences that allowed the animals to look in undisturbed. Among the highlights were a visit to a Maasai vill, where the people were hospitable and gentle, a visit by a bull elephant who ate the roses outside their apt and to whom they tried to be hospitable and gentle, and several photo ops of animals doing their thing in the wild. Dave took over 6 hrs of videotape and 700 camera shots, which he threatens to show if you will pay him a visit. He gained 10 lbs on the trip.



1959: Dave Fried checks equipment for camera safari

John Shock, head of the ophthalmology dept at U of AR Coll of Medicine, rep that ground has been broken for the Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute. Completion of the $8 mil facility is scheduled for fall 93. John, I think, has been a driving force in the estab of this excellent facility. This yr he becomes chm of the Residency Review Cmte for Ophthalmology in the US. The cmte is a component of the Accreditation Council for Grad Med Education, whose primary purpose is to grant accreditation to med programs that meet certain established educational standards. Congrats to John for both of these achievements.

Bob Cyr no longer drives buses for rock 'n roll gps, but he & **Carol** are still in the vicinity of Buffalo, MO, where they raise cattle, sheep, exotic animals and parrots. Bob also sells farms and ranches. Their Bace Ranch (Bace stands for Bob And Carol Enterprises) is a couple of mi from Exit 118 off I-44, should someone need a rest stop sometime. Bob's father '33 & his stepmother both died in 92. His daughter, Patricia '85, is chief of transportation for Allergan, Inc in Waco; and his son, CPT Mike '84, is S-1 for an avn bn in Korea. Son-in-law LTC Steve, USAFA, who is married to #1 daughter Lynda, led the longest bombing raid ever flown (according to him), from Barksdale AFB, LA to Baghdad and back. There are 3 other Cyr children and, as of Dec, 9 grandchildren.

John & Kay Cox have relocated to St Petersburg, FL, where Kay is protocol ofcr for USSOCOM. They were apart for the first 16 mos of her tour while John stayed back at Ft Bragg, where he was project ofcr for creating the Army SOF Warfighting Ctr. After a 4-yr civ sojourn, John jumped back into SOF with both feet. He is also, I understand, a BG in the NC militia. He is still our Ironman athlete, participating in triathlons along the E coast and the masters swim program in St Petersburg.

John's children by his former marriage are doing well in TX. Julie (32) is married, has a son Stephen and lives in Austin near her mother Bobbee. JD (30) lives in Midland. He & Janet work for an oil exploration co, he in the field and she in the ofc. They have a lovely little daughter, Aime, and they were expected in St Petersburg at Christmastime. Robert (27) is married and works as a sr program analyst in Austin. No children at present.

1959: The DeMonts

Bob & Julie DeMont sent a newsy Christmas ltr from Detroit, where Bob is enjoying R&D with General Dynamics. He's now back with Army programs after the statutory hiatus. Julie takes a few art history classes and spends a lot of time with her new passion, quilting. Son Bobby & Nadene are in Modesto, CA, where Bobby is a brand mgr for the Gallo Winery. Daughter Pam continues as an employee benefits rep at Smith-Kline-Beecham in Lexington, KY, and her husband Andy is asst mgr for a Fazoli's restaurant. Daughter Lynn is in Chicago as a chemical microbiologist at Organon Teknika.

More of us on Prodigy. **Dave Whitmore** is FTVH94A (he & **Magdalena** live in Las Vegas), and **Bob Holman** is MFNN25A (**Trudy** is the same but with a "B" at the end). Dave used the system to locate **John Forrester**, and Trudy Holman used it to send word of **Joannie Poole**, who created a small business in Columbia, SC that sells sweatshirts reading "Don't Blame Me, I Voted for Bush." To order, write to Poole Enterprises, 515 Valhalla Dr, 29223. The price is $20 ppd. Add $2 for XXL. Trudy also rep that **Ed Netzloff** is with them in Columbia, but she had no news of him. She recently spoke with **Diane Langford** (she & **Ollie** live in Beaufort) and with **Jane Jordan**, **Dick**'s widow, who has remarried. Bob Holman worked on Dick's obit for this mag. Trudy is going to send me Jane's new name and address.

Bill & Norma Mullen have relocated from Atl to 9888 Brome Trail, Salinas, CA 93907. Bill, upon ret, accepted a position with BDM Intl, Inc, with duty station at the Army Research Institute, Presidio of Monterey. Best of luck to Bill.

Jim Walsh sends some A-1 and miscellaneous news. **Rody & Rhonda Conway** have moved to temporary qtrs while their hurricane-damaged house in FL is rebuilt. Until it is finished in late spring, you can find them at 8363 Lake Dr, Apt H406, Miami, FL 33166. **Joe Enright** was scheduled to work his last day for FMC on 18 Dec and then planned to start his own co. To celebrate, he & **Terry** planned a vacation trip to Australia from 5–24 Jan. **Charlie Hayes**, after a couple of yrs in CA, is happy to be back E. He is a consultant for a co in Reston, VA that imports specialized optical equip from England. He, **Nancy** and son Luke live in Bethesda, MD. **Monk & Betsy Hilliard** were looking forward to a working vacation in San Fran in Dec, with Monk attending a FEMA conference and Betsy taking in the sights.

Jim Walsh attended the Army-BC game on 21 Nov and spent a wet Saturday at WP. **Fred Franks** was there, along with ACS GEN Gordon Sullivan, as a special guest of the Supe, and Jim hobnobbed with the VIPs in the Supe's loge during halftime. **Bill & Butch Rowe** and the **Hilliards** were there as guests of **Harry Walters**, and they, as well as Jim and **Tom & Ann Russell**, met at Harry's car for an after-game tailgate.

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Chuck Schrankel wrote that his daughter, Marie Catherine, married Philip Domencic on 25 Jul in Pittsburgh, PA. Two of our classmates were in attendance: **Ted & Marge Bara** and **Max & Joan Rumbaugh**. The newlyweds are living in Mt Airy, NC, where Phil teaches HS English and Marie works in a

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daycare ctr. Chuck & **Barbara** spent a wk in Nov at Marco Isl with the Baras. Chuck sent two pix, one featuring (L-R) Ted & Marge Bara, himself & Barbara and Max & Joan Rumbaugh. The second is of Mr & Mrs Domencic.

1960: The Baras, Schrankels and Rumbaughs

1960: Mr & Mrs Domencic

Congrats to **Jerry York**! A recent announcement from Chrysler appointed Jerry exec VP/CFO. Chrysler also beat GM and Ford that qtr, in no small measure due to Jerry's financial brilliance and adroitness. **Larry Minnich** forwarded a copy of an article in the *Detroit News* entitled "Chrysler's Top Money Man's Ready to Engr Means to Profitable Future." Jerry is quoted saying, "I'm not hung up on having to be the CEO of the co. My desire is to be a key mbr of the mgt team running the co." Again, we salute Jerry for a job not only well done but exceptionally done!

In *The Ret Ofcr Mag* (May 92), 1LT William E Black, USMC-Ret, and CWO Robert M Skidmore, USMC-Ret, have an article entitled "Chapter Affairs." The article states that CPT Giulia L Giacoppe, USAR, was the guest speaker at the Jan mtg of the Golden West (CA) Chapter. CPT Giacoppe served as cmdr, 137th Field Svc Co, US Army Reserve, in SW Asia. She discussed her personal experiences and those of her cmd during desert trng at Ft Irwin, CA and deployment to the Mid-E, where her co spted VII Corps trps in Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Kuwait. She also talked about the cmd's return to the States. Giacoppe returned to her civ job at Rockwell Intl as a logistics engr. She was introduced by her father, LTC George N Giacoppe '60, USAR-Ret, chapter VP. CPT Giacoppe was presented with an inscribed, framed, half-sheet of Opn Desert Storm postage stamps to commemorate her talk.

Charley Otstott rep that the Wash, DC Cl gp gathered at **Carole & Hank Maloney**'s home. The Maloneys and Army beat Navy again!!! Thanks for a great eve go to Carole & Hank for hosting the "local Cl pep rally which must have been the key to Army's victory next day. . . . Watching the highlights of the '58 season fired us all up, and that spirit must have been transmitted to the players." What a finish to a ball game!!! It was pot luck, and Carole & Hank decorated with black, gray and gold balloons and streamers. They did not do any "Rockets," but they did watch the Mel Allen-narrated highlights of the '58 season—a vintage yr!! In attendance were (in alphabetical order to aid my memory) **Rosemary & Wil Adams, Jean & Jack Burden, Bev & Tom Caraballo, Ann Marie & Don Chapman, Marie & Dick Healy, Priscilla & John Hesford, Sheila & Stan Hickman, Roberta & Manuco Hidalgo, Ginny Keating** (Al was attending the game in Phila for all of us!), **Bob Koontz, Genie & Jim Lincoln**, Carole & Hank Maloney (hosts!), **Chuck Mandelbaum, Ellen & Swift Martin, Kemtip & George McQuillen, Candy** & Charley **Otstott, Jack Pellicci** and **Maida & Randy Perkins**. This yr we can savor both the pre-game party and the game result until next time! Thanks again to Carole and Hank! Nearby are pix from the Cl A-N game rally at Hank's house.

Charley & Candy Otstott are glad to be back in the States for their first Christmas in the continental US in 5 yrs. He is ret and living in the Burke Lake area of Northern VA, doing some consulting while he looks for work that is a) interesting, b) rewarding, or c) all of the above. He is interested in a new "Marshall Plan" for the states of Eastern Europe and the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union. Candy, too, is about to ret, in her case from the Active Reserves. Their visit to Saudi just after Desert Storm to promote Candy to COL was a great trip (pic below). Congrats! A Cl lunch at Ft Myer O

1960: Charley & Candy Otstott

Club was scheduled for 12 Jan 93 (RSVP to **Jim Lincoln** at number below for future reference). Also, champagne brunch with famous omelettes at **Tony & Joan Blackstone**'s in Oakton, VA was planned for 30 Jan 93.

FOR SALE: 30-Yr Books—now only $40; call **Jim Lincoln** at (703) 683-8430, ext 470 (24-hr recorder).

Roy O'Connor rep he has relocated to Lexington, VA. He ret from IBM in Jul and is teaching at the VA Mil Inst (VMI). He is in the Economics and Business Dept and enjoys teaching there. The VMI system is designed along the lines of WP and the French Mil Acad. Most of the faculty at VMI receive commissions in the VA Militia. In Roy's case he has accepted an appt with the rank of MAJ.

Tom & Carolyn Eynon sent a note from St Petersburg, Russia, where they were greeted by a surprise welcome: "A 10-ft banner saying, 'Welcome to Russia,' a Cossack dance, sharing of the traditional bread and salt, plus the common cup of fellowship marked the beginning of an experience they would never forget. It was all preceded by 2 1/2 wks of intensive training, plus a 5-day orientation in Moscow. They have seen Red Square, the Kremlin and then, finally, a quick trip around their home town—arguably the most beautiful city they have ever seen. Founded in 1703 on the swampy delta of the Neva, it is Peter the Great's masterpiece. It is full of European-style huge palaces; the ornately sculpted framework, normally tan; and the building itself painted not pastel nor bright but a pleasing blue or red or yellow or green. They plan to show slides one day. Even the subway

1960: (Top) Koontz, Healy, Crosby, McQuillen, Ello, Hickman, Otstott, Adams, Hildalgo, Mandelbaum, Martin, PErkins, Hesford, Lincoln, Coose; (below) Maloney, Caraballo and Burden

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1960: Classmates & wives at the Maloneys' A-N game rally

1961: The happy gang on the W coast at the Esselsteins'

1960: MAJ Roy O'Connor

steps are works of art. One recently won the intl competition as the most beautiful in the world. And speaking of subways, trains come every two mins! The escalators, some up to 300 ft long, have handrails that move in perfect time to the treads. Boston, take note!"

Tom & Carolyn added, the minute you smile in public, all in evidence know you're a foreigner. Suffering is at the core of the Russian people. A wedding party came through a hotel restaurant they were eating in, and their faces said they were barely enduring the ordeal. They later heard the toast from their private reception room: "Gorky, Gorky"—bitterness, bitterness. Such is the heart of the people. But privately, when you begin to know them, the smiles do come, and the warmth and extravagent hospitality begin to show. Tom & Carolyn love where they are presently residing and are beginning to love the special, needy people. Economically, Russia is in trouble; the ruble has dropped almost 25% against the dollar since their arrival. The avg schoolteacher's salary is $10/mo. Tom & Carolyn ask that you pray that the businessmen don't rape the defenseless people. The Russian mafia is already strong. They are currently making a play to monopolize the bread supply there. Only the undesirable elements of society can afford to dine in restaurants. Again, Tom & Carolyn ask for your prayers that, along with God's grace, they can complete their mission for the people of Russia.

Richard Maffry wrote with info explaining that the Columbarium at WP is under the jurisdiction of USMA Mortuary Opns, available for ofcrs and eligible mbrs of their families. For info relative to asgmt of niches and scheduling of Committal Svc, write or phone the Mortuary Opns Ofcr: Mrs Grace E Foster, tel 914-938-2504.

All for now, folks. Keep the ltrs coming!

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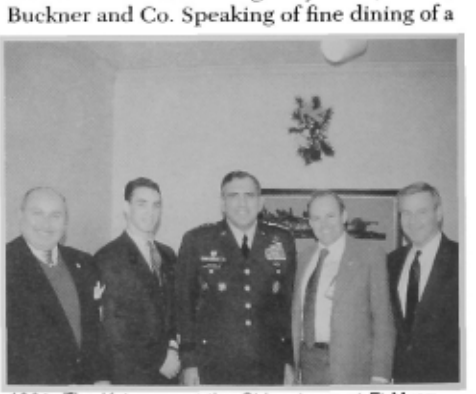
"Where were you when Army kicked the second field goal?" that query could very well enter the popular vernacular and lore along with "Where were you when the lights went out in NY?" etc. Around the world as well as in blustery Veteran's Stadium, our 'mates watched and cheered, and probably few were as uproariously vocal as the crowd sounding off at **Bobbie & Jim Blesse**'s in Manassas, which might have been mistaken for the sounds of a third battle of Bull Run nearby. Even a few days later, at a CI luncheon at Ft Myer, **George Joulwan**, CINC SOUTHCOM, opened his talk to our 'mates with the same theme. . . ARMY 25-NAVY 24. So, that was a great day in the history of the black, the gold and the gray.

Now if you were able to listen closely earlier in Dec, you might have heard a similar din. Those noises would have been emanating from the friendly field of Stanford as part of the W coast gang cheered **Hoot & Barbara Gibson**'s youngest son Craig. He is the ctr for USC, which nonetheless went down in defeat. Even so, there was victory in spirit, as **Jay McCann**'s photo shows so well: that's Jay on the left next to Barbara Gibson, **Jan Grannemann**, proud pop Gibson, **Linda McCann** and **Bill & Linda Esselstein**. Just before this photo was snapped, **Rod Grannemann** called from Kuwait; he wanted to let Jan know that he was late, but would try to stop by for the 4th qtr. As you may have guessed, he didn't make it, so he decided to hang around Riyadh for the A-N Game with **JB Taylor, Phil Sykes, RJ Wooten** and **Gary Flack**. We know who won that one!!

Getting back to the DC contingent's luncheon, **George Joulwan** gave one of his easy-to-listen-to talks about "what's going on in SOUTHCOM"—and what a story that was. With respect to the off-the-record character of his presentation of facts and analysis, we are all being well served by George and his cmd, which seems to be on the cusp of events vital to our natl interests. Everyone (**Cuthbert, Dahle, Bruner, Magness, Swain, Kremer, Meissner, Rosenkranz, Kopscak, Aaronson, Goodell, Vay, Zimmerman, Olshansky, Ploger, Starsman, Legge, Brown** (**Ed** and **Reggie**), **Hardiman, Leland** and **Mackie**) gained immensely from what he had to say, as well as from the fine buffet arranged by Glass, Blesse, Buckner and Co. Speaking of fine dining of a serious sort, **Marcia & Ray Starsman** hosted a lovely dinner at their Annapolis retreat overlooking the placid waters of the S river and Ray's swift craft. And, a bit further north in Mechanicsburg, PA, **Cindy & Tom Stone** celebrated the wedding of daughter Sarah to Jim Carpenter; for Cindy it was a yr-long odyssey that was worth every minute.



1961: The K-1 gang at the CI luncheon at Ft Myer: Shane Olshansky, son Tory, Joulwan, Vay and Ploger

The Nov election is long past and we have a couple more 'mates who were active in the campaigns: **Jim Strachan** and **Jim Nicholson** were major Bush boosters. Strachan is the

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1961: The Big Three confer: Dahle, Shroyer and McConnell

1961: Lubke, Yancey, Rennegal, Mallory and always-smilin' Pete (photo by Linda Mallory and Barbara Gleichenhaus)

1961: LTG Howard Graves, our classmate and USMA Supe, and Gracie Graves escorting Pres & Mrs Bush during their visit on 5 Jan 93

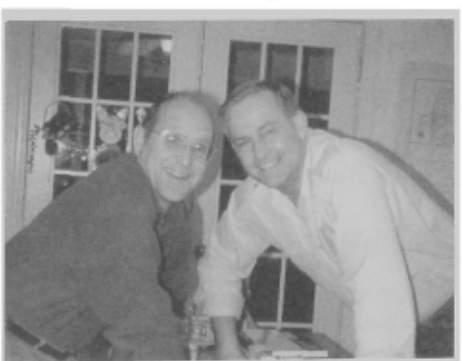
editor of the English language *Asian-American News*, which, with a 250,000-person mkt in the Houston area, helped garner the Asian American vote that contributed to former Pres Bush's win in TX. Nicholson was a Rep Natl Cmteman from CO and was given the honor of adjourning the Rep Convention one eve.

1961: At the Republican Convention: Kim DaThao, Strachan and Nicholson

San Fran's own **David Peter Gleichenhaus** sends a missive that carries not only good poop but his ever-present happy disposition. **Bert (Al) Yancey** played in a sr's event in San Fran. Afterwards, all gathered at the G's home for a magnificent "ethnic" repast. Bert is playing the tour and doing a special svc by lecturing on aspects of mental illness and the importance of understanding what it is all about. **Alan Lubke** is working in the Bay area and **Hank Rennegal** is at Stanford in the Chem Dept and becoming a ldr in the Half Moon Bay community. The **Mallorys** are doing great things at the Presidio of San Fran, earning high marks from all sectors of the SF community. **Joan & Al Wells** still live in Novato; the **Valellys'** son Scott is about to grad from HS and is looking to play football in coll; **Vera & Charlie Burns** live around the corner from the G's; and **Lynn & Al Armstrong** are not-too-distant neighbors as well. **Barbara & Pete** also have had visits from **Frenchy Hebert, Mike Eiland** and **Mike Brady**, who is in southern CA living very well. Also down that way are **Joan & Jack Nevins**; they are into real estate sales as well as the travel business. Sounds like quite a cluster of folks who are having a lot of fun.

The **Gleichenhaus** brood is following some familiar footsteps: Joe is an Arty 1LT in the 82d; Risa graduated from UC Davis and is now a QMC 1LT (USAR) while focusing on being a budgeter at UC-SF and living in Milbrea; and Wendy is finishing up coll. As for **Barb**, what a gal! Does an awful lot and seems to spend inordinate amounts of time keeping ebullient **Peter** under positive control.

Sandy Walters in Winston-Salem NC hosted **Bruce Shroyer** back in the fall, and they had a great time renewing old times! A big



1961: During his foray south: Sandy and Bruce

topic over coffee was the "Network '61" concept which will do a lot to raise the level of communication within our Cl. For example, Sandy is working to gather info on all of the H-2 files; he's still looking for **Sam Nutt** and **Jack Turnage** (anyone out there got some skinny!) **Brendan Battle** stopped by for some coffee and a tailgater for the Army-Wake Forest duel. He & **Alice** are in Charlotte.

Rusty Wilkerson (x-'61, now '62) has moved on from Ft Campbell to Kingsport, TN to be the city's dir of Public Works—congrats!!—he has the coffee on, good fishin' and cold beer for all who pass that way.

One more note to highlight: **Bill Heiberg** has not been feeling well; he & **Louisa** are at 4127 Crossbend Dr, Arlington, TX 76016. Also in need of some kind words from '61 is Mike O'Neil, 8203 Greely Blvd, Springfield, VA 22152.

'62

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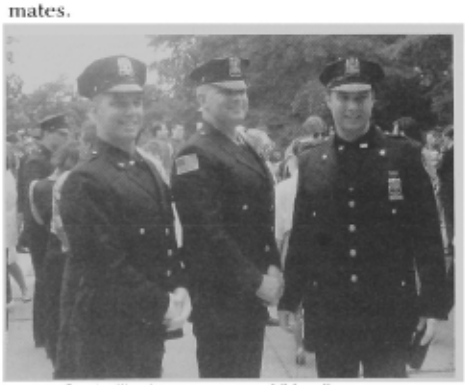
A fabulous 30th Reunion! Our thanks to **George Kirschenbauer, Art Crowell, JJ Kelly, Jack Reavill** and others who worked so hard to make the 30th fun as well as organized. While we are thankful for the opportunity to see so many friends again, we did miss many who could not attend.

For those who could not attend the Reunion, you should know that the Cl gift is fantastic. At the dedication, the Supe made it clear that the gift was greatly appreciated by the Corps and, in fact, was already being used by the cadets. He commented that for every cadet on one of the apparatus, there was one standing by waiting. To amplify, the old south boxing room, the corps squad supply room and the hall that separated the two have been combined and completely renovated. The latest of the "in equipment" is installed. Should any question the source of the gift, the S wall of the new room is nearly filled with a large brass-ltred sign crediting the Cl of '62. At the dedication, a brass plaque was unveiled and was to be installed in the gym. We can take pride in our gift. We have set a fine standard for all grads as budget cuts make gifts from grads more important to the successful programs at WP.

Business Wk (12 Oct 92) lists **Marsh Carter** as one of the Corporate Elite "exec to watch." Marsh, congrats! We'll be watching you with State Street Boston.

As promised in my last col, I have a pic of classmates at the AUSA gathering, courtesy of **Bill Mogan**. It includes most of our Cl attending. As I recall, only **Bob Ord** missed the photo. The bright addition to our gp is **Colleen Rigby**.

Mike & Cathy Godshall sent a photo of their 3 sons; all are police ofcrs in Westchester, NY. Michael (25) works for Buchanan PD while Daniel (23) and Peter (21) work for Mt Vernon PD. The proud parents want to share this unique occurrence with their classmates.



1962: Goshall's three sons are NY policemen

Liesel Witzel sent in the following news. Ron ret from his job as an FBI Special Agent in 90 and worked as an associate prof in engring mgt with the U of MD. He is now a prof at George Washington U and dir of GW's Continuing Engring Education Program. Liesel is a HS counselor in Fairfax County Schs, VA. Mark Witzel (23) graduated from U of VA as an AFROTC and is now a Regular 2LT working on his master's at U of GA. Brad (20) is at James Madison U studying special ed.

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1962: Classmates at AUSA gathering, Oct 92

1962: Tom Murray and Joe & Colleen Rigby at Eglin AFB

1962: The F-2 contingent at "the hop"

1962: America Online has 4 WP'ers on the bd: (Front L-R) Caufield, Haig, Kimsey and Andress

Jim Kimsey provided a pic of the BoD of America Online. As many know, Jim is chm/CEO of the co. Of publicly-held cos, America Online has 4 WP grads on the bd, more than any other co. Three are Cl of '62: **Kimsey, Caufield** and **Andress**. The 4th is GEN **Haig**.

Larry Mengel writes that he & **Martha** will establish their "forever home" in Elizabethtown, KY. Larry ret in Jun, and he & Martha visited their daughter Stephanie in Sasebo, Japan before Larry began his new career as a trng consultant.

The remainder of this col deals with the Reunion. I will spare you my thoughts on what I consider the highlights even if I could decide which part I enjoyed most; it will long be remembered by the **Pons**. George was correct in saying that "you would fall in love on the boat ride," but it was with the NYC skyline at night. However, seeing the "young and beautiful" distaff side at Saturday's dance did stir old emotions. Perhaps it was only the 50's outfits, but I don't think so!

1962: Crowell, Burns and the Wagners at the Reunion

1962: EK Whiting shows that he can still fit in f.d., and is joined by Joanne Nydeggar

Bill Mogan sends in the following: "I couldn't seem to get going to the buses for the ride to the memorial svc. We were slow, but the buses remained until we boarded. As we approached the Cadet Chapel, I thought about leaving early, before the ceremony began. Others have done it. Standing in the rear, by the door, I watched familiar faces pass by. I couldn't leave early. **Roy Cole**'s words echoed around me in the rear seats and the deafening new horns installed above the Chapel doors screeched. I'm sure they were added to the organ to awaken dozing worship-

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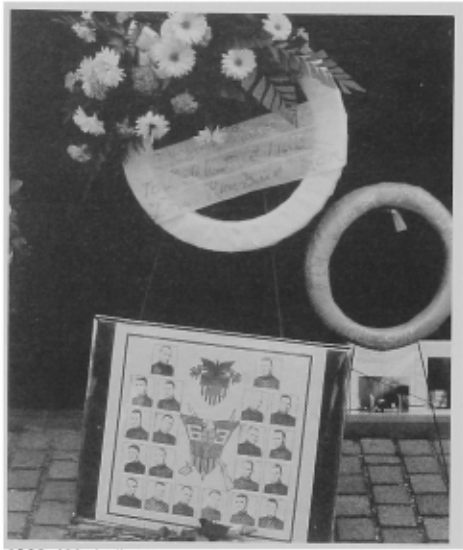
1962: Attendees at CI luncheon on 16 Sep 92 at the Ft McPherson O Club: (Rear) Paul Wertz, John Winkler, Dan Denison, Jim Tumpane, Joel Froeschle, Jim Ellis, Dave Phillips, Phil Browning, Denny Flint and Cliff McKeithan; (front) Tom Culver, June Winkler, Alan McElhose, Carol Ellis, Linda Tumpane, Kathy Flint and Chuck Ivy



1963: '63 dedications at the Vietnam Memorial

1963: Bob Coulson, Donna Bruce, Jack O'Donnell, Rob Bruce and Ken Wall

1962: LoPresto and Menning checking in on Thurs

1963: At '63 Vietnam Memorial Svc: Farris, Bosma, Ehrenberg, Vopatek and Carney

1963: At A/N Game, 5 Dec 92: Ann & Mike Vopatek, Al Clark, Joe & Kathy Jaworowski, John and Jonathan Dunn and Steve Popielarski

ers. It dawned on me that I wanted not to recall those who had answered the final roll call. The memories. Soon names of departed classmates reverberated around the Chapel. I saw **Turk Griffith** dancing at the Club 202. . . the wild wknd **Hagerty** and I shared with **Casp** before he left for his final tour. Other classmates appeared. Later it concluded. I passed **Jack Reavill** and went on the boat ride. I found it impossible to discuss my feelings. . . Bill."

That's it for this col. Before I sign off, once again I want to express our appreciation to the **Fishburnes** for all they do for the CI. As our contact at WP, they quietly go about handling whatever is asked of them. Having them on the ground there is a great help. . . . Thanks, **Pat & Gus**.

'63

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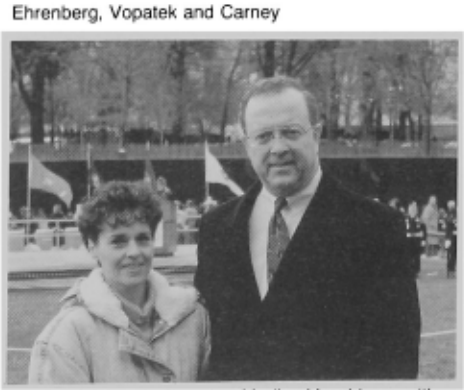
The CI held a special ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial on 8 Nov 92 to honor our 20 classmates who died in RVN (**Eitel, Stacy, Britten, McCord, Kilroy, Perry, Soth, Harrington, Henderson, Childers, Hingston, Sipos, Walker, Blackwell, Sage, Whitehead, Alakulppi, Shotwell, Dawson** and **Bentson**).



1963: Bill Hingston's sister, Marilyn Vecchione, with Dick James at Vietnam Memorial ceremony, 8 Nov 92

Our CI was well represented at this touching ceremony; **Rudy Ehrenberg** gave the introduction and opening prayer, **Tom Carney** delivered the eulogy, **Bob Farris** and **Mike Vopatek** read the names, and **Phil Bosma** closed with a prayer. They will not be forgotten.

Joe & Kathy Jaworowski hosted a tailgate party at the A-N game for 20 classmates & wives. Following the game they hosted a dinner party at their home, where the victory celebration was particularly sweet this yr

1963: At A/N Game: (L-R) Bob Stidham, Pete Kelley and Jim McCarver

with that amazing last-second field goal. Every yr that the A/N game is played in Phila

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1963: Post-A/N game party at the Jaworowski home: (Standing) Bob Bruce, Jim McCarver, Joe Jaworowski, Ken & Sally Wall, Steve Popielarski; (seated) Donna Bruce, Kathy Jaworowski, Sandy McCarver; (kneeling) Kathy Wilde and Grace Sage

there is a tailgate and aftergame party hosted alternately by the **Jaworowskis** and **Steve Popielarski**. Make plans for the future but note that 93 will be at the Meadowlands.

Marty Ischinger, who works in the Pentagon in OSD, had the distinction of being selected to attend the program for Sr Exec Fellows at the Harvard Kennedy Sch of Govt. Marty completed the 4-mo program in Nov 92. Congrats! Wife **Carol** is finishing her master's degree at George Mason U in teaching, writing and lit. We always knew Marty was a hive, and he married one, too.

G-2 held a reunion in Savannah, GA on 17–20 Sep 92, hosted by **John Roth**. In attendance: **Gene Blackwell, Bill & Glenda George, Joe & Kathy Jaworowski, Brad & Marilyn Jones, Jon Lundin, Bob & Sheila McNeill, Ray & Lily McQuary, Don & Jeanie Murff, Gerry & Sachi Nakashima, Bill & Karen Robbins, John & Nancy Roth** and **Ken & Gail Silberstein**. Their agenda included visiting Civil War history sites, golf, intense shopping and eating, a boat trip on the Savannah River and "swilling suds" at a local Irish pub. Gene Blackwell is rep to be the only one who still looks like he did as a cadet, while all others have aged properly.

1963: G-2 Reunion in Savannah: (Seated) Silberstein, Jaworowski, Lundin; (standing) Nakashima, Robbins, Murff, Jones, George, Roth, McNeill, McQuary and Blackwell

This is G-2's second major reunion in 3 yrs, with plans for future reunions every 2–3 yrs. **John Roth** is a MG in the Army reserves and CG of the 81st Army Reserve Cmd serving GA and FL. **McQuary, Jones** and **McNeill** are attys. **Lundin** is with 3M Co in St Paul. **Murff** is a design engr for offshore platforms with Exxon. **Makashima** works in computer systems in Hanover, MA. **Jaworowski** runs his father's beer distributing business in Phila with the motto of "We sell all we can and drink the rest." **George** commutes from NC to L.A. and works on their subway system.

Karl Beach recently received his certification from the Commonwealth of VA as a CPA. He passed all parts of the exam the first time around, which is a great feat in itself. Congrats, Karl! He is now practicing with a CPA firm in Annandale, VA. **Barbara** is dep dir of Resource Mgt for Ft Belvoir, VA.

Bill & Barbara Lutz are living in Rockville, MD. Bill is currently pres of the Army Med Ret Bd. They plan to stay in Rockville after ret in Jun.

1963: Andrea & John Ahern, Dick & Debbie Higgins and Violet & Jack O'Donnell

John & Andrea Ahern recently visited with **Dick & Debbie Higgins** and **Jack & Violet O'Donnell**. Dick & Debbie were married in Jul at their home in Londonderry, NH. John's son was married in Aug, and his daughter's wedding is planned for Sep 93 at WP to Joe Tanona '91. John rep that **George Pappas** recently became pres of RAM broadcasting (makes pagers) and moved to HI the same day his old roommate **Bob Foley** was sworn in as the Commandant. **John Dwyer** is doing well as a small animal vet in Thetford, VT.

Don & Charlie Fuller write from Winthrop, ME that life after Army ret is wonderful. Don joined the civ air patrol as a cheap way to fly. He has since logged 1000 hrs, taught more than 30 people to fly and recently become the wing cmdr of ME. Don also found himself with a minor speaking role in Mel Gibson's new movie, *Man Without a Face*, being filmed in ME—look for him. His final words in the movie are "Cl dis. . . . missed!" He says that Charlie and his daughter were impressed with the autographed photo of his new buddy Mel.

The Cl held another luncheon at A-N CC on 3 Dec. Our guest speaker was **Jerry Harrison**, who provided a superb and realistic overview of the challenges the Army faces on the Hill this coming yr. Attendees included **J Anderson, Banks Betaque, Bob & Donna Bruce, Byrne, Carney, Clark, Cole, Dusenbury, Ehrenberg, Farris, Harrison, Hays, Ischinger, James, Medlin, Scherrer, Vopatek, Ken & Sally Wall** and **Whitaker**.

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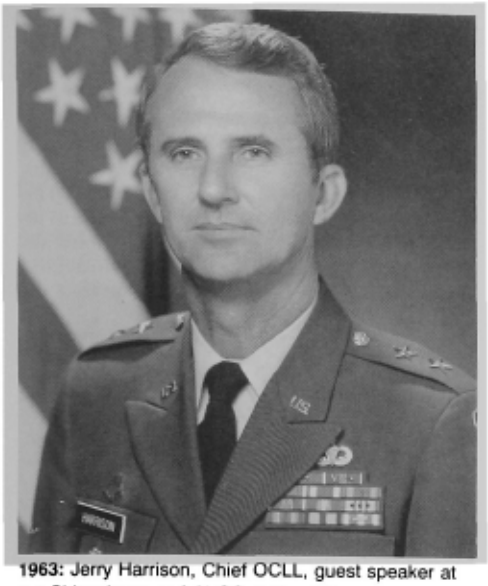

1963: Jerry Harrison, Chief OCLL, guest speaker at the Cl luncheon at A-N CC, 3 Dec 92

Paul Stanley called to rep that **Jim Sorensen** died 17 Sep 92 in Jamestown, NY of cancer. Paul flew to NY, along with **Al Shine, Noel Brown** and **Curry Vaughan**, to be with Jim and his family in the final hrs. All were at his bedside holding hands and in prayer at the moment Jim passed from this Earth. Jim was the mgr of Valeo Engine Cooling Inc, which makes truck radiators. Jim was a recognized ldr in the community. He was able to bring to closure union negotiations that had been unresolved for yrs. Jim lived his faith, loved his family and loved others. There is living testimony from the one thousand-plus people who attended his funeral. Jim leaves **Misty** and 4 children: Jed '88, Joanna, Susanna and Phil.

Please write or call me if you need an address for any of our classmates.

'64

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As I sit here in Honolulu, I cannot help but think of the Yankees who will be reading this in the dead of winter. My heart goes out to you freezing folks. Fourteen yrs of WP winters have forever cured me of any desire for drastic changes of season.

1964: The Hudginses surrounding the Carsons

Seth Hudgins rep that he & **Joy** visited **Jim & Jane Carson** at their Williamsburg digs over Halloween. The above photo memorializes the event. Sadly, Jane passed away on 2 March; she was buried in Williamsburg, VA on 5 March.

Seth also provided a photo of AOG Exec VP **Hudgins** performing his duties at Homecoming with Mullane '52, the AOG pres and Saltzman '25, the oldest grad present. Let this serve as a reminder of those of you considering visiting WP that we have a highly placed man on the inside there.

1964: Hudgins at work

1964: '64 at play

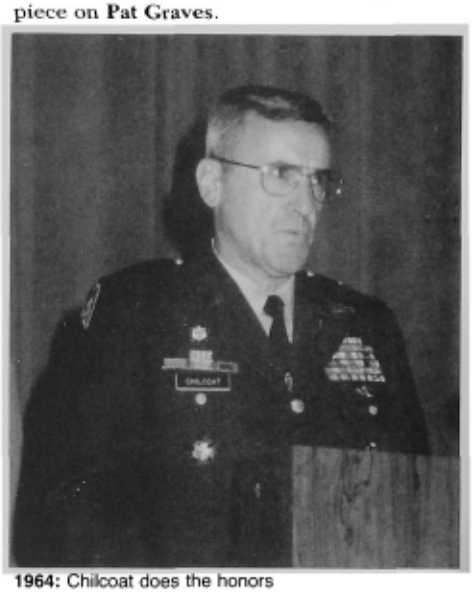
Working as a highly trained team, **Jack Price** (he mailed the ltr) and **Dick Carr** (he wrote the ltr) provided the following: "As you can tell from the enclosed photo, the gp of Price, **Lee, Carr** and **Schou** were attempting (?) to prove that the Cl of '64 still can have fun! Price and Schou upheld the shooting prowess of the Cl by bagging their limit of dove in very short order, while Carr and Lee caused the inventory of shotgun shells in Yuma, AZ to be seriously depleted, although they did bag their limit (ed note, I'm as confused as you are. In the photo it looks like they are playing pool???). Dove season opened 1 Sep, and we converged on 31 Aug to do a bird recon—not totally necessary, as the bird population is only exceeded by the bug population that feasts on the hunters. Our recon did succeed in a formal intro to the border patrol and an informal intro to the soft dirt which consumes non-four wheel drive vehicles. We stayed to hunt two days and did a little sightseeing; Yuma territorial prison and Lutes casino (Aha! That must be where the photo came from!) were our favorites. If you would be up for such an excursion, doing a little male bonding, swapping some lies and shooting dove, contact Jack Price. We are planning a rerun in 93.

Mike Davison was recently promoted to MG in Cairo, where he's running the security assistance opn. Joyce and Ambassador Pelletreau did the honors. Mike says the job is great, and Egypt is a great place for extracurricular activities, side visits, cruising the Nile, etc. They are looking forward to a visit from **Waldo Freeman**, who will apparently be doing the rounds as DCINC of CENTCOM.

Received another complaint about **Gene Sullivan**'s photo in the *ASSEMBLY* as a trustee of the AOG. **Cris Stone**, who is also a trustee, inquires whether he can sue Gene for "impersonating a younger man." Cris says that Gene's pic, right next to his, has caused him great personal anguish and emotional hardship, as people want to know why Cris has aged so much more than Gene has! I have agreed to Cris' request that I take the case on a contingency basis. **Lis**, tell Gene to start acting his age!!

1964: Mike is all smiles

Cris also passed on an article from the *Huntsville Times*, entitled "Aftermath: The Vietnam Experience," which includes a nice piece on **Pat Graves**.



1964: Chilcoat does the honors

On 28 Aug, a joint ret ceremony was held at Carlisle Bks for **Bob Cary, Len Hardy** and **Karl Robinson**. The event was presided over by **Dick Chilcoat** and observed by out-of-towners **Bill Murdy, Dan Evans, Waldo Freeman, Bob Ames**, who is assigned at Carlisle, and **Leo Charron**, who is a legitimate resident. Carl rep 18 holes of golf preceded the pm ceremony—that's going out in style. Carl is heading to Wilson Coll in Chambersburg, PA to get teaching certification in social studies, Spanish and math (way to cover the waterfront, Carl!). Bob Cary is taking a HS ROTC job in TN, and Len, while continuing to live in Carlisle, is doing consulting work in DC.

Had dinner one recent eve with **Bill Reynolds**, who was on TDY for his environmental engring outfit. He continues to stay very busy while still finding time to revel in the delights of the NW in Seattle. Sorry about those Huskies, Bill.

A late-arriving additional missive from **Hudgins** consisted of a news article touting the Army's "new emphasis" on environmen-

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1964: Carlisle retirement

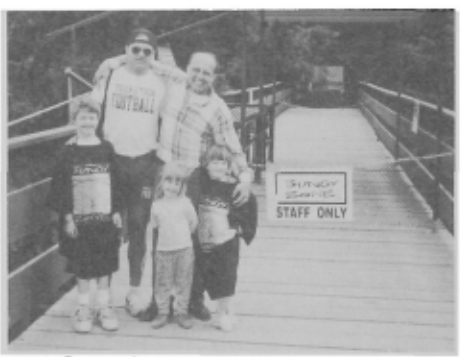
tal matters and announcing the appt of BG **Gerald Brown** as the first "dir of the environment." We now know whom to complain to. . . .

Frank Lambert provided his first input to this col in 28-and-a-butt yrs, to rep that he is alive and well as a stockbroker in San Jose, CA, with Kidder, Peabody. Apparently Frank is another of our number who has become a golf nut, and he rep playing with **John Leyerzaph**, the real estate mogul, at Black Butte Resort, with **Frank Mashburn** at an unknown location, and attending the US Open with **Ian Carter**. If this was not enough, Frank recently returned from a client's celebrity golf tourney in Puerto Rico, where he was paired with Frank Thomas (White Sox) and Candy Maldanado (Blue Jays). The Christmas holidays will see the Lamberts—where else?—on a golfing jaunt to Sarasota. You ought to come to HI, Frank—they are building golf courses here faster than I can play them.

Denny O'Block provided a photo (he is averaging one contribution every 14 yrs) of himself and the kids at the "Bungee Zone" in BC, where he and his oldest, Buckley, took the plunge earlier this yr. The kiddos, by the way, range from 3 to 24. In Sep Denney had a heart attack but denies any causative relationship to either the bungee jumping or the kids. As a consequence of this experience, Dennis is heavy into swimming, running and biking, and encourages all of us to bone up on "free radicals" and "anti-oxidants?" On the business side, Dennis runs a computerized time clock co that, contrary to the economy, is doing not-bad-at-all.

Our final correspondent of the period was **Norm Grunstad**, who notes that he has joined **Seth Hudgins** as an advertising model, having made *Wing World* and *Rider* mags wearing electrically heated riding suits. Far Out! The accompanying photo demonstrates Norm's potential for success in other areas as well.

A final note on the Cl gift. Our survey of the Cl regarding the potential selection of the Reception Hall in the new Alumni Ctr as our gift to the Acad met with almost unanimous approval. As a consequence, the gift was



1964: Bungee jumpers

1964: Norm Grunstad

approved by our exec cmte and **John Ward** was appointed to make recommendations on the memorialization aspects. John has come up with several plans which we, in turn, have to "sell" to AOG/USMA. Having seen the plans for the facility and John's proposals, I can assure you all that our gift will be something of which we all can be proud and which will be a fitting tribute to the Cl. As a consequence of the foregoing, **Bill Murdy** has kicked the fund-raising effort into high gear and has appointed reps from each co to assist him in the effort. We have always had the goal of 100% Cl participation, and, although to date the funds generated have been substantial, participation stands at only 48%. The bottom line is, let's get on the stick. The reunion and gift presentation ceremony are less than two yrs away. **Bennett**, Murdy and crew have been working on this effort for 8 yrs now. Lets give them a hand.

'65

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Greetings from Chicago. Please note the new address above. Received a nice ltr from **David Vann** with the enclosed pic of him and **John** as well as David's two daughters, Sandra Vann-Olejasz '89 and Debra '92, taken at Grad. One wonders how two such lovely,

1965: (L-R) John Vann, Sandra Vann-Olejasz, Deborah Vann and David Vann

young Army ofcrs come from such humble forebearers. This is actually a third-generation pic given by MG Walter Vann '39. Debbie was the CPT of the women's lacrosse team and led them to a 16–5 victory over Navy, capping another winning season and remaining the only Army team never to have lost to Navy. David observes that, for those who are wondering about women in combat, Sandy is now a qualifed "scud dodger," having spent close to 6 mos in the Persian Gulf war running supplies to the front in a QM forward spt unit. John has completed his transition to civ life and enjoys work as a project mgr for Mgt Analysis, Inc in McLean, VA, solving Army and DOD problems from the outside, associated with the new corporate info mgt initiatives and Defense Business Opns Fund.

Merritt Bumpass rep from Cleveland that he is alive and well and still earning a penny or two as a lawyer. He saw **Labe Jackson**, who lives outside of Lexington, KY and spends his winters in FL. Labe is on the Cleveland Fed Reserve Bd.

Thanks also to those who continue to send in money to our Cl fund.

Bill Connolly wrote from Ft Meade, MD that he's been the XO to ASA/Finance since early 91. He was in Panama before that and saw **Jim Kelley** (ADA). Jim was a Gp CO and has just returned. Bill may be going with Jim to Kuwait with a co from Tampa that cleans up mine fields. Bill also rep that **Fred Scruggs** is with the 7th SF in Panama and apparently has turned over his cmd. **Rocco McGurk** is ret and still in the DC area. Bill also saw **Leo Ken-**

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nedy and **Jim Halberg** in DC. **Bob Cato** is also there. **Tim Timms** called Bill and rep that he & his wife stayed in Europe after he ret, but they since have moved to Huntsville, AL. Daughter Kim lives in Alexandria, and they have a son in the 25th Inf.

Mike Hudson sent in his questionnaire (a little late, but who cares) and rep that his 3 children (Lauryn, Jeff and Meredyth) are all doing well. Lauryn graduated from TX Tech and Jeff graduated from U of Texas at Austin.

1965: Skip, Chip and Marilyn O'Donnell

1965: Chip O'Donnell and Don Appler

Skip O'Donnell sent two pix of him & **Marilyn** at Chip's grad. They drove down with Chip to Ft Knox over the July 4th wknd and stayed with the **Applers**. It's nice to see someone in the Cl with more gray hair than the scribe. Don ret last summer, does construction work and is settled in Elizabethtown, just south of Ft Knox. **Carol** traded in her active duty svc for a civ svc job as head of preventive medicine at Ft Knox Hosp. They have two lovely daughters, Adrienne (HS sr) and Valerie (8th grade). Skip also rep that **Barry Zais** left Ft Carson for Carlisle Bks and he thought that **Dan Benton** was no longer at the 1st Arm Div but rather is at Ft Sill. Skip, thanks for the continuing ltrs.

Jim Harmon in NY rep that he left a large law firm to start his own firm, where he is a litigator specializing in white-collar criminal work. He goes to the Army football games a lot with **Ray & Linda Hawkins**. Ray is a freelance consultant in electronics in the defense area. **Chuck McCloskey** moved to Garden City, Long Isl, where the Harmons live. **Mark Sheridan** also is in Garden City. Jim has two grandchildren (3 and one). Of his 3 children, the youngest girl is a soph at Boston Coll. Jim also rep seeing **Chris Needles**.

I was working on a business deal and needed some advice concerning a firm in Milwaukee, so I called **Pat Kenny**, who ret from the Army this Oct and works for the Chamber of Commerce in the Ft Benning area. They have a major program underway to bring people to live in the Columbus/Ft Benning area in order to keep Ft Benning alive. There was some sort of function at Ft Benning at which Pat was going to introduce **Dan Christman**.

Joe Barkley sent the nearby pic of him & **Diane** at the Army-UNC game. They rep that they seemed to be the only Army people at the Old Carolina Inn. Their second son Patrick is an Army PVT with the 3rd Inf Div in Erlangen. First son Chris is an engr working in Fairfax, VA and doing well.

And finally, an update on the A-N game in Phila. **Joe Sanchez** rep that there was a good turnout for the game and post-game activities. He & **Nancy** were joined by **Don Kurtz** and new friend Sarah; **Jim & Carol Tomaswick**; **Paul & Diane Barber** (still at USMA and plans to retire late '93); **Carl Peterson & Bobbie** (rep that they've just changed jobs); **Chuck & Rosemary McCloskey** (came in from Long Island); **Chuck & Anne Boohar** (rep their oldest son just got married), **Bob Thompson** and wife (who the Scribe noted have not sent in their questionnaire) were there along with **Don Rowe** and friend Judy (he is still at Valley Forge MA), and **John Howell**. **Ernie Westpheling** was also there and rep that, although he had retired, he was called back to active duty to straighten out the National Guard in NJ. DA is now trying to figure out how to keep him on board—stay tuned on that one.

1965: Joe & Diane Barkley and friends

And finally, **Sanchez** rep that they have reserved a block of rooms for the Army-Navy '93 game at the Meadowlands and will have a party like we did there 5 yrs ago.

Well folks, that's it from Chicago. Strength and drive!—**Dennis Coll**.

1965: Turnout for Army-Navy Game and post-game activities

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Belated season's greetings. This col's due date was 15 Dec 92. Hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and are getting through "Gloom Period" without too many difficulties. In early Dec **John Carber** and I had lunch with **Gene Atkinson** in the big city. John owns Carber-Rambo, a manufacturer's rep co specializing in the sale of UPS batteries and specialty enclosures. He expressed an interest in expanding into intl sales, and since we are both in Baltimore, we are looking at the possibility of doing something together in the future. I have owned and operated a small export mgt co, CISCO, since 76, along with several other small businesses. In 93 my plan is to return to intl business on a full-time basis, operating from the World Trade Ctr in Baltimore. If any classmates are engaged in any type of intl business, I would like to hear from them. Please phone or fax (410) 467-4747.

Jeff Smith, formerly ch counsel to the Senate Armed Svcs Cmte, and for the past 5 yrs a partner with Arnold and Porter in DC, headed up the DOD transition team for the Clinton Admin in Nov and Dec. Jeff met with all the svc chiefs, and he and his 8-man team have written a book for Pres Clinton on recommendations for dealing with the mil. His wife, **Claudia**, told me that Jeff said, "This job is like going through Ranger Sch in a business suit." We'll see Jeff rubbing elbows with the Pres.

Rick & Linda Gorski have a new grandchild, Jacob (Jake) S Ledyard, born 11 May 92. Rick is traveling worldwide for Hudson Engr Corp and recently visited Singapore, Jakarta,

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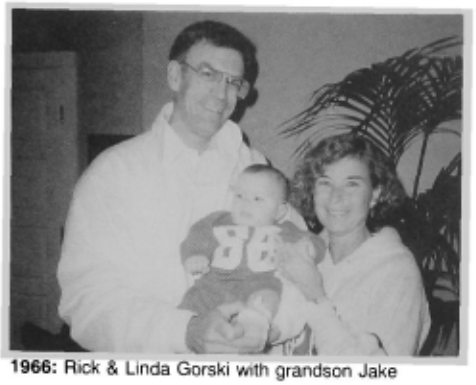
Beijing, London, Caracas and Bogota. His ofc no is 713-870-5002. Linda is actively working in "construction" as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.



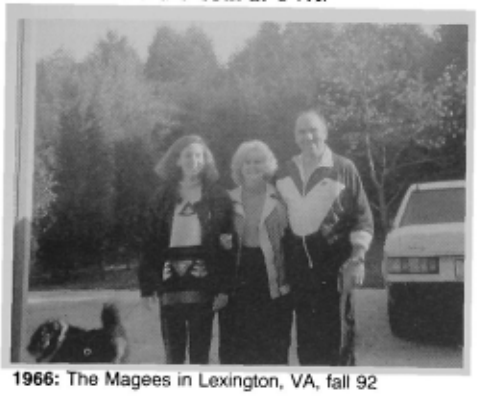
1966: Rick & Linda Gorski with grandson Jake

No, that is *not* **John Zierdt**'s grandchild—read the last issue. Michael Zierdt was born 13 Mar 92. John & **Gina** are living at Ft McPherson, GA.

1966: John Zierdt with son Michael

Troy & Elke Scott returned from Ger and are in Falls Church, VA, where Troy is program sup div ch for the Environmental Div of the NG. He rep that **Rick St John** recently ret from the Natl Guard Bureau and **Doug & Beverly Sims** are remaining in Ger after Doug's ret. Beverly is a govt svc worker in Heidelberg. **Mike Root** is also remaining in Ger after ret. **Jack Norris** is ret from his position at Ft Belvoir. **Tom Carhart** is alive and well at Princeton.

Darryl & Carol Magee were our hosts while we visited Wash & Lee U this fall. Darryl is at VMI in the Ldrship Dept and Carol handles a substantial portion of all real estate transactions in Lexington, VA. Their daughter Jennifer and son are both at UVA.



1966: The Magees in Lexington, VA, fall 92

Please note my new address and phone no above. Thanks for your spt during a difficult 92. We need news for 93, so please write—**Kes**.

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18 Oct 92: This issue's procrastinator's award, for waiting one day too long to get in the notes I mailed to the editor yesterday, goes to **John & Gael James**, who wrote from their new digs at 8327 Armetale Lane, Fairfax Station, VA 22039. John, who ret in Aug, now is an engring mgr for Intermetrics, a software devel co in McLean. Gael sent a photo of John's ret at Ft Monroe (it's a good thing she sent the photo—I would have had one of my own, had not **Tony Nida** given me the wrong time and place for the ceremony). The Jameses'

1967: John James' ret, Ft Monroe, VA, Aug 92: Ian, Fiona, Gael & John and some general

daughter Fiona is student at Old Dominion U in Norfolk; son Ian has one more semester at St Andrews. Gael also sent a photo taken at **Phil & Joy Kinney**'s daughter Jill's wedding. That was very nice; it would have been nicer if the Kinneys had bothered to tell me, and, at the risk of getting bogged down in trivia, the groom's name would be nice, too.

1967: Jill Kenney's wedding

28 Oct 92: We leave for the reunion tomorrow. Suzi is in her usual pre-trip, stress-induced ("I haven't a thing to wear! I won't know anybody! They'll all find out that I'm your wife!") snit; the boys and I are doing our best to stay out of her way. Grandmommy arrived to watch the boys in our absence; I suspect the payback will be horrendous. The boys already have that gleam in their eyes; only means rocky roads ahead. Hopefully, I didn't repeat my logistics error of our summer vacation and packed enough Irish whiskey to last the whole trip. Phone call tonight from **Dave Hale**, who wanted to know when and where the reunion was. Why was I not surprised?

29 Oct 92: A shaky start—by some incredibly bad luck, our room is just down the hall from **Scotty & Linda MacFarland**'s suite. I remember what went on in MacFarland's room at the last reunion (which is why we are no longer welcome at the Hotel Thayer), and the thought of getting no sleep for 3 nights is not comforting. By suppertime there already was a good crowd making very merry, although I'm told at least two people were wounded by flying buttons that could no longer withstand the strain of enclosing bodies obviously much too large for the clothing in which they were swaddled. Despite what I told him, **Dave & Janet Hale** arrived; to make matters worse, they got a much nicer room than we did. **Hank Uberecken** also made it to the right place by some incredible luck—he must have left the driving to someone else. **Dewey**'s here, too. Well, I guess every court needs its village idiot, if for no other reason than to make all the rest of us feel better about ourselves. Hopefully, **Janet** can keep **Ed** under control for 3 days. Exhausted from the strain of trying to keep people from knowing she was with me, **Suzi** went to bed early. I wandered around the hotel, trying to see how many people I could recognize. The ravages of time, combined with liberal amounts of Grecian Formula, L'Oreal and other subterfuge, plus the fact that a lot of the spouses/companions weren't the ones I remembered, left me guessing. Eventually retired in the wee hours, but the screaming and shrieking coming from **MacFarland**'s swamp, combined with the persistent ringing of our phone (Suzi wouldn't let me answer it) pretty much nixed any sleep.

30 Oct 92: The racket of people finally leaving the Room from Hell down the hall, coupled with the faint hint of a frigid dawn sneaking in the windows, drove us out of bed to face another day of fun and frolic. The first item was the Cl business mtg, held in S Auditorium. Unfortunately, but not suprisingly, half the Cl succumbed to instinct and went to sleep as soon as someone started speaking. On the other hand, there were a few guys from the first section who could be seen taking notes, and an occasional springbutt would ask a question, hoping for a few extra tenths. Old habits die hard, even after 25 yrs. Despite the snoring and other distractions (at least **John Hart** didn't fall out of his chair this time), a lot was accomplished, not the least of which was the election of Cl ofcrs. For those who didn't take notes, your new ofcrs are **Tom Dyer** (Pres, Chm of the Bd and Cmdr-in-Ch); **Randy Pais** (VP and Ch Counsel); **Hobie Pillsbury** (Secy and Stunt Man); and **Ace Clark** (Treas and Ch Caterer). While, for the most part, we did ok, this last one gives me some pause. I've seen how Ace organizes things. I shall keep my wallet much closer at hand in the future. We also approved a new Cl constitution (actually, new probably isn't the right word. I don't think we ever had one). I was distressed that my amendment providing a generous annual stipend to the Cl scribe met with such general derision. A third order of business was the issue of a Cl gift. It was agreed that the $6.43 that has accummulated in the Cl acct over the past 25 yrs probably was not sufficient to present WP a suitable gift, and that we are all going to have to be overcome by a fit of philanthropic frenzy if we really intend to leave our physical mark on the place (unfortunately, painting our Cl numerals on the cliff at Camp Buckner yearling yr wasn't sufficient). You'll be hearing more from **Tom Dyer** about this in the future. A last bit of Cl

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business was a plea by **Randy Pais** to get obits written in *ASSEMBLY* for the 26 classmates that have not been so memorialized. He has graciously agreed to take the lead in this most worthwhile project, and hopefully we'll have everyone accounted for in the not-too-distant future. Next we all repaired to Ike Hall for a delightful luncheon, marred only by **Bob Sellars** trying to drink the soup out of the tureen and **Bob Lenz** going large Richard on the cookies. After lunch we made the climb to the Cadet Chapel for a very moving memorial svc for our fallen brothers, conducted by USMA Chaplain Richard Camp. Then, the highpoint of the day, a dinner cruise from S Dock down the Hudson to the Rotten Apple. A huge success by all accounts. I have it on good authority (actually, if I were an intelligence type I would rate the reliability as F6, but who cares) that someone mooned lower Manhattan. This is not surprising; indeed, it brings back memories of the 18-hr train ride to Chicago our plebe yr for the AF game, when every vill, middlesex and farm we passed through was in jeopardy. No one is confessing, but I've done some snooping and have a pretty good idea who it was. My first thought was **Jim Stewart**, who for yrs used to light up N Area on even the darkest nights, but, alas, he wasn't at the reunion. Second impulse was **Randy Condos**, but **Caroline** wouldn't let him out of her sight long enough. That left only one likely candidate: **Earl Walker**. Despite this aberration, the treatment provided to the Cl by the constables of the City of NY was truly remarkable. The bus convoy back to the hotel was escorted out of the city by a whole phalanx of police cars with lights flashing and sirens blaring. Traffic was stopped on all side streets for the procession. We're talking about Manhattan here, people. One cop said, "I don't know who you guys know—we don't even do this for the governor." But then I suspect they're not as anxious to get the govr out of their city as they were us. And so home to bed. Tonight, the phone is off the hook.

31 Oct 92: Big event of today, of course, is the football game, preceded by the parade. Ungodly cold. **Hank Uberecken** was overcome by a Ranger Sch flashback and was last seen begging for a heat tablet and some water to make cocoa. **Dave Hale** was heard whimpering "mama" more than once. We had to march out on the Plain, which was a real problem for a few folks, like **Dave Rivers** and **Brick Anderson**, who had only marched once before—and that was at the 20th Reunion, and they didn't get it right then, either. But once we got **Dave Baggett** pointed in the right direction, it all worked out ok. Except, of course, when **Bob Wysocki** tried to do "squads left, march" and 10 ranks tripped over him. And I don't think the cadets noticed when **Jim Siket** turned and went the wrong way. At lunch, **Bob Lenz** managed to flip his knife instead of a pat of butter at the ceiling of the Cadet Mess and damn near put his eye out. The ball game was a huge success, marred only by the intense cold and the fact that **Dewey**, overcome by all the young female rabble rousers, created a scene when he drooled all over himself and his tongue froze. After the game we headed back to the hotel for a splendid Cl dinner, complete with entertainment. It is Halloween, and **Angie Nida** was in rare form. Her latest hair color, which can best be described as earth tones, was stunning. Tony's was just blinding. And so to bed.

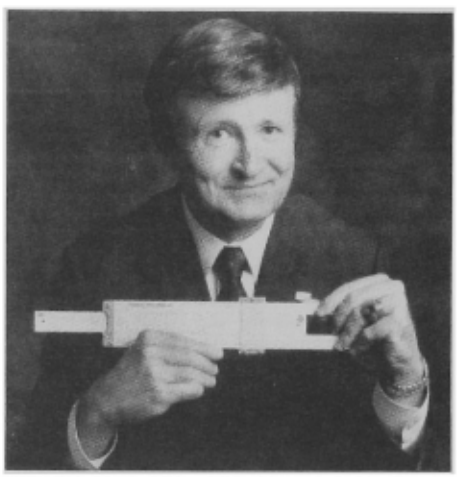
1 Nov 92: It is time to pack up and say goodbye. It has been a marvelous wknd, a true reunion of souls. Almost 600 people showed up and, for the most part, behaved themselves rather well. Of course, none of it would have happened had it not been for the truly outstanding efforts of the reunion cmte, whose tireless efforts over the past 9 mos were evident at every turn. Everything was flawless. Well, the obvious screw-up that put **Dave Hale** in a better room than me was a slight distraction, but other than that we're talking near perfection, and I know that **Bob Lenz** is to blame for that egregious error. My one regret is not having enough time to visit with all the folks I wanted to solicit contributions from. Well, that and the fact that now we have to go home and get grandmommy out of bondage and deal with all the chaos the boys have caused. You guys who made it happen—**Siket, Held, Hand, Pillsbury, Winkle, Hart, Clark, Griffin, Aiello, Walker** and even you, Lenz (I hope I didn't leave anyone out), pop up your collective chests for a job damn well done. Make sandwiches. You did so well, you get to do it next time.

2 Nov 92: Phone call from **Dave Hale** tonight. He's lost—wants to know where he's been the last 4 days and how to get home. This is doubly worrisome; this wk he is to rep to his new asgmt at Ft Lewis, WA, as the asst div cmdr of the 7th Inf Div.

14 Nov 92: Shocking phone call from **Jeff Madsen** this eve with the dreadful news that **Claude Herman** died quite suddenly of a massive heart attack, 13 Nov, while at work at his orthopaedic clinic in Incline Village, NV. What makes the news all the more difficult to accept is the fact that just two wks ago at the reunion, Claude was the picture of health and vigor. That he has been snatched so suddenly and unexpectedly from our midst should drive home the fact that we are all mortal, and our relationships with ea other are very special indeed. Claude's wife **Beverly** asked that contribs be made to a scholarship fund which has been established is his memory. The address is: Incline to Help, In memory of Claude P Herman, Bank of America, 900 Tahoe Blvd, Incline Village, NV 89451. I know I speak for the entire Cl in telling Beverly how terribly sorry we are at her loss, and how much we'll all miss Claude.

19 Nov 92: Nice note from **Doug Pringle** in today's mail bag. Fat Daddy was in fine fettle at the reunion; he even gave one of the more memorable speeches at the Cl business mtg. It's a shame so few people were awake to hear it. Fat Daddy had done yeoman work over the yrs helping handicapped people come to grips with life through an orgn called Natl Handicapped Sports of Northern CA, which does neat things like teach people who have lost limbs to ski and, more importantly, deal with their handicap and realize their full potential. His outfit is raising funds for a world-cl facility, and he hopes to dedicate a part of it to the Cl of '67. It's a good cause, and Doug deserves our help. If you want to have your name on their honor wall, or even if you don't, send him a contrib at 5932 Illinois Ave, Orangevale, CA 95662.

21 Nov 92: Tucked in between the usual batch of Orivs and Eddie Bauer catalogs I am no longer allowed to read, I found a nice ltr from **Rich Adams** today. Rich has done rather well for himself, as evidenced by the fact that his co, G & E Engring, was selected by the Baton Rouge, LA, Business Report (BRBR) as the "Outstanding Company of the Yr" for 92 for mid-sized companies. G & E (the name stands for Geotechnical & Environmental) is a 12-yr-old environmental consulting firm, with ofcs in 4 states. In the 10 yrs that the BRBR has been presenting their awards, this is the first time an engring consulting firm has been recognized. That's almost good enough to qualify for high roller roll call honors. Rich sent a neat photo, which provides this issue's trivia quiz: What is that strange thing Rich is holding? **Bob Rettig**, if you get the right answer, I'll double your prize money.



1967: What is that thing Rich Adams is holding?

13 Dec 92: Short note with a pic of one of the more moving moments from the reunion arrived from **Tom Lanyi**. It shows **Terry Hand** proudly pointing to our Cl tree, next to the Supe's garden across from the gym and N Barracks. Terry said that it dawned on him that we did not have a Cl tree (horror of horrors); he then found an unattached tree and bought a marker with Cl funds (so much for our $6.43). So now we have a tree; on all subsequent visits to The Womb, stop by and make appropriate burnt offerings and obla-

1967: Terry Hand and the Cl tree

tions. Thank you, Terry, for your selfless svc to the Cl. How about a Cl saloon? Or a plaque in the old Weapons Room? What ever happened to the Weapons Room, anyway?

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14 Dec 92: Tomorrow is my deadline. Doing this job wouldn't be so bad if it didn't remind me of our plebe yr English paper. Talked to **Randy Pais** tonight; since the reunion, he has been able to line up 32 volunteers to write 18 of the 26 obits still missing. However, that still leaves 8 classmates who need obits: **Dave Bishop, John Brown, Don Dwiggins, Ron Frazer, Ellis Greene, Gary Hyde, Paul Kokonowski** and **Mike Sands**. PLEASE: we owe it to these fallen brothers to let the world know what great people they were and what an indelible mark they made on this life. If you can help, let Randy or me know. You can reach him at 62 N Watertree Ln, The Woodlands, TX 77380. You know where to find me.

I'm sure you didn't use up all your malicious gossip at the reunion, so spread the news. Take care, sports fans, and God bless us every one. See you next time. BEAT NAVY. Again. And Again. And Again!

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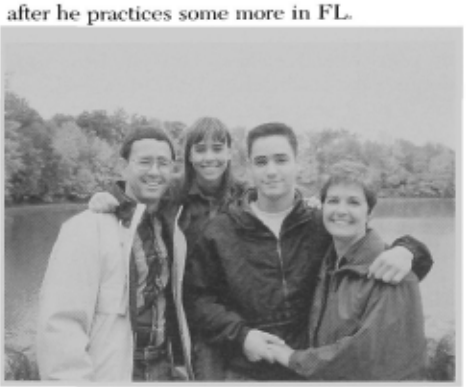
This article is being composed the wknd after the A-N Game—it's taken that long to regain my composure. How 'bout that Army Team! We elected to conserve resources this yr by not traveling to the A-N game but by imposing on **Jack & Kathleen Mayer**—along with **Norm O'Meara, Pete & Maril Sowa** and **Bob & Jann Swedock**. If you haven't watched an A-N game with Jack lately, I strongly recommend it—espec if you're bored with TV commentary—because Jack'll be happy to give you the uncensored version. . . .

Linda O'Meara decided to join daughter Colleen in an equally stressful event—completing arrangements for Colleen's pending wedding. Norm doesn't know much about it—he just signs the checks and tries to generate enough income as a Research Fellow with Log Mgt Inst to cover expenses. Pete is back from the ROK and working in the ofc of the ACE as the program budget csar for govt quarters. Bob is still hard at it in the energy business—advising and spting consultants who advise and consult the DOE.

1968: Jon Dodson, John Keane, Norm O'Meara and AJ Dodson at the Ohles' 4th of Jul party

Ted Trauner wants you to know that he and **Jim Clima** wanted to hold the A-N indoor tailgate; however, the game schedule made it difficult to find folks friendly enough in Philly to make 4-ft subs at 0500 to be in place at the Spectrum prior to the 0930 march-on. It was either that or beer and breakfast rolls—which didn't seem that great an idea either. An after-game party was also impractical, since Jim's son, Tony, was a Firstie on the Army team. I understand about 25 classmates attended the game, which did not include Ted, who passed his tickets on to his daughters while he went to play golf in Orlando, where he opened another ofc in early 92. Ted rep that business is good despite the impression manifested by **Jack Cochran**, in their San Diego ofc, who has lost almost 50 of his post-ret lbs. Ted also rep that, after he presented a seminar and dinner speech just prior to Thanksgiving for the Chattanooga chapters of the Assoc Gen Contractors and Const Spec Inst, he was accosted by **Bill Robinson**, who is an architect in Chattanooga. Bill presented Ted with a bottle of Sam Adams, which Bill had purchased that day as part of the first case of the beverage ever to be sold in Chattanooga. Bill's other accomplishments include a golf course he designed in the area currently under construction. Ted volunteered to run an OT&E on it, after he practices some more in FL.



1968: Jock, Jessica, JJ and Malena Merriam last fall in Cincinnati

A mbr of the Cl of '70 forwarded *The Academy Business Chronicle*, the newsltr of the WPS of Atl. It's a neat pub that carries Society, professional transition and social news. From it, we've learned that **Ron & Gisela Adams** and family moved to 4470 Lucerne Pl, Lilburn, GA 30247 after Ron gave up his job as a USARPAC pgm and budget staffy and ret. **Mike & Diana Murphy** and their 3 children gave up the intl life in London and moved back to 1000 Stevens, Entry #S-211, Peachtree City, GA 30269. Mike passed his asst attaché duties on and ret in Sep to take a mgt job with Goody Products. **Tom & Doris Pence** and their 3 children also settled in Peachtree City so Tom could be close to his Third Army Comptroller duties at Ft McPherson.

While on the subject of career transition, **Bill Marriott** moved from the Army Opnl Eval Cmd to become a sr engr of C4 Systems with Teledyne Brown. By the time you read this, **Dwight Lee** will be with GTE Govt Systems doing C3 stuff, and **Pete Paulson** will be with Paramax (a subsidiary of UNISYS) helping with strategic planning. **Bruce Korda** is now with Volney Warner Assts, an agency for German cos in the US, and has been rep on the 3rd floor of the Frankfort Airport (inflatable toy div) while on a junket to Kassel to see the Fox—a high-tech CBR vehicle. **Rich Carlson** rep that he left Martin Marietta at the urging of **Bo Horn** to join EER. As soon as he had Rich in the front door of EER, Bo moved to SAIC.

Have no fear. There are still warriors on active duty. **Tom Banks** PCSd this summer from Ft Sill to become the XO to the J5 and bring a little more credibility to Pentagonia.

Bob Lorbeer rep that he has completed and

1968: Ross Nagy, Bruce Korda and Jack Munson at the Florances' New Yr's party last yr

submitted the obit for **Don Workman**. He was also instrumental in ensuring that **Gus Lee**'s request for a Cl ring will be an item of business at the reunion. Bob maintains a law practice in the mid-coastal area of CA and Gus is about to have another novel published.

The following photo was taken of classmates & spouses in honor of a Cl hero of the 70's—the unknown comic—at a block party at Ft Leavenworth last Aug. Do you recognize them? The only hints I'll give prior to disclosing their uncovered identity next issue is that Desert Storm wouldn't have been so successful without them, one classmate is the DCG for Training at Leavenworth, one's his deputy and one cmds the garrison at Ft Monmouth.

1968: Classmates & spouses at a block party at Leavenworth—IDs to follow next issue

Dick & Kathy Shipley stopped over during the Thanksgiving wknd to enhance the cash/Sam Adams flow in the DC area. Dick is attending the AWC as the tooth fairy and rep that **Walt Meinshausen** is also a student. Among S&F are **Steve Bowman, Bob Brace** and **Dave Neyses**. Steve checked in while in DC for a LIC conf to rep he'd be introducing **Dick Witherspoon** at a Gramm-Rud seminar at OH St the next day. Steve's scheduled for the dir of Mil History Inst job at Carlisle next yr.

Reunion planning is almost on track; however, the first mailing had to be deferred due to more pressing duties. **Dan Kaufman**, reunion coord, ltr drafter and gen stuckee, was selected by the new admin to plan the DOD transition. Dan was selected based on his reputation as an intelligent, honest broker who has no agenda but the betterment of our country—pretty much the same reasons he's coord our reunion.

In the meantime, we need help in finding the following lost classmates. Some should be easy, such as **Art Ackerman, John Blevins, Neil Hughes** and **Bruce Parry**, last seen in FL; **Bob Baker, Ken Moran, Tom Onasch** and **Fred Parker**, last seen in the DC area but moved; **Yogi Bayer**, Dr **Bob Kelly** and **Rich**

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1968: Most of the current Carlisle crowd: Dick Shipley, Dave Neyses, Steve Bowman and Bob Brace

Russell, last heard of in TX; **Charlie Beckwith**, who we know is somewhere at TRADOC; **Mike Billingsley**, last heard from at Ft Jackson; **Dick Bowers** and **Bill Craven**, last heard from in Atl; **Chuck Brooks**, who we last saw philosophizing in a butterfly chair on the N shore of Oahu; **Bruce Brown**, who we last heard about in OR; **Danny Bunnell**, who was last seen with **Steve Bowman** in Berlin; **Bill Dyer**, last heard of with the Dept of State—but not a hostage; **Bob Galak, Bill McCrone, Bob Sherman** and **Randy Sprinkles**, last heard of in CA; **Jim Hargis**, last heard of in AR; **Terry Kennedy**, last heard of in MA; **Jonny Johnston, Russ Olsen, Charlie Piraneo, John Spengler, Gil Tijerina, Art Tores, Fred Tucker** and **Don Wantuck**, last heard about out of country (however, we've also heard that Gil won't return 'til American Gladiator and WWF results are rep in newspaper sports sections); **Terry Kennedy**, last heard of in MA; **Steve Lyons**, last heard of in IA; **Doug MacFarlane**, last heard trng warriors in the desert; **Tom McConnell**, last heard of in NC; **Neil McLean**, last heard of consorting with Navy pukes in RI; **Frank Nader** and **Lou Pierce**, last heard of in CO; **Fred Reynolds**, last heard of in KS; **Lew Robertson**, last heard of in NJ; and **Steve Rodgers**, who was last heard of in PA.

Others may not be so easy—since the last time we may have seen them was on the side of a milk carton while looking for them prior to earlier reunions—such as: **Jim Adams, Drew Allen, Hank Alward** (still in Scandinavia?), **Ted Broyhill, Mike Bruce, Dan Carroll, Steve Childers** (last seen pinging), **Dave Cunningham, Frank Delia, Abe Eustice, Walt Gaddis, Dan Gooding** (last heard of when he became a dr), **Karl Gustafson, Mike Havey, Bob Hinderson, Jim Horton, Bob Jetland, Dave Knecht, Bill Kyzer, Virg Lambert, Pat Moe, Steve Murphy, Chuck Myers, George Neill, Mike O'Connell, Roger Olson, Fran Post, Gil Reilly, Benny Robinson, Frank T Robinson, Doug Steveson, Chuck Williams** and **John Williams**.

It has always been my goal to get all classmates mentioned in these notes at least every two yrs—but this is a crummy way to do it. Any leads you may have would be appreciated. We can even accommodate their addresses on classmate rolls. But we can't manufacture new classmates—we're a diminishing quantity. Thanks to you, we have lots to be thankful for and to keep our spirits up. That's why we need to stay in touch—because YOU'RE ALL WE'VE GOT—**Dave**.

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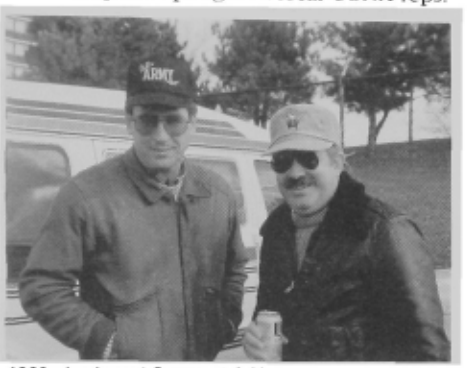
This column is being written on 15 Dec 92, covering news received since 15 Oct 92. Next deadline is 15 Apr 93.

A score of 25–24! How sweet it was! In attendance at Army's win in Philly were **Fred Edwards, Jarvis, Tigges, Spann** and **Rick Whittaker. Holly** & I watched the game with **Marcy & Pete Heesch** here in Bonn, with our two daughters named Kathleen executing covert disruption ops against local USNA reps.



1969: Jarvis and Spann at A-N

Pat Spann organized a pre-game luncheon at Ft Myer, which I was able to attend. Others in attendance included **Anstrom, Jim Ball, KC Brown, Carpenter; Cornelison; Cox; Bill Foster; Frykman, Paul Grant, Hawley, Ken Johnson, Landrum, Lee, McGovern, Molter, Nardotti, Narel, O'Toole, Osterhoudt, Quinn, Reinhardt, Richmond, Robella, Sparks, Steele, Stobbs, Bill Taylor** (F-3), **Wanless** and **Doug Williams**.

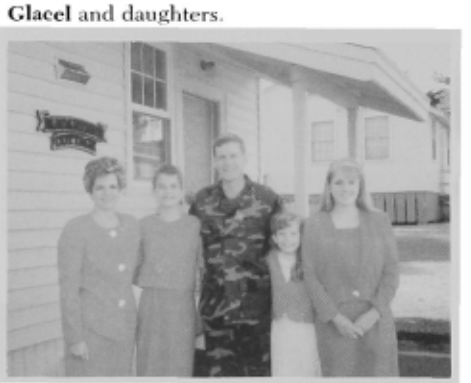
1969: Cl luncheon: Ball, Nardotti, Grant, Sparks, Hawley, Carpenter, Steele, Williams, Wanless and Stobbs

1969: Foster, Osterhoudt, Molter, Reinhardt, Johnson, Robella, Johnson, Anstrom, Landrum and McGovern

1969: Lee, Brown, Frykman, Quinn, Kimmitt, Narel, Cornelison, Richmond and Cox

Good news on the Cl Gift Fund: we have collected over $200,000, which, when combined with the $50,000 in the Cl Fund, puts us well on the way to our goal. You should have received a description of the Gift Cmte proposal for 3 distinct gifts to the Acad, now and in the future. Please give as generously as your circumstances allow: Cl of '69 Gift Cmte, c/o Olympic Lincoln-Mercury, PO Box 33764, Seattle, WA 93133–9945.

Marilyn & Steve Hammond, at WP, opened mail from those still on active duty. Their son Taylor will join two of his sisters in coll next yr, having just been awarded an ROTC scholarship. **Ella & Joe Cornelison** are in DC, and Joe had seen **Mike Nardotti, Bryan Schempf** and **Craig Schwender** at a recent JAG conf. Craig mentioned that he sees **Jack Gafford** at Ft Ord. Also at Ft Ord are **Barbara & Bob Glacel** and daughters.



1969: The Glacels at Ft Ord

Stew Bornhoft wrote from Omaha. Stew is dist engr there until next summer. Here in Ger, I saw **Dick Wallace**, who cmds a bde in the 3ID; he & **Sallie** live in Erlangen. **John Greathouse** is in the DAO ofc in Vienna and has been spending time recently in Albania.

On the civ side, newly married in DC are **Brenda & Jack Egan. Jane & Ron Hudak** were at the wedding, up from Ft Sam Houston. Brenda is a systems engr at EDS.

Also recently married was **Ken Wanless'** daughter Beth. In attendance were **Albrecht, Foss** and **Hofstetter**, as well as Kenny Wanless '95. Unfortunately, the wedding coincided with the A-N game, but it was not far from participants' minds. Albrecht also sent photos of the wedding, but made the mistake of including with them a 25-yr-old shot of himself fraternizing with someone who maintained he was a mbr of the German Merchant Marine—I wonder if security at WP ever checked out his story?

George also was kind enough to send a ltr and photo of a recent E-4 gathering. In attendance were **Albrecht, Coyle, Craft, Grant,**

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1969: Brenda & Jack Egan

1969: Kenny Wanless '95, Albrecht, Beth Wanless Webb, Foss and Wanless

Morelock and **Bill Taylor**, and non E-4 attendees **Beckworth, Metcalf** and **Wanless**. George also mentioned that Coyle, **Eyrich, Friese** and **Frykman** are working for Potomac Systems Engr in Annandale.

Barb & Lew Levy sent a nice ltr from Springfield, VA, where Lew works for USPA

1969: Fritz Wehrhahn and friend George Albrecht on the *TS Bremen*, Apr 67

& IRA. Barb has an admin position with Century 21. Holding down the fort in Annapolis is **Les Hunkele**, who is probably watching his back closely these days! Les said that **Casey Brower** is taking a sabbatical from WP next yr in Holland; **Howard Hellerstedt** is the city mgr in Bella Vista, AR; **Ernie Adams** is teaching and coaching in Roswell, GA; **Bill Duvall** is in Chicago managing construction; **Tom McCaslin** is with Tishman in CA; and **Larry Kleinsteiber** works at the VA med ctr in Madison, WI.

Bonnie & Wayne Renner are now in Carmel, IN, where Wayne is VP for ATEC Assoc, an environ engring firm. He watched the A-N Game with **Ken Christian**, who is teaching in Louisville, KY and spent Thanksgiving with the **Doug Madigans** in St Louis.

Susan & Bill Johnsmeyer wrote from Overland Park, KS, where Bill is with Butler Construction. Son Brad had been through difficult surgery early in 91 but is, according to Bill, "good as new." **Nan Kenady** wrote with her new address and phone no: 13535 Holiday Ct, Apple Valley, MN 55124; 612-431-5611. She thanked everyone in the Cl for the spt after **Jim**'s sudden and untimely death.

Mike Casey wrote from a bit further W with news that he is practicing law in CO Springs. **Marie & John Inselman** wrote from Steilacoom, WA with word that **Bruce McBane** is well settled in LaConner, WA; **John Clapper, Scott Smith** and **Bruce Wheeler** (recently ret from WP) are practicing medicine in Tacoma; and that **Pete Skells** and **Carl Ozimek** are also in the area.

Gussie & Randy Wilson wrote from Mission Viejo, CA, where Randy is with Philips Ultrasound. Their daughter Betsy and **Bob Yaap**'s daughter play volleyball on the same team. **Victoria & Tom Wheelock** are in Santa Monica. They recently made a mystery film in St Petersburg starring Victoria. **Gesine & Arnie Haake** continue their intercontinental commute, with Gesine here in Ger and Arnie in Bahrain. Son Karsten '94 is a mulerider at WP.

Last ltr is from **Dave Merhar**, who is C/S of the Heidelberg community, where **Jan** teaches with DODDS. Son Dave just finished Yale, where he got to know **Jim Blake**'s daughter, who was in the cl a yr behind. Both Dave and **Bryan Schempf** have daughters graduating from Heidelberg HS on 4 Jun 93.

Dave asked me if I would be the grad speaker, to which my reply was: certainly, if I am still in Ger. Our status for next yr is still up in the air but will be clearer by the time you read this submission. Until next time then, when I can be more informative in this regard, **Holly** and the children join me in wishing you and yours a beautiful spring. God bless to all in '69.

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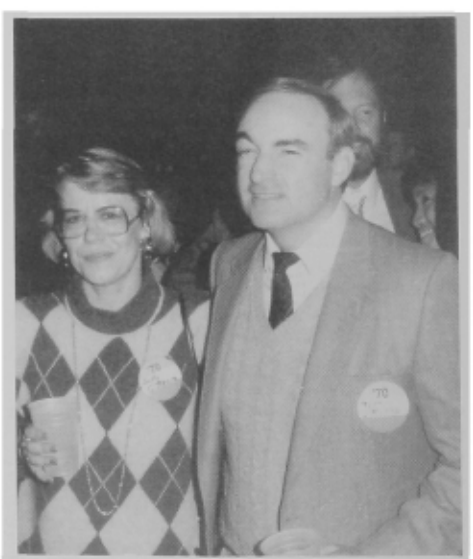
Starting off with interesting stats per *Register* (updated only slightly with recent deaths): Active—189 Army, 15 USAF, 2 USMC, 1 USN,; Ret—123; Civ—401; Deceased—16: **Robert Brown, Hawley, Dunphy, Richard Green, Connatser, Gillihan, Neuman, Ferraro, John Minor, Muse, Maxwell, Stockwell, Randy Carlson, Steinfeld, Ross Williams** and **Boyer**.

The cmte of **Barney Forsythe, Allbee, Bickel, Connors, Gasperini, Lawrence, Lenox, Mahan, Reeder, Spears, Bill Taylor** and **Zoeller** will make a decision in mid-Jan on the Cl of '70 gift: fountain plus endowment on Moral and Ethical Devel, or other, based on our ballots.

1969: E-4 gathering: Bryant, Coyle, Grant, Morelock, Beckworth, Wanless, Albrecht, Taylor and Craft



1970: Sally & Tom O'Meara at the 20th Reunion

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The War Coll Alumni Assn Newsltr rep that COL **Don & LTC Roslyn Goff** are the first married couple to grad together from the War Coll. Quoting: "They met in Korea and, following marriage at Ft Monroe, were in Ger. Roslyn went to Saudi to cmd a forward spt bn in 3AD (the only female bn cmdr to serve with a combat div) and Don, in V Corps, served in N Iraq at war's end (Opn Provide Comfort)." Don is now at the Armed Forces Staff Coll as a P, and Ros is a maritime log ofcr for Supreme Allied Cmd Atl.

Skip & Fran Ryder sent the only Christmas card to make it in before deadline. And then they rep on kids, not selves. Laura is now at W MI U, and Brian is soon to join a frat at Cornell after becoming an Air Assault and Airborne grad—good quals! Presumably, Skip's still at Ford and Fran still helps the geriatric set.

1970: Bryan, Laura, Fran & Skip Ryder in Livonia, MI, fall 92

The 3rd Annual Cl of '70 Golf Tour is now set for 18–21 Aug 93 at Lake Tahoe, NV, sponsored by **Bill & Starr Campbell** (call 702-831-4877), per **Jim Crawford**. He noted that **Bill & Paula Trivette** accosted him in the halls of the 5-sided squirrel cage while he was on TDY. He confirms some data from **Joe & Kate Reeder**'s 10th annual A/N bash and alleges others appeared (where did those folks hide, Joe?). Attendees included **Hank & Janie Zimon, Jim & Carolyn Young, Dick Wennerberg** and Judy Fox, **Greg & Jennie Vuksich, Bill & Terri Taylor, Steve & Gayle Strom, Jack & Joan Sabia, Mike & Lynn Ryan, Bob & Debra Richardson, John & Cindy Norton, Mike & Bette Meuleners, Skip Lane, Tom Lampley** and Judy Putignano, **Bill Knowlton, Ross Kelly, Jim & Kathy Kee, Nels & Lillian Johnson, Tom & Andy Haller, John & Jackie Greenwalt, Tom & Beth Gerard, Bob & Diane Driscoll, Crawford, Tom & Kathy Costello, Ralph & Sherry Churchill, Brian & Judy Bryson, Dick Beahm, Scott & Wendy Bailey, Bill & Diana Addy, Pat Thornton, Steve & Marla Cook** and **Dale Marvin**.

Reeder rep on attendees at the Nov DC luncheon at the Pentagon: **Beahm, Churchill, Clark, Cook, Deason, Gerard, Greenwalt, Henderson, Knowlton, Lampley, Skip Lane, Meuleners, Murray, Norton, O'Connell, Olson, Page, Rosati,** both **Mike** and **Bob Ryan, Sabia, Schneider, Sebastian, Bill Taylor, Treat, Walton, Ward, Wennerberg, Wesbrook,**

1970: Kathy & Bruce Maki at the 20th Reunion

Wilkins and **Zimon**. **Mahan** and **Vuksich** were featured speakers.

1970: Greg & Mary Helen Edwards at the 20th Reunion

Good news from yours truly: I made the list for reserve component 06 and, after only 4 mos as cmdr of the 138 Sig Bn, was selected for promotion and cmdr of the 76 Inf Bde IN ARNG. Challenges, challenges, as the 38ID goes heavy.

1970: Don Frazer, Bn Cmdr, 138th Sig Bn, 38th ID, IN ARNG

Les & Patti Sumner add a chapter to the traveling photo show, while editing 100 rolls of film (with only TWO shots of classmates—look for them next issue). Les saw **Gil Pritchard** (by the way, no longer hitched to Les's sister Ann) in CA; he still sells lots of "health food" snacks. He no longer does rugby but has a contender team in softball. They found **Bill & Portia Green** in Ardmore, OK and injured their son Kyle's sprained ankle while seeking pix. Then they descended on **John & Kathy Becker** (but they didn't hurt Mark) vic St Lou. Kathy worked for the Rep 92 Victory cmte (and lost), while John is a shooter for US Electric Motors, sub to Emerson Electric. Hearsay from the Beckers is that **Bob & Carol Wetherill** were moved by Emerson from St Lou to Memphis so Bob can be their S3 there. Their next stop took them to **Bill & Barb Wallis**'s in Tampa, where Bill, Esq (rich clients) was training for his 22nd marathon. They saw the **Crawfords** and next-door neighbors **Don & Susie DeCort**, the Central Cmd boss lawyer in Tampa. News from the Big Apple reveals that **Tom & Liz Secrest** were at the USAF/Army game with the Sumners, as they used **John Connors**' tickets while he was visiting schools with son Michael (who not only sticks lacrosse, but is also QB of the football team). **Barney Forsythe**, super P in ldrsleep, and **Dave Dinsmore** were also observed. Les rep that **Chip & Karen Lauckhardt** are both doing well of real estate investment and hand therapy, respectively.

1970: Andy & Bill Arcuri at the 20th Reunion

Rich St Denis ret last Sep in Atl and is now VP Mkting for Adv Video, which produces commercials and shows. He also trains and consults in business commo and PR with a TQM focus, and he is the PAO of the WPS of Atl, publishing their newsltr and coord the Transition Network for mil svc folks looking for jobs. **Mary** is an Operating Room nurse at St Joseph's Hosp. Richard Jr is at the U of OK and works as an orderly with mom during the summer. If you cruise Atl, look up **Benardo**, mgt consultant for Opns Mgt Gp; **Franklin**, Esq, Asst VP Law for Wells Fargo; **Hilderbrand**, sr research engr for GA Tech; **Passaro**, projects systems for GA Quick Start; **Decker**, VP for AG Edwards; **Forbes**, investment adv for Shearson Lehman; **Henly**, math P for Clayton St Coll and DeKalb Coll; **Mowery**, J3 Avn, **Stevens** and **McAteer**, J5 Plans, FORSCOM; **McCall, Fricks, Engram** and others who may not have even checked into the net.

Bill Spracher completed a tour as a sr mil observer in the UN mission for the referendum in W Sahara, a neat trick for a Latin Amer FAO. The UN peacekeeping force was the first with reps from all 5 permanent mbrs of the UN Security Council. Bill notes that "dealing with UN civs was not much fun." Bill is now at the InterAmer Def Coll at Ft McNair, DC with **Charlie Ennis**. Both expect eagles before their next tours, unknown at this time.

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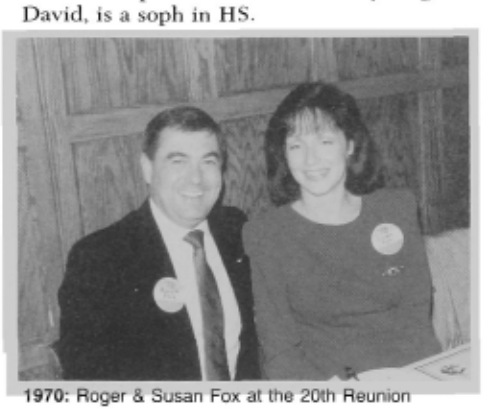
1970: Bill Spracher, UN Peacekeeping Force, W Sahara

Jim & Vicki Mowery are now grandpa & grandma with their daughter Victoria Ann's & Russ's new son Dustin James. Both Victoria & Russ are in sch vic Lawrence, KS. The Mowerys also rep that their first son Michael James is now a soph at GA Tech. Their youngest, David, is a soph in HS.



1970: Roger & Susan Fox at the 20th Reunion

Bob Hales sent me the first Christmas present that I have EVER received from any mbr of the Cl of '70, an autographed copy of his most recent book, *Textbook of Administrative Psychiatry*, which he edited with John Talbot and Stuart Keill. I will cherish it, along with my collection of celebrity belly button lint, plus it wil do a dandy job of pressing flowers. Bob is at CA Pacific Med Ctr, San Fran, CA.

Bill Cater volunteered to write an obit for **Steve Muse**. Anyone who would like to lend some spt, contact him in Carmel, CA. Bill's CPA business there has done well, as has Susan's interior design. Son David (19) is studying intl relations at U CA Davis, while Paul (15) is a soph in HS.

Frank & Paulette Monaco arrived at USMA the same day Frank Jr '96 rep for Beast. Frank is now asst dean for academic computing, pending asgmt as dir of Info Mgt next Jun.

John & Karen Beasley settled down in Cincinnati, where John is an environmental lawyer ("waste is my life"). Karen expects to use her art degree in the mktplace soon, while daughter Bridget studies at OH U and son Brendon works through jr yr at Moeller HS. John's frustration is his inability to locate Loni on WKRP.

Rapid fire, from some BJ plebe in 4th Regt: **Dave Carr** is CINC career adv pgm for AOG Cl of '70 and (H: 703-425-6235, W: 301-770-1625, FAX: 301-468-6725). **Rod Morgan**, Esq now works for Bose McKinney & Evans in Indy and is the secy of the WP Soc of IN. **Ken Jaccard**'s dad died last Jun—track team may remember the spt he rendered. **Pat Thornton** is cmdr of the 1108th Sig Bde at Ft Richie,

1970: The Monaco family: Paulette, Frank, Frank Jr '96, Jeff, Mike and Joe, Jun 92

MD. AFter 20 yrs, **Bill Lane**'s efforts to get a PAP at USMA is now going to result in conversion to a civ position. **Rich Measner** hung up his spurs and is now dir of the Ctr for Quality and Productivity at Walter St Comm Coll in Morristown, TN. **Dale & Dorinda Fredrick**, with sons Shawn, Ritchie and Marcos and daughter Tonya, have been located in Waukesa, WI. **Tom Rozman** added an entry in the *Collected Works of Army Tradition and Lore* with his recent article published in *Army* mag entitled "'90s Reserve Roles Mandate Bold New Trng Initiatives." **Bill Fogg** continues to excel at TX Instr in Dallas. **John Joyce** made the list for promotion to res component 06. **Butch Haislip** is cmdr of the 15th Sig Bde at Ft Gordon and pres of the AFCEA chapter there. His pic was prominently displayed in the program for the 7–11 Dec Regt Signal Symposium.

Tom Nicholson is at Ft Gordon honchoing the battle labs, developing new signal techniques for our Jedi Knights. A nice note from **Jim Galloway** reveals a low-profile position with Ace Hardware in Spring City, TN. **Curt Newcomb**, a full-time mbr of the MN ARNG, is at the War Coll. A colleague of **Neal Ellis** volunteered that Neal served as the head legal honcho for Ft Bragg during Desert Storm—Neal has maintained a JAG res commission. His offspring include Neal (21), Brett (18) and Ryan (15). AFCEA Atl has **Terry Hilderbrand** as its POC for mbrship and scholarship applications. **Jack Zoeller** STILL hasn't come up with any news since I contributed to the Cl of '70 fund last yr.

1970: Rolf & Beverly Knoll at the 20th Reunion

That just about buries the dogbones for this one, but if we could just hear from (**Johns**) **Cass, Drinkwater** or **McClellan**, then we would REALLY have some news.

So if you want to see your name in bold print in an internationally distributed mag, then send congratulatory checks (I'll settle for a quick note and a pic) or SOMETHING, and I'll ensure that you make the big time. Until then—may all your needs be good. Delta Charlie Fox out.

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Mid-winter greetings from the hinterlands. Life in exile is really not all that bad—at least you get to hibernate for 4 mos a yr. Of course, it doesn't do much for the old waistline. Woke up long enough to gloss over the new COLs promotion list. I count 56 superstars from the Cl who will soon wear eagles. Grouped by current location, they are **Arney, Lainis, McNally** (WP); **Anderson** (Ft Irwin); **Armbruster** (Redstone Arsenal); **Berry, Bridges** (Frankfurt); **Cardine** (Warren, MI): **Cerami** (Heidelberg); **Cogan, Estrella** (Belvoir); **Cox, Nelson** (Moscow); **Cummins, Doyne, Fowler, Heuser, Marshman, Reischl, Shively, Suermann** (Carlisle); **Dailey** (Ft Campbell); **Duckworth** (Ft Drum); **Elliott** (Ft Bragg); **Ferguson, Fitton, Maples, Wright, S, Yakovac** (Ft McNair); **Godwin, Lennon, Methered, Nelson-Palmer** (Ft Leavenworth); **Hardin** (Maxwell AFB); **Hotze, Walter** (DC); **Hutchison** (Ft Wainright); **Jones, W** (Ft Sill); **Kendall** (Ft Lewis); **Klevecz** (Ft Monroe); **Leininger, Rasmussen, Ryan, Smith, T, Stevenson, Walker** (Pentagon); **McIntyre, Spohn** (Hawaii); **Metcalf** (Ft Harrison); **Oliver** (St Louis); **Pawlicki** (Picatinny Arsenal); **Rini, Wynn** (Korea); **Van Buskirk** (Ft Carson); **Weidner** (Panama); and **Williams** (Oklahoma City). Congrats and a tip of the tarbucket to you guys. . . no easy feat in today's Army. I wonder if there is a positive correlation between cadet poop sheets and Army promotion? Nah. For those not on the list, I'm sure an errata sheet will be out soon. Only thing I can figure is that the bd must have had input from our first detail Beast sqd ldrs!

1971: The family Rice

Real classmates send Christmas cards. It is apparent that more classmates need to get real. Several classmates have made the mil-civ transition this yr (and no doubt, there will be many in 93). **Steve & Nancy Rice** stayed right at home in Huntsville, AL, much to the delight of their kids, Trisha and David. Steve took off his uniform at Redstone Arsenal and took a job as a systems engr in Huntsville. **Doug & Debbi Jorrey** gave their roger-out at Ft Leavenworth. Doug immediately took a position with the consulting firm of Booz-Allen and Hamilton in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he will be able to play again with his second love, the M1 Abrams tank. As desert housing was not immediately available, Debbi and the kids stayed close to relatives in Rome, NY until they made the big trip East in

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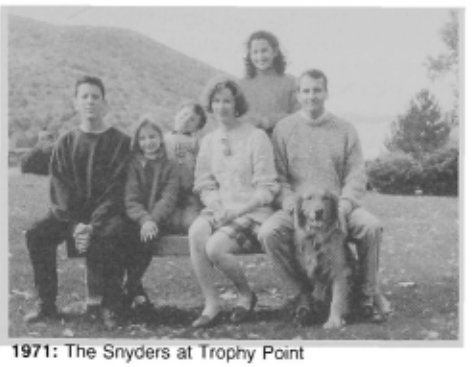
Jan 93. **Terry & Joan Fullerton** ret in Jan. But **Flo** didn't hang up his couch, as he began work immediately for the American Psych Mgt Co right down the VA road in Roslyn. **Joan** continues to teach learning-disabled children. The **Fullertons** squeezed in a summer trip to Italy, courtesy of an Air Force MAC flight. Later in the summer, **Terry** and his son Matt flew to MT for a wk of camping and backpacking at Glacier Natl Park and then a second wk at Banff Park in Canada.

From the quickly changing world that was W Ger comes word of the life and times of the family **Bridges**, a gp terminally afflicted with over-extension disease. With some justification as the V Corps PAO, **Dick** began 92 by arranging a trip back to CONUS to visit public affairs reserve units planning for REFORGER from Boston, Montgomery and Seattle. Later trips found him in Bonn for a seminar and Sardinia for a joint exercise. The summer found the Bridges vacationing in France. When the kids' sch started, Dick was again volunteering for the PTA and Parish Council. The fall found Dick at REFORGER and then back to DC for a PAO Conference. He found time (must have been on a coffee break) to shoot a hole-in-one on #12 at the A-N Course. And Nov brought PAO coverage in Croatia and a family trip to Moscow to visit the **Jim Cox** family. **Sabine Bridges**, when not acting as her spouse's travel agent extraordinaire, teaches German to 4th graders at the Goethe Institute. Whew, I'm exhausted just relaying the Bridgeses' info.

Being the competitive animal that I am, maybe I should insert the **deMoya** file right after the Bridges. Typically, you will not see the deMoya annals on these pages, but I just couldn't seem to get out all the Christmas cards this yr. After watching *City Slickers* for the 3rd time, we set out in Nov 91 to find the Meaning of Life. Do you realize what an expensive proposition that can be if you are not out on the range? The first objective was an oft-discussed Caribbean cruise. I revalidated my distaste for life at sea, although the meaning of gluttony appears to have some virtue. The second stops were at Disneyland and the Tampa Bay area in Dec. After a wk, we discoverd that perpetual sun and entertainment were nice, but that with my discipline, it would soon become decadent. Jan found us skiing in Canada. . . beautiful lifestyle, but it won't pay the bills. We did Phoenix, for a wedding, in Feb. I'd best not comment on marriage. In the spring, I made 3 side trips to DC in a futile attempt to figure out how to do my job and two to NH to see if my relatives remember me. Not yet satiated, the deMoyas hopped a mil flight for Europe in Jun. We conducted a 6-mo tour of Ger, Switzerland and France in two wks. Lovely. And we didn't even get to the Riviera, where the boys wanted to go. Mom nixed that highlight, as you might expect. Come Aug, we were cranking up for a new sch yr at WP, when my friendly, always-consider-the-needs-of-the-soldier personnel mgr phoned to inform me that a higher calling was posting us to Madison, WI. Only thing I can figure is that I was the only Democrat they could find that could qualify to work in this bastion of liberalism. Or maybe I was supposed to get up close and personal with Congressman Aspin before he became SecDef. Regardless, 28 days later, **Mari** and the kids made the journey while I packed and cleared. It's a great life.

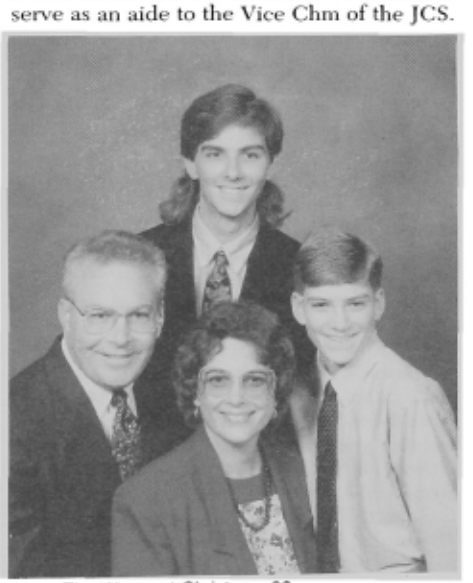
Even at WP. So say **Jeff McNally** and **Bob Snyder**. Jeff continues as an Assoc Prof in the Dep of BS & L. Praeger Press just published his book, *The Adult Development of the Career Army Ofcr*. That should be a good read. Could it be that some ofcrs never make it to adulthood? Jeff mentioned that, at a home football game this yr, there was a tribute to WP Olympians [See Nov 92 *ASSEMBLY*, pgs 56–57.] Of course, **Lyle Nelson**, our multi-Olympics classmate, was honored. Recently married, Lyle opened a sporting goods business in Oregon. **Bob Snyder** is still carving out



1971: The Snyders at Trophy Point

a life for himself as an orthopaedic surgeon at WP. He had to backfill orthopod **Kevin James** at Ft Campbell in Jan when Kevin was activated for Somalia duty. Far as I know, Kevin has been the only classmate with the opportunity to make the trek to Africa.

Tom & June Suermann settled into student life at the Army War Coll for a yr after Tom's unaccompanied tour in the Sinai. The **Suermanns'** second son, Patrick, has received an appt to AFA and will join his brother (now a jr) there in Jul. **Tim & Karen Wray**'s son John is now a freshman at UCLA. Tim continues to serve as an aide to the Vice Chm of the JCS.



1971: The Wrays at Christmas 92

Joe Holcombe and family have been doing some trekking. . . Yosemite last spring and a whirlwind trip to DC, Williamsburg and NC in the summer. Joe continues his consulting business in CA and moonlights in his parish and with Cub Scouts. The **Holcombes'** oldest, Amy, will grad soon from coll and plans to teach HS English. Just in time, because son Rob started at UC-San Diego last Sep. Also matriculating was Brian **Howard**, son of **Dan & Eileen**, who rep to Delta Coll (MI) last fall. Second son Danny has been accepted to Michigan State for next fall. Maybe Danny will meet freshman Stephanie **Miller**, who is close by at Western MI. Her folks, **Max & Louann**, were happy, no. . . sad, no. . . happy, no. . . sad, to see her go. Max survived several cutbacks at Gen Motors (no doubt due to the old Knight survival techniques). In fact, he is now the plant mgr for the GM metal stamping plant in E Lansing.

As we get older, it really doesn't take much to keep us happy. Witness **Larry Davis, Dave Nelson, Joe Chavara, Carl Wake, Stony Lohr** and **Les Wharton**, who got together in Atl on 3 Jul 92 to commemorate the 25th anniv of their first meal together as beanheads. Now, that's special. Larry is the CFO for the Nally Co, which has auto franchises in GA and VA. Dave is a safety engr for Travellers Insurance. Joe is the SE Region mkting mgr for Lincoln Mercury. Carl and Stony recently ret from the Army, but I don't know what they're up to. Les is on the legal staff of Norel Temporary Svcs.

Where has the time gone? With all this activity, seems there ought to be some grandchildren out there? Fess up. And, by the way, where have our classmates gone? Help me find them. My latest list includes **Abaya, Bearchell, Cates, Cole, Corn, Daniels, Jerry Edwards, Gaffney, Glatt, Guerland, Bill Hitchcock, Hoffman, Hoover, Don Johnson, Al Jones, Rick Jones, Jowell, Mike Kelley** (F-3) **Mike Kelly** (B-1), **Kloeber, Koontz, Lautermilch, Dave Lewis, Lindeman, Lindsey, Lovell, Mankowski, Masciello, Morash, JD Morrison, Newell, Oaks, Gerry Petersen, Kent Petersen, Jim Peterson, Pillasch, Plummer, Postell, Raymond, Rentz, Dave Rhyne, Rivette, Robinson, Rosenberg, Sapp, Seitz, Bruce Smith, Fred Smith, Theaux, Vlk** and **Weldon**. And for those of you who are not lost, but just hiding. . . let me hear from you so that, at the 25th Reunion, you don't have to slink away in embarrassment for not communicating.

Oh, yes. About the Meaning of Life. Curly, in *City Slickers*, was right. It's about one thing. For me, it's good friends. Hang in there, Cl. God Bless.

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CAN YOU BELIEVE IT!!!! **John Simar** deserved to be head coach after the way his game plan lulled those crabs into a false sense of security with a 17-pt lead and then his intentionally planned delay of game, thus making the final winning field goal create twice the agony and pain. Enough cannot be said about the game. If anyone has pix of parties held or was at the game, let me know and I'll write it up next time. There was a small get-together held in the DC area that saw **Toni & Rhonda Dedmond, Jim & Lynn Dernar, Dan & Cathy Breitenbach, Ken & Diane Dzombar, Bob & Molly Curran, Paul & Bonnie Burton** and **Paul & Amy Johnson** eat, drink and celebrate. Paul Johnson just got off the plane prior to half-time from a tough TDY to Korea, Japan and HI. Over 80 were invited, but only 15 couples saw fit to RSVP. Looks like a bunch of us slept through etiquette class during Beast Bks, lost the invite in the crush of Christmas mail or had a brain cramp.

Since **Wayne Kirkbride** was the only one to

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write, I will repeat one more time admin info from my intro col. This col will be only as good as YOU make it. If YOU want to see YOUR name in this col and hear what your classmates are doing then you better write, call or fax; otherwise you'll get a ringside view of Bryan, Meggie, Jack and Tess growing up, their adventures in DCland and, more boringly, **Molly's** shopping forays to Nordstrom's. My next suspense is 15 Apr. I am available 24 hrs a day, have an answering machine on both phones, a fax with my computer and a fax at work (feel free to send stuff there; **Rich Timboe** already has). I also have a modem with my MacIntosh Classic II, so if you have a file to send, give me a call. If you leave a message, I'll call back ASAP. Let me know about births, deaths, marriages, illnesses, promotions, rets, etc when you hear of them. I might ask for corroborating evidence, but if the reliability and authenticity are A-1, then it'll get published.

Enough from the soapbox. The following pic was taken at Bastogne, Belgium on 20 Jun 92 after a 1400-km bike ride across France. **Lars Levin** '82, myself and 400 Frenchmen, Belgiques, Canadians and Americans followed the route Patton's Third Army took across France. Only we did it in 8 days and got to see France from a bike-seat's perspective.

1972: Curran '72 and Levin '82 in Bastogne, Belgium

A luncheon was held in the Pentagon on 12 Nov, with a respectable turnout. What a difference a yr makes. Last yr there were more uniforms than suits, but this yr the questions seemed to concern where to buy interview suits and power ties. Stan Hyman's name was bandied about a lot. Those present were **Mike Balderman, Roger Bowen, Dan Breitenbach, Paul Burton, Tom Davis, Tony Dedmond, Jim Dernar, Stephen Dooley, Ken Dzombar, Andy Eiva, Tom Folk, Jim Hickey, Brad Holtz, Mike Jackson, Jay Kimmitt, Sam Koster, Jim Lefebvre, Walt Lincoln, Brad Loo, Dick Martin, Eric Mellinger** and **John Siemer. Walt Lincoln** spoke eloquently and convincingly about financial planning and getting focused for when we REALLY ret. The DC '72 chapter will try to hold a qtrly luncheon, with events for the distaff side held at various times throughout the yr. If in the DC area for an extended period of time, God forbid, let me know and I'll put you on the mailing roster.

The Marine Corps Marathon results are in and it looks like several of the old and infirm tried to do this event again and with a modicum of success. **Dick Joseph, Jim Dernar, Brad Loo, Tom Pollard** and **Doug Merkl** ran the 26.2 mi. It was a good day, temperature-wise, but the wind really slowed some down, and the Hains Point loop definitely made some believers out there. Merkl was able to get some time off from his busy wknd schedule of flying with the MD Natl Guard. I'd be interested in hearing of how many others are still active in the NG or the USAR, and their relative position within the state or ARRCOM.

Another item of interest and an expression of congrats, with a doff of the hat, to all those who are celebrating their 20th wedding anniv since grad (not earlier, I hope). I know that the first 3 I went to won't be getting ltrs from me. Maybe I was bad luck.

Received a call from Don Reinhard '59, who says that he can reproduce the wine glasses we had at the reunion. He has a list of items that might be of interest. Call or write him for a brochure (404-446-3051 or PO Box 921782, Norcross, GA 30092).

Now for the Wayner-niner H-4 tome: **Frank & Maureen Hancock** are at Carlisle but living off post with only two at home now. I mentioned **Holtz** as having come to the luncheon but did not mention that **Lynn** left the Pentagon too and is now working in the Supreme Court bldg with the big guys and one lady. **Bill & Barb Pavlick** are in Omaha with the District Engrs. Sons Eric (F-1) '95 and Brian (A-2) '96 are doing well academically and athletically. **Ed & Margret McConaghay** don't let the moss grow under their feet—after only two yrs here in DC, they are en route to the Land of the Rising Yen (or is it Sun?) for a 3-yr tour with Northern Telecom. The man really catching the heat literally is **Tom Innamorato**; he and his family reside in Nairobi, Kenya with the Dept of State. **Ted & Mary Lynn Whitley** live on the Puget Sound and, with their sailboat and Global Positioning System, seem to never get lost. Ted was back in DC last attending the Defense System Mgt Coll and learning the Defense Procurement process. Good luck. He's now back out with Boeing and doing his sailing thing on wknds. **Jim & Barb Hickey** saw their son Sean get married, and he is now attending U of FL with his wife and his sister Mary. Floyd Whtney is a full-time guardsman with the NCARNG. All our prayers are with you, Snake, and hope that the children are doing well. **Don Tilton** is now ret and living in Atl but ultimately hopes to reside in CO. **Ed & Roz Vross** are surviving in upstate NY with two at home and one at coll. Roz has a business that keeps her on the road, and Ed stays at home working the farm and recuperating from a back injury. Some whom Wayne has lost track of are **Frank Reiser, Dale Babington** and **Tec Cahill**. If anyone has word of their whereabouts, give me a buzz. By now he has run the Honolulu Marathon. Thank you, Wayne; you made writing this article easier.

Now its back to "Heard on the Area:" I wonder if **Agnes Adamcyzk**, the better half of that family by far, kept her promise to run the Honolulu marathon too. **Joe** relinquished cmd and is now the IG for the Tropic Lightning Div. He passed through DC while getting re-IG'd. No more "Bore, Brothers, Bore" from the head Gimlet. The **Burtons** are in DC and making the commute up the Shirley Slowway every day. **Paul** is with DCSOPS in an ofc where the sun don't ever shine. He also rep that **Chuck Clements** will hang it up soon so that he can go back to sch and hang up a dr's sign. Was **Paul Eaton** feeding the Somalis this Christmas? As the G3 of the 10th Mtn, we can best bet he went and that **PJ** was at home. If anyone knows someone who did, let me know. **Dan & Zorina Lally** completed cmd and are staying on at Ft Drum for the time being. Most in the Army are waiting on some sort of list today, and none of them bode well except for those selected—and that includes the SERB list, because at least you know what you'll be doing in the near future.

1972: The Gays in Heidelberg in 88

Late-breaking news!!!!! Just received a call that the O-6 list was on the Wailing Wall in the Pentagon and at least 18 of the Cl were on it. Excuse me if I leave a name off, but I am depending on a personnel weenie for this poop. The lucky ones are **Gene Barton, John Boynton, Dan Breitenbach, Ed Dyer, Paul Eaton, Mark Gay, George Higgins, Jim Kerin, Mike Kobbe, Bob Lossius, Jeff McCausland, Dan Merritt, John Northrop, Craig Peterson, Steve Smith, Jeff Spara, Pete Topp, Joe Wisman** and **Bob Wood**. The best of luck, and I hope to get invited to a lot of promo parties.

Hopefully the War Coll list comes too, so I can see if **Dave & Louise Hartman** will be in the NE and finally close to us again. Also hope that they won't have their new car stolen from behind their qtrs like they did at Ft "Where Ignorance Is" Bliss. **Bob & Margaret Wood** are now out of temp qtrs and in their own house in Alexandria, VA. He had the old one torn down and a new one built. He said that his neighbor-to-be is **Jay Kimmitt**, once he gets his house built next door. **Eric Buntz** was in the area for a conference and saw **Woody Collins**, up from TRADOC HQs. Eric is out but works out at Ft Hunter Liggett, CA with OPTEC (look it up in the abbrev); he stayed with **Bill "The Skin Doctor" James**, not to be confused with **Bill "The Entrepreneur" James**, from whom you should have received a mailing by now. While over at **Paul & Amy Johnson**'s for a Christmas social, we saw **Rick Olson**, recently arrived in DC. He'll be in the same ofc with Paul and **Skip Ash**, performing strategic planning for the Army. Scary, isn't it? Rick did say that **Vicki** stayed in Columbus, GA to sell the house. He did not see too many classmates in the area but did relay that **Bill Chamberlain** is now at the War Coll and that **Wally Wojdakowski** will assume cmd of the 11th Inf Regt at Ft Benning. Good Luck.

Had a call on the answering machine from Ger; **Charlie Fletcher** called to say that the reason Army played so poorly in the first half was because the Army fans were not lubricated enough. He's the XO for LTG Pagonis and will cmd a truck bn in the summer. Until you

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send me new pix, bear with me for this last time as I dig through the photo albums and get something to fill out this col. A "where are they now?" section to this col will be added, so if you want to know where someone is, ask and we'll try to locate them. Here's a pic of **Pete & Toni Galgay** from Founders Day 88 or 89, Ger. Where are they now?

1972: Pete & Toni Galgay at Founders Day 88 or 89

Finally, I just finished talking with **Hud Berrey**, and he gave a quick update on dr doings. He's the head orthopod at WRAMC. **Bruce Van Dam** is now out in San Diego, **Ed Mueller** is in San Ant doing urology, **Glen Harper** is practicing neurology here in MD, **Eric Buntz** is in family practice while **Paul Blair** is doing the same in Italy and, finally, **Bud West** is in Denver at Fitzsimmons. Hope to hear from you all soon so that we can keep this at a pg or more every issue.

'73

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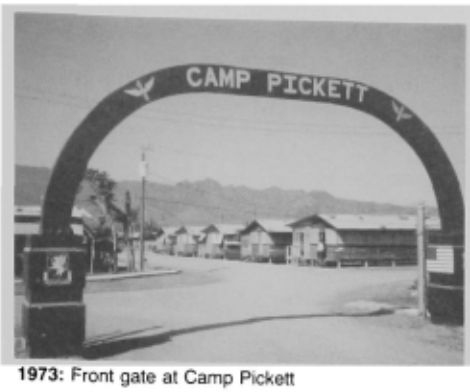
This col is being written as of 13 Dec. This time I must start with bad news. LTC **Roland "Randy" Peixotto**, USAF was killed in a helicopter crash on a JRT on 29 Oct 92. He is survived by **Syl** and daughter Rebecca. I quote from Syl's note: "He was the cmdr of 55th Special Opns Sqdn. We are asking that any donations be made to the AOG, where a fund has been set up for the Cadet Hostess Ofc (Attn: Shannon Reagan, AOG). Interment was on 9 Nov at Arlington Natl Cem, with full mil honors." Syl and Rebecca thank the Cl for the flowers and the representation at the funeral svc. **Jim Baugh** will write the obit for *ASSEMBLY*. Syl's address is 105B Pine Ct, Eglin AFB FL 32542.

Bob Jarrell took this pic of the Camp named in honor of **Dave Pickett**, who was killed in Central America last Jan. The second photo is a pic of the current 4–228 Bn Cmdr, LTC **Bill Lane**.

John Fargason rep his address change: 26915 Heatherwood Circle, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138. This is a prudent step to take if, like John, you want the reunion info to reach you. **Bob Looney** and **Rick Saunders** summarized the Nov Cl mtg. Items of continuing interest are noted here. The new slate of Cl ofcrs (**Kenn Riorden, Brent Crabtree, Austin Schmidt, Fran Dougherty, George Rollins, Bob Looney, Jeff Sorenson** and **Jay Willis**) provided updates of Reunion projects and beyond. The remainder of the Cl calendar is the Founders Day dinner 13 Mar. Interested people should contact Bob Looney at 703-490-1554 (H) or 703-325-3150 (O). The Cl is expected to develop plans for significant contribs to the Acad in the future. One goal discussed was a 20th-yr fund drive of $100,000, tax-deductible, to have started in Jan 93. Kenn Riordan was nominated as AOG Cl trustee and **Jay O'Brien** as trustee-at-large.



1973: Front gate at Camp Pickett

1973: LTC Bill Lane, current 4/228 Bn Cmdr, at Camp Pickett

Of particular note was a presentation on the transition to civ employment by **Bill White, Mike Ellis** and Pete Weddle '71. Bill White is with Siemans and earlier was involved in recruiting for TX Instruments. Pete Weddle runs Job Bank USA. Mike Ellis is with BDM, a large professional svcs firm. The presentation provided many useful insights.

The **Lindners** put the wraps on their two-yr tour in Europe and headed to Carlisle. All seem to like sch, friends and extracurricular activities. Andy (15) is a soph and Rachel (14) is a freshman at Carlisle HS. The younger Lindners attend Letort Elementary Sch in Carlisle. Robert (12) is a Tenderfoot Scout; JT, aka "Trip," (9) is a Bear Cub Scout; and Tori is a Brownie. All 3 played on post soccer teams and have trophies to show for it. Ray enjoys the interesting subjects and the camaraderie. **Ray & Diane** enjoy their wkly OCF Bible Study and their wkly Sunday Sch. Add one addition, Pookie, a Cairn Terrier puppy, and one would conclude that this is one busy household.

Bill & Cindy Moline wrote a nice ltr describing his yr as installation cmdr at Avon Park AF Range. The range area is immense—106,110 acres and is manned by 100 mil and 100 civs. However, Bill is the only ofcr on base. Bill commuted wknds 1 1/2 hrs until he could move Cindy, Sheri and James to the cmdr's house at Avon Park. Jimmy earned his varsity wrestling ltr (189 lbs) as a freshman! Sheri accepted a scholarship from the U of Central FL in envir engring and worked this summer in a veterinary hosp. Hurricane Albert made refugees of a lot of people. Bill & Cindy took in about 100 evacuees from Homestead AFB. One by one, Bill's 3 CPT's ret. Bill is looking hard at ret, because he'll have 23 yrs of svc in Jun.

1973: The Lindners

Rick Young has been invited to become a partner in a 3-dr (incl himself) radiological practice. Congrats!

Jim MacSwain doesn't understand all the concern about being locked into joint asgmts—he has spent 10 yrs in them.

What would you do for excitement after Desert Storm? If you are **Scott & Suzanne Marcy**, you'd head for AK for ocean kyaking and low-impact camping. Low-impact refers to the negligible imprint or trace left by man. It is its own reward, bobbing along in a bay or fjord, sighting critters as they did.

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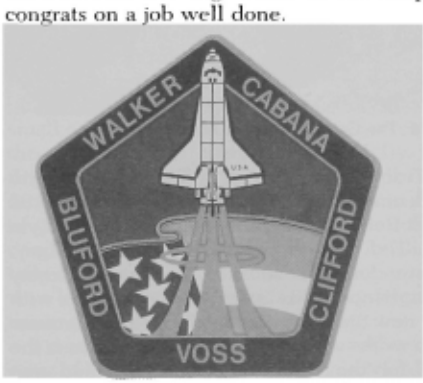
This is written on the eve of the glorious Army win over the Squids. I hope you and your party enjoyed it, having survived that depressing 3d quarter. Folks from the Vet said the stands went wild. Meanwhile, we had **Rich Clifford** doing laps around the Earth in Space Shuttle Discovery and cheering on the rabble! For those of you who missed it, Rich was on Shuttle mission #53, 2–9 Dec 92, and we owe him one big "Pride of the Corps" congrats on a job well done.



1974: Rich Clifford's STS #53 crew patch

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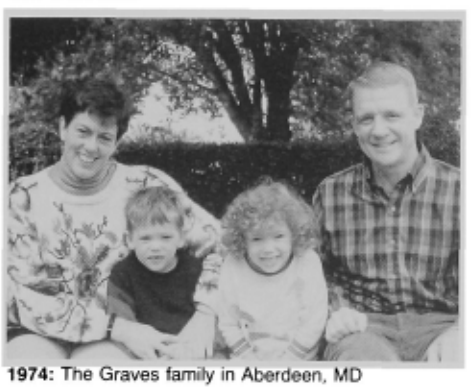
First up—baby news! **John & Marsha Martin** welcomed Mary Kate on 15 Oct 92 in Korea. She joins big brother John (17), who'll get thrust into the babysitting role soon. Note: Marsha still had some of brother John's baby items all this time—what a great planner! John cmds the 1–501 Avn Bn, and it's a good thing—he flew in from the field for the birth.

Others in Korea: **John** notes that **Jack McDonald** is his neighbor and cmds an FA Bn at Camp Stanley. **Rich Kniskern** is the 2nd ID Divarty XO and recently was selected for bn cmd at Sill. **Brian Geehan** is 2nd ID G-4 and due to get a second bn cmd in HI. **Jim Laughlin** is the DEH for Yongsan, there on a two-yr tour with his wife and 4 kids. **Mark Redlinger** also is there in 2nd ID. Thanks for the poop, Papa John.

Across the globe in Ger, **Doug Shaw** noted he'll PCS in Apr from the V Cps in Frankfurt to Ft Stewart, GA. Ya'll look him up down there. In Heidelberg, **Bob & Susan Bell**, with Daniel and David, are finishing their 3-yr tour in CENTAG and due to PCS this summer; looks like a return to the English Dept at WP is in order. Great—another 20-yr reunion host!

Early Christmas cards abound: **Phil, Kathy**, Chris and Kevin **Murray** are in MA; Phil is still a financial broker in Boston for Tucker Anthony, owned by John Hancock. **Chris Carney** sends cheer from Wilmington, DE; son Shannon is a Cow now, majoring in mil hist, and he started for the Black Knights' fall team; son Tyler (jr) and daughter Lauren (8th grade) also are active in sports. **Steve, Ragi**, Stephen (4) and Katharina (1) **Marino** are with Mobil in Liberal, KS. His business thrust is to get KS regulatory agencies to incl gas production. Had to laugh when I noted this Northeasterner living in the High Plains of W KS, now owning a horse and practicing polo on it. . . in KS?! **Joe, Donna**, Justin (12) and Austin (9) **Hunter** are still in Gallup, NM; Joe moved to the Gallup Indian Med Ctr as ch in Nov. Closer by, **Ralph, Carol**, Beth (5) and Frederick (3) **Graves** are in Aberdeen, MD after coming from Leavenworth last summer; Ralph is the dep for mil construction in the Baltimore Dist of Cps of Engrs; Carol heads the div teaching supply mgt to ofcr courses in the Ord Sch.



1974: The Graves family in Aberdeen, MD

Tidbits from all over. **Ted & Sherrie Martin** welcomed #3, Holly Christine, on 21 Sep 92 at Ft Belvoir. She joins Jonathan (6) and Kyle (3). Ted is with the On Site Inspec Agcy, whose job is to ensure US-Russian treaty compliance. This activity may pick up with the new Start II treaty signing. **Brian Grosner** also works with the OSIA. **Steve Monks** is the PM for the counternarcotics cmd and mgt system, providing secure voice and data systems in and between CONUS, Central and S America; he & **Jeanne** live in Sterling, VA.

Other DC news: **Vic Roeske** is due to move from the NPGS in Monterey to the Def Nuc Agcy in Alexandria this Apr. **Frank Prindle** moved from Sen Warner's ofc into the House Liaison Ofc in doing his mil liaison work. A couple of redlegs leaving this summer for bn cmd: **Colen Willis** to Riley for the 1–5 FA and **Don Zacherl** to Sill. **Jim Koenig** was due to move to Norfolk from the Pentagon in Jan for a position in the J-5, LANTCOM. **Larry Adair** was our latest to come out on the O-6 list. He's at NDU at Ft McNair—congrats! **Terry Freeze** recently was tabbed to be the next recruiting bn cmdr in Cleveland, OH; he's currently in the Army PA&E.

John Edgecomb is now with the Ctr for Ar Ldrship at Leavenworth, but he's spending max time on the road in getting his latest project underway: Army Family Team Building; John went through the Gulf War with the 101st and also was married recently. **Eric Vonderscheer** in Panama is expecting a Tampa job with ENTCOM next; he often sees **Scott Larrabee**, who has a trans cmd there. **Jeff Anderson** called from Ft Monmouth in Dec. A recent Nor'easter had gotten his little post's attention (and also his normally dry basement). He says he sits with **Pat McBrayer** on the local Red Cross bd, and **Rich Gaudio** is also in the area, working for the Mitre Co and still in the Reserves. And in Atl, **Dave Stevens** left AIRMICS on 16 Nov to cmd the Software Dev Ctr-Atl.

Twenty-yr Reunion. **Bill Muir** is still in need of grass-roots spt for the 13–16 Oct 94 event, i.e., co reps from ea cadet co to serve as their co POC, to pass the poop, find lost guys, etc. This will be a key role in the planning, so contact Bill if you can be POC for your buds. Bill's: 3803 Salemway Ct, Lake Ridge, VA 22192; tel 703-590-6489 (H), (703) 695-7241 (W).

1974: The Norwood family in Waldorf, MD

If you missed it, the Nov 92 *ASSEMBLY* had several items of note. First, it had an excellent article on **Tam Pham** which was adapted from the same one that appeared in the *Wash Post Magazine* last Jul. Second, the AOG has gotten into the business of assisting grads who will be entering civ life sooner than expected due to the Defense drawdown. Generally, they refer you to the local WPS for networking assistance but also have info and referrals. Check your issues for articles on this topic.

That's it. As spring unfolds, so also do moves, new jobs, etc, so keep your ole scribe informed. I'd even settle for a cheery word. Have a great spring. God bless.

'75

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Greetings to All Mbrs of Courage and Drive '75. There's lots of news for this issue, so here goes. . . .

A typo in a previous col led to one phone call and one ltr. It seems **John McMullen** and **John McMurray** were inadvertently reversed in the Nov *ASSEMBLY*. McMullen is currently in DC but should be in Honduras by the time you read this. McMurray is partially through a 12-mo unaccomp tour as the Force Engr for the MFO in Sinai, Egypt. **Michele McMurray** and children are still in CO Springs awaiting John's return. McMurray previously completed a 3-yr tour with the Army Space Cmd, where frequent TDYs kept him away from home quite a lot. Hopefully, upon his return, he'll be able to spend more time with his family. Apologies for the mix-up, but it did generate news for the col!

Doug Stickley sent a great ltr and follow-up phone call from San Ant, TX, where he & **Gabi** are currently assigned to Ft Sam. Doug had previously served 8 yrs in Ger, where he spent time with a list of classmates, to incl **Lloyd Austin** (currently DPTMS at Ft Drum), **Bill Ivey** (currently Bn TF Eval at JRTC), **Tom Ryan** and **John Vosilus** (both currently at Leavenworth) and **Pat O'Connor** (currently at Ft Sheridan). Doug, thanks for a great first-time ltr.

Joe & Debbie Jaggers send holiday greetings from Englewood, CO, where 4 kids keep them pretty busy. Even though Joe lives in CO, he works in WY in the operating side of the oil business.

Fred & Liz Dierksmeier send Christmas greetings from Ger, but are en route to Ft Hood. Fred had been assigned to Ft Polk and expected to return to LA following his asgmt in Europe,. However, in the unpredictable ways of our employer, the folks at Ft Polk are busy re-locating to Ft Hood. Good time for me to sell my house here, but more on that news later. Fred will be the dep G-6 prior to assuming cmd of the 142d Sig Bn, 2AD.

Poetic holiday greetings arrived from **Pete & Marilyn Farrell** and family. After 4 yrs in Belgium with NATO, they are moving to Ft Campbell in May 93. The family will miss Belgium, but they are looking forward to returning to the US.

John & Jill Redington wrote from Enterprise, Al, where John is at the USA Avn Tech Test Ctr working as a test pilot and Acquisition Corps ofcr. Jill is busy watching Leslie and the house.

Mike & Lori Genetti wrote from their new home in England, where he starts a 3-yr tour. Daughter Katie was born in May 92 at Ft Belvoir Hosp while Mike was a student at DSMC.

Bob & Edith McConnell wrote from Norfolk, VA, where they are expecting baby #6. Son James plans to enter the Army in Jan 93.

Eric Cunningham sent a copy of the A-3 *Avenger Update*. Here is a condensed version of some of their news: **Keith McNally** was the

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last A-3 to get married, in Apr 92 to **Marta**; A-3ers who've moved this past yr include **Craig Jung**; the Cunninghams; **Tim Williams** to KS; **Mike Ulekowski** to Baton Rouge; **Mike Smith** to DC; **Gerry Hopkins** to Ft Totten, NY; **Gary Hale** to Houston, TX; **Red Burris**; **Steve Tonello**; **Jim Raney**; and **Al Wagner**; Eric also visited **Bob Merkl** (headed to CO Springs next summer) at Ft Monroe and borrowed his Corvette to visit McNeely; the Cunninghams and Williamses are planning to visit **Steve Seminoff** in KS City; and **Sid & Sheila Lewis** are in Omaha, NE, headed to Ft Lewis next summer.

My wife **Kathy** was quite surprised to go to work one day and find out that her substitute secy was **Laurie Grasso**, wife of **Len**, who is now cmding 2–8 Cav here at Ft Hood. The Grasso children are growing. Chris is now a HS soph and Mike is in the 8th grade. Kathy really enjoyed having Laurie fill in and is looking forward to seeing her again.

Lots of changes are upcoming for your scribe and family. I'm due in DC on 15 Mar, where I will begin working at the Installation Spt Module Team. I'm currently the bde XO of 6th Cav. While Kathy is looking forward to going "home" to the E Coast, she really loves her job here, and goodbyes will be tough. As of this writing, Kathy and the kids are planning to join me at the end of the sch yr, but plans have changed so often that we'll see what happens after it happens.

I've watched my tape of the A-N game probably 25 times. . . . Well, the last 5 min of it, anyway. All the guys in my ofc have borrowed the tape. Way to go, Team! Do it again next yr, but maybe a little farther from the end of the game!

Hope you all are having a healthy and prosperous New Yr. God bless—**Bill**.

'76

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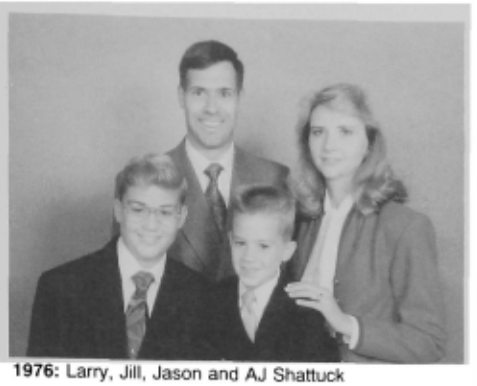
Hello again from TX. I hope that this issue of *ASSEMBLY* finds all doing well.

First, some somber news. Jay Rollins, son of **Jim Bob & Donna Rollins**, recently passed away. Jay was 7 this yr. Donna & Jim Bob have requested that any gifts in Jay's memory be sent to the TX Scottish Rite Hosp in Dallas. I know all of us share in Donna & Jim Bob's grief.

Gail & Joe Drelling sent word that they'll be moving from Heidelberg to Ft Riley. Joe's been selected to cmd the ADA Bn of the 1st ID. Mike and Chris are in second grade and kindergarten and are doing well. Gail's been very busy in the crafts arena, and, although a bit sad about leaving Ger, they're all looking forward to heading to KS.

Jill & Larry Shattuck sent along the family photo with Jason (12) and AJ (7). They're in Columbus, OH, where Larry's attending OH State working on his doctorate in industrial engring, from whence he'll head as a permanent professor to the BS&L dept at USMA. They arrived in OH after a very busy 3-yr tour in Ger incl multiple TDY's, FTX's and Desert Shield/Storm, followed by the deactivation of VII Corps. While there, they saw bunches of classmates, incl **Ron & Beth Houle, Mark & Karilee Romaneski** and **Bill Luk**.

Sonny Busa sent along a note with his business card. The address merely states "Dept of State, Wash, DC." Sonny's still with



1976: Larry, Jill, Jason and AJ Shattuck

the State Dept and is now with the Bureau of Pol and Mil Affairs. Sonny rep he was recently a guest of the Maneuver Warfare Symposium (formerly the Mil Affairs Club) at USMA. He lectured on pol-mil issues related to counter-narcotics efforts in Latin America. A gp of 150 cadets and P's attended. (Sonny reflected on the last time he gave such an academic presentation there—16 yrs ago. . . ah, time passes. . . .) Just the wk before, he was in Panama visiting with **Rich Downie**, XO to the Southcom DCINC, and **Bruce Berwick**, aide to CINC Southcom. Both are doing very well and enjoying life in the area. Hopefully, we'll get a copy of the *Wash '76 Lunch Club* news and can pass it along in the col.

A final note from **Randy Rogel**. Randy and I had a long phone conversation a few wks ago. Randy's a scriptwriter for the new Batman series, working for Steven Spielberg and is really making a name for himself in Hollywood. He's been toying with the idea of writing a script for a movie about life at USMA. We reminisced about crazy times like clothing formations, etc, and how some of those strange scenes would spice up a movie. If any of you have anecdotes of adventures/misadventures during our tenure at USMA, please write them down and send them along. I'll collect them and send them to Randy. Perhaps with enough vignettes, the movie could be a collection of our experiences. [*See arts article, this issue.* Ed.]

That's all for now. If you have any left-over Christmas cards, etc, jot down some family news and send it along. We'll fill out the col with it. Best regards—**Ian**.

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When this is printed, spring will be around the corner, but today. . . **Sue**, the kids and I are getting ready to head back to NY for the holidays. It looks like we barely missed the huge storm that hit the NYC area on 11 Dec. Not much news to rep, which is typical this time of yr. . . but I am expecting all those Christmas cards soon.

The sole entry for this article comes from **Paul Jensen**, who wrote in after the reunion. He included the masterpiece photo nearby of **Brad Rotter**, himself and yes!!! the missing person in the middle is none other than their B1 plebe roommate, ***Jeff Geouque***.

Paul and **Brad** took advantage of a set-up in Ike Hall to take pix of cadets with their dates. Things looked a little slow ("slim pickings at the hop"), so they got a little creative. The point is to remind Jeff that he also was missing at the 10th Reunion, but Paul is certain that

1977: Rotter and Jensen at the reunion, *without* Geouque

"stealth fighter" Jeff has a great time "not being" at their little reunions. I think that is the most I have milked a simple photo. . . so here is the serious stuff:

Kathy & Paul are doing great in MA. They just built a new home in Westford and are settling into the country lifestyle. PJ (7) is in first grade and Kristen (5) is in kindergarten. Paul works for Nypro, a custom manufacturing co in Clinton. Nypro is the world's largest plastic molder ($150M)—anything from Reach toothbrushes to Verbatim diskettes. The co is growing rapidly and is a super place to work. In his copious spare time, Paul is pursuing a doctorate in plastics engring from the U of MA at Lowell. He does not get to see too many classmates, although Paul does get together with **Pete Jackson**, who is married with two children and living in Marblehead.

Many of my articles have been a bit skimpy in the last half-yr. Now that we are getting settled in Jacksonville, I would appreciate a resurgence in the volume of mail from all of you. Hoping to hear from you soon—**Keesy**.

'78

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This col is dedicated to the memory of Trent Fredrickson '77, who died in May. Trent was a brother, one of the most genuinely warm and friendly people I ever met. He was full of life, always smiling, and he died way before his time. Those who knew Trent will always feel the void of his death but also the warmth of memories from his life.

I must admit that I saw only the last min of the win over Navy. I guess that was the right one min to watch. Great game! I must make a small confession: I'm still trying to overcome the psychological damage suffered by the drubbings we took 3 out of 4 yrs. I also am reminded by anyone who was there that never was there played a game under colder conditions than when we won in 77. I have talked to non-grads who can't remember who won but distinctly remember being frostbitten and frozen to this day.

I was fortunate enough to witness the marriage of **Mickey Collins** on 28 Nov in NJ. Mike & **Laura** went to St John for their honeymoon.

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1978: Army-Navy party at the Colleges'

I think Mike weighed in as one of the older never-married guys in the Cl. No more. At the wedding I saw some familiar faces—**Pete & Denise Linksey** were there. Pete is a program mgr with GE (about to be Martin Marietta) building satellites. They live in Eastern PA. **Ray Ortega** sat with us. He flew in from Birmingham, where he is a plastic surgery resident. Ray just finished med sch at Cornell and offers any classmates & their wives discounts on all cosmetic surgery and free wart removals. **Mark & Andrea Braunstein** drove up from VA, where he also works for GE. Pat Harris '79 came down from USMA Admissions. I tried to get together with **Bob Vottero**, but that was overcome by events. Bob is a mgr for a construction co in NJ.

Mark McGruder called from Panama City. Mark took the money and ran with the VSI. He is the district maint supervisor for FL Mining and Materials.

Tom Weafer called from HI. He is the Division Plans ofcr for the 25th. **Guy Ontai** is an XO with an Engr Bn. **Paul Zacharzuk** is an Inf XO. **Chuck Jacoby** has a BDE S-3 job. **Marty Vozzo** is a BN S-3. **Irv Boger** works as a Japanese FAO. **Bill Forrester** is working at CINCPAC. **Bob Levoit** is the Asst Div Engr. Thanks for the info, Buck!

Tom Herbert called from CA. He is working for the Rand Corp, doing a lot of Ops Research work in threat analysis. He works right near the water in Santa Monica and loves it.

Mike Mamer wrote from Italy. He & **Roseanne** are working in SETAF G-4. Mike ran into Marine Corp LTC George Fenton '74, who was in D-4 with **Mike** and **Scott Hutton**.

Howard Lazarus called from NJ. He works for Ebasco Environ, doing contract work for the clean-up of superfund sites in NY and NJ. Howard picked up some great experience working for the COE near Rocky Flats.

I talked several times with **Bill Fox**, who will be getting out in Jan. Looks like he will be moving to Seattle with a fiber optic co as an engr.

Jim Nichols works for the Defense Nuclear Agency, is married and has a 10-yr-old son. **Wenzel Evans** was leaving for Ger when Jim arrived. **Daryl & Toni Beatty** both work at DNA right down the hall.

Jim saw **Bob Oetijen** at NPGS. **Bob Celski** arrived during that tenure. Jim ran into **Herman & Iris Bulls** in a Denny's on I-95. Herman just finished a project to restore Union Station, and it has received rave reviews. Jim went to the Cannon Arty Symposium and saw **Jon Miller, Don Davidson** and **John Hackenburg** there. Jon works for a French co, Thompson-CSF. He was fortunate enough to spend a yr in Paris before returning to N VA. Don works at the Human Engring Lab at Aberdeen. John works for BMY in York. Jim, thanks for all the info; don't wait another 14 yrs to write.

Mark English is Army Program Ch at the US Embassy in Oman. Mark has two more yrs before returning to grad sch and then up to USMA as a PAP in Foreign Lang. He says he feels a little isolated (can't understand why), but his Arabic is improving. He rep that **Miguel Mendoza** has departed the Army for Redondo Beach, working with a computer firm.

1978: Mark, Ria & Jennifer English in Oman

Chris & Marcia Maitin have settled in Scotland, PA. Chris works with James River and is enjoying civ life. [See pic of Chris and his son, next pg.]

Stu Thompson is now ch engr for a Michelin Plant in Lexington, SC. He & **Kris** just had a second daughter, Robin Michelle, on 3 Sep.

I had dinner with our C-3 tac, COL Bob Harkins, & his wife Sue at Bragg recently. They pass along best wishes to all fighting cocks. Their two sons are at USMA right now. COL Harkins said that **Ken Curly** was down at Benning with the Rangers and that **Chuck Cornwell** was in the Ranger Bn at Lewis. I had breakfast with **John Vanderbleek** at Bragg. He is out and teaching math in the local area.

1978: Mike Mamer with George Fenton '74.

Ray Grado said he was moving to Buenos Aires to head the Pepsi fountain business as general mgr.

A friend of mine called and said he did some reserve time and ran into **Mike Bumbulsky**. Mike is a BDE FSO with the 101st.

Steve Fuller's Cl ring has been found. If anyone knows his whereabouts, please have him contact me (**Andy Tedesco**).

Reunion news from **Kevin Jackson**: "Please mark 14–17 Oct 93 on your calendar for our 15-yr Reunion. We will be playing Rutgers in the football game.

"This yr our Cl HQs will be at the Marriott Park Ridge in NJ, within 45 mins of WP. We selected this location because of the very successful recent experiences of other classes and our desire to have a nice facility large enough to both house and host the entire Cl. Everyone is encouraged to stay at the Marriott, as it will be both the central coordination point and host of the functions. For example, we will have our Fri eve cocktail party, dinner and dance there, as well as a hospitality suite. Shuttle svc back and forth to WP will be provided. We also are working to make playrooms/childcare available at the hotel site.

"Special room rates of $80 are available Wed-Sun (normal room rate is $105). My thanks to **John Miller** for negotiating the rate downward for us. Please contact the hotel DIRECTLY when making reservations. Make reservations immediately and identify yourself as a mbr of 'USMA Cl of '78.' The Marriott is located off the Garden State Parkway exit #172; tel 201-307-0800.

"Football tickets must be ordered directly from the Army ticket ofc. I will send you ea a mail-in form that you can send directly to WP indicating how many tickets you will need. We will be sitting together in the Cl of '78 section.

"We currently are considering having top-quality shirts, T's, embroidered ball caps, coffee mugs and etched glassware available. More to follow on these items in your forthcoming reunion ltr. Please assist us in getting the word on our reunion out to other classmates.

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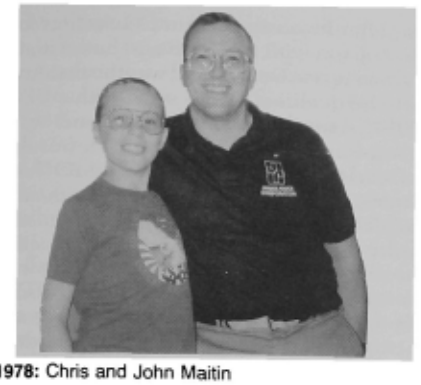

1978: Chris and John Maitin

"We will be sending a reunion ltr out to all classmates using the current AOG mailing list. Please contact AOG and update your info. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at 703-878-4860 (H) or 202-358-0698 (W)."

Kevin Jackson also rep that "the **Colleges** hosted the A-N party this past Dec. The game was great and it was good to see old friends. We hope to sponsor more Cl functions in the Wash area, to incl Cl breakfasts as well as a strong Cl turnout at FD in Mar. Attending the party at **Craig**'s house were the **Bulls, Leo Hergenroeder,** the **Wingroves, Jelinecks, Hambys, Mark Prugh** (in from TX) and **Jonathon Harrison,** to name a few. I would like to thank **Jack & Nancy Morrison** for having me over for Christmas, since I was unable to go home to NM following my back surgery. **Kevin Sheehan** is off to law sch at Columbia U. **Bob Gaydos** is with GM in WV. **Dale Hamby** recently left active duty and works in DC. **Paul Hunter** is working with Arty Systems in Charlottesville, VA. **Jon (Jay) Miller** works with **Thomson** as dir of Munitions Systems. **John Cronin** is with Raytheon in Bedford, MA, where people can understand his accent. **Bob Mazerrose** is with Westinghouse in MD; **Paul Malone** is in Quantico, VA; and **Bob Hernandez** is at the Pentagon. "**Tom McWhorter** is in Huntsville, AL and always checks up on me and the progress on my back surgery. Tom helped me with physical therapy and exercise. After 3 yrs hazing plebes with DPE, Tom was uniquely (?) qualified to get me back in shape. Thanks, Tom, but I stil think that last pull-up counted, and I deserved more than a 2.0 in my rehab course. As I come in contact with others between now and reunion time, I will pass that info on to you." Thanks, Kevin.

That is it for this kid. Hope everyone had a great holiday season; start making plans for the reunion.

'79

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Greetings! I trust that everyone has overcome the fact that the last issue did not have a write-up for the Cl. That was not because I'm presently serving an unaccompanied tour but because I did not receive any ltrs. Please write with updates; I'll take them in any form. This mo I received 3 ltrs—so on with the news.

Brian Perkins wrote on the advent of his move. It seems that he is moving to Schuylkill Haven, PA and Will Bradley '80 is moving to Huntsville, AL. So the enclosed photo was taken. These 5 have worked together for the last several yrs at either Lockheed or Aerojet in Iuka, MS to build the next-generation space shuttle solid-rocket boosters and the Advanced Solid Rocket Motor (ASRM). Will (former '79) worked on the Kneel-Down Transportation—which is a fancy cart for the ASRM. He spent lots of time on the road as a design engr, working with the vendor in Ger. ASRM became a major political football in the 92 budget discussions and elections. So when Lockheed won the contract to build THAADS (the new replacement for Patriot), Will decided to transfer to Huntsville. The others still live in Corinth, MS. Those who remember "Walking Tall" and Buford Pusser have a feel for the area. Paul & wife **Mitch** have a house that's like a civil war museum. There is a civil war battle site in his backyard. Paul & Mitch have two kids and would love to have visitors if anyone is in the northern MS area. Presently Paul is working for Lockheed as a planner/engr for equipment logistics. He has been there for almost two yrs. Previously he worked for Raymond Engring in CT. His boss at Lockheed is Tom Palgata. Brian is with Aerojet, working as a sr test engr. When the facility construction is completed next summer, Brian will have completed the managing of sub-scale test burns for rocket motors. These burns are completed for burn rate verification and hydroproofing the steel motor cases. Brian's next stop will be with ICI Explosive. They make explosive squibs, initiators and detonators for airbags and mil ordnance. Brian will work in Tamgua, PA. **Joyce** will be pleased, for, since marrying Brian back in Nov 79 and following him to OBC in MD, Mainz, Weisbaden, Ft Bragg, Ft McClellan and then Arab, AL, they have not been close to home. Going to PA will put them within wknding distance of parents, for Joyce is from Cornwall. But Brian is concerned about convincing the movers to take the jungle gym he built in the back yard for the kids. He says that building/taking apart the gym was like engr wk at Camp Buckner, with all the ropes and pulleys.

1979: Rick Gordon (former '79), Paul Bozek, Brian Perkins, Will Bradley '80 and Tom Palguta '74 in Aerojet-Lockheed ofcs of Advanced Solid Rocket Motor facility, Iuka, MS

Brian recently talked with **Frank Ojeda**, who took a med ret while at Ft Bragg back in 86. He is doing well and presently lives in Fairfax, VA, working in sales for Telco Systems. Brian also talked with **Ken Shive**. Ken married **Peggy** Wannemaker while he was teaching philosophy at USMA. They are currently at Ft Meade. Ken spent some time in language sch in VT—where he learned Arabic so he can become the FAO for Yemen. Meanwhile, brother **Nelson** worked for several cos and is now back in NC, where he & **Laura** and their 4 children are enjoying themselves in Charlotte. One last point of note for the Old F-3 guys. Fred DeGeorge—the ret BP from MacArthur Wing—is living in Newburgh. He has breakfast daily at McDonald's in Highland Falls and loves to give tours of his St Louis Cardinals Baseball Hall of Fame and pass out free Budweiser to visiting F-3 alumni. Fred has a whole wall of photos from '79 guys like **Bob Groller, Chris Prinslow,**cj and **Mark Cannady**. Brian says he always needed to stay on good terms with the BPs since they had the heavy-duty cleaning equipment he needed to keep up with roommates like Groller and **Marty Mundt**. Thanks, Brian, for the update, and I hope everything goes well for you with your move to PA and the new job.

1979: A-N Game reunion on 5 Dec 92 at Ft Leavenworth, KS

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Bruce Fink wrote from Ft Leavenworth, where he was the organizer of the A-N party. Since he organized the party, he was "nominated" to write and tell about it. To begin with, he sent the pic (prev pg) with the following people (listed top L to bottom R): **Peggy Hyde, Jean Rowan, Rick Hyde, Pete Rowan, Tim Gannon, Tim Bloechl, Anne Kotchman, Thadd Buzan, Rolf Mann, Don Kotchman, Bill Slayton, Steve Buck, Keith Johnson, Kathy Kallman, Barbara Buck, Mike Kallman, Mike Boatner, Joe Moore, Ron Bonesteel** (SDO), **Bill Duffy, Matt Duffy, Janette Rowan, Chris DeGraff, Jim Rowan, Kurt Ubbelohde, Harry Argo,** Chuck Shaver '78, **Don Chrans** and **Bruce Fink**. Bruce rep that the party was great but lacked a little excitement in the first half of the game. It seems that some were getting ready to give up on the Army Team. Needless to say, as the chant went up in Ft Leavenworth, "The 4th Qtr is Ours," the Army team responded and the chant proved to be true. Much of the post-game analysis centered around which game was more exciting than this one. The only one that came close was back in 77 as we froze our "fannies" off. The turnout for the party was excellent, seeing that there were about 50 classmates at Leavenworth this yr. As is apparent from the photo, everyone survived the first term and the first ever "Jingle Bell-Fun Run" completed on 16 Dec. I'd like to thank Bruce for writing, as well as for keeping up with our bn's construction activities in Japan.

The last ltr was tucked in a Christmas card from **Lloyd Darlington**. Lloyd completed his "yr in Leavenworth" last summer and moved on to Ft Riley. Lloyd looks back and counts his blessings for his time spent with **George Kuykendall**. However, times are busy, as Lloyd is the ch of G-3 for the Big Red One. Work keeps him busy but not overloaded, since he still makes time to lead an Ofcr Christian Fellowship in Manhattan, serve as the Parish Council pres for the Main Post Chapel and sing in the Choir. God truly provides! Also seen in the the Ft Riley area were **Gerald Tabin**, who works in G-3 Opns, and **Doug Slater**, who is XO of an AR Bn. Thanks, Lloyd, for the update and inspiration.

I would like to thank everyone who makes this news possible: The individuals who write in their notes to share, as well as the staff at the AOG for their spt for another yr. But remember, all these Cl notes start with you. For it is your ltrs that keep the info flowing. God bless—**Scott**.

'80

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These col deadlines always seem to occur in the midst of frenetic activity at work and home. Actually, though, I can't think of any lethargic moments I have experienced since Grad leave in the summer of 80, so maybe it's not simply fiendish scheduling by AOG.

Tom Sullivan sent a fax with an update. **Dave Brown** is stationed at Ft Drum and now may be in Somalia with the "mtn men." **Glen Benecke** teaches physics at USMA. **Bob Davis** and **Dan & Joan Grey** are at CGSC. **John Peabody** is with the HQ Engr Gp at Ft Hood. **Mike Helmick** is also at Hood. **Mike Larkin** is in grad sch at UT-Austin. **Dave Sadler** manages a family business in Houston and is recently married. **Scott Crawford** teaches math at USMA. **John Crawford** is in Wausau, WI, working for the James River Trading Co and working on his cheese-tasting palate. **Sean Feeney** works for Sales Technology in NJ. **Jim Becker** flies for Com Air out of Cincinnati.

For next yr's Navy game, Tom will set up a soirée at the Marriott Hotel in Newark. Call or write him to join the party: (203) 828-4016; 28 Berldale Ave, Berlin, CT 06037.

Bill "Borg" Siburg left Arthur Andersen Consulting to take a position with E-Z-GO Textron in Augusta, GA as the manufacturing engring mgr. E-Z-GO is the US ldr in golf-cart manufacturing. You can contact Borg (seeking tickets to the Masters, of course) at PO Box 388, Augusta, GA 30913–2699; phone 706-798-4311.

1980: Borg Siburg, 91

Doug Lobdell wrote from CO Springs, where he, **Barbara** (née Knoll '81), Doug III (age 8), Erin (5) and Meagan (2) enjoy the mtn scenery. (Sorry—the "mtn scenery" cliché was all I could find in my word processor's automated index of "how to end a sentence about people living in CO"). Doug saw **Casey Brady** at the mortgage ofc of his bank recently, applying for a loan. He mentions that **Glen & Vicki Ledeboer** live in northern VA, where Glen is a computer security whiz for Computer Sciences Corp. **Rick & Kathy Ann (Wildey) Funk** returned to WP, where Rick is a civ chaplain after serving as a mil chaplain with the XVIII Abn Corps in Desert Storm. The Funks have two daughters, Kelly and Katy.

1980: The Lobdell family

Doug saw **Mark Stevenson** and says that Mark appears to have been selected as an Army astronaut. Congrats, Mark—that's quite an accomplishment. Doug himself just left the Army after homesteading in CO Springs for 8 yrs at Carson with the 4th Engrs and with the US Army Space Cmd. Doug was the first Army ofcr to be qualified and to work with a USAF Satellite control crew; he went to Saudi working warning spt for the Patriot batteries during Desert Storm. Doug works for SRS Technologies, spting all 3 Space Cmds with analysis, planning and documentation on missile defense issues. In addition, Doug is active musically at church and is collaborating with Dan York A-3 '81 on a 3rd album. He also is volunteer dir for a regional performing arts ministry. Barbara is schooling their 3 children at home full-time, so the Lobdell househould does not lack for activity. Thanks for the news, Doug.

Take care, and until next time, God bless you, everyone.

'81

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I am writing this in the middle of the famous holiday rush and on my mind is the possibility of having to go to Somalia with the 308th Civ Affairs Bde. Luckily for all our *ASSEMBLY* readers, our classmates came through and wrote great ltrs, most of which I will copy verbatim, with acknowledgments to the actual authors.

Mark Schroeder was prompted to write by *my mention of* **Dave Madrid** *in a previous* col. Mark and Dave tried to schedule a get-together in Jun 92, since Mark lives about a half-hr from WP in Westchester County and Dave was at WP for the MALO conference. The day of their mtg, Mark's wife **Laura** went into labor and their son, Gregory Martel, was born on 7 Jun 92. Laura is taking time off from her job in arts admin to be with Gregory. Mark is busy structuring cross-border transactions (usually with some tax component) that enable his clients to access the global private capital mkts. We wish all the Schroeders well.

1981: Dan Zajac, Bob Fix, Tony Tata, Jim McNulty, Mark LeGare, Debbie Fix, and Tony Smart at SAMS picnic, Ft. Leavenworth.

I heard from **Jack & Mary Lynn Bowen**, who did not move to Australia as I may have rep. They did move to a house and are busy papering, painting and patching at 81 Williamsburg Rd, Evanston, IL 60203–1813. Jack is now working on the SONY acct, so obviously he is very busy at work, too.

Debbie Fix wrote a long ltr from Ft Leavenworth. She is a CGSC student and **Bob** is in the Sch for Advanced Mil Studies (SAMS), the second-yr program of CGSC. The SAMS selection process is highly competitive and

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fairly rigorous (tests, interviews, etc); Bob was selected to attend last Dec and he began the course in Jun. In his 13-person seminar gp are two classmates, **Dan Zajac** and **Toni (Gaidosik) Smart**. All 3 were promoted to MAJ on 1 Oct 92. Also in SAMS are MAJs **Tony Tata, Jim McNulty** and **Mark LeGare**. Debbie is in CGSC and, in her 16-person staff gp, there are 4 other classmates—MAJ **Steve Zappalla,** MAJ **Port Roth, Dave Pelizzon** and **Grant Steffan**. Grant and Debbie are the remaining CPTs in their staff gp. Also in attendance at the course (but not all-inclusive) are CPT **Cyndi (O'Neill) Hope, Heidi Brown,** MAJ **KK Chinn**, MAJ **Dan Allyn** and MAJ **Becky Halstead**. Debbie sees **Meg (Knox) Kulungowski**, who is out of the Army and raising two daughters. She heard that **Gail (O'Sullivan) Dwyer** was training for a marathon, and I can confirm that Gail did, in fact, run an extremely respectable time in Oct. Debbie sees **Mike Bianchi, Dana Pittard** and **Kevin Smith** on occasion in the hallways. **Steven & Allayne Zappalla** were expecting their 6th child at the time Debbie wrote. Steve was in England for a two-wk TDY for a Cemberley exercise. Debbie hopes for a big FD turnout, and she really appreciates being among so many friends. Others stationed at Ft Leavenworth are **Kathy (Humphreys) Ladig, Matt Green, Keith Solvenson, Matt Reardon** and **Tim Metiver**. Debbie changed cmd of HQ Co, CAC on 8 Jul 92 after two yrs, started CGSC on 3 Aug 92 and hasn't stopped racing yet. Bobby is 10 now, and Joey is 7. Toni Smart's son Scott also is 10, and he and Bobby are good friends. A last piece of news from Debbie—**Stan & Holly March** are due to rotate from WP to CGSC this summer. Stan is very involved in the football program and doing a great job.

I have another but unnamed source at Ft Leavenworth who says **Chris Sullivan** is flying intel there and that **Bill Riker** and **Dan Klecker** are at Leavenworth, too. Also, **Mike & Stacie McMahon** and their 3 children, **John Britten** and his wife and 4 children, **Wayne & Monique Sauer, Kent & Denise Eisele** and 4 kids and **Russ Hrdy** all are at Ft Leavenworth. Because of all the classmates there, **Lance & April Manion** squeezed in a side trip to attend a promotion party for the below-the-zone guys on their way to NE for the opening day of quail hunting season.

Some more grapevine news is that **Jim Bagwell** was picked up for MAJ, **Lynn Todd** is a MAJ, **Mike Courts** is working in the S3 shop of the Apache Bn at Ft Bragg and **Brian Magerkurth** is out of the Army and living in San Ant with **Val** and daughter.

Thank you, everyone who wrote. I couldn't do it without you! **NJS**.

'82

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Happy 93, Select Few. I trust that by now those of you missed the 10-yr Reunion have been sufficiently chastised by those of us who enjoyed the wknd.

Rich Hook returned to Ft Leonard Wood after the reunion and told **Joe Hallatschek, Ed Cardon** and **Kurt Woods** all about it. Rich is a combined arms instructor in the EN OAC. He and the H-3 Hamsters got together and counted noses during the wknd—14 of 21 grads had returned to USMA. Probably a hard total to beat. We also heard them let out a loud and thunderous hamster "skreee" as H-3 passed in review during the parade. H-3'ers incl **Jim Ferguson, Dan Beck, Bill Cofield, Bob Gibson, Yancy Williams, Fred Carr, Tad Schinke, Tom Schneider, Mike Harrington, Pete Hidalgo, Guy Hatch, Scott Williams** and **Brian Veit**. Jim is now a Math prof; he dug up some old ratings cards on '82'ers. Everyone had a laugh as Jim read off some of the old instructors' comments on their "stellar" performances. Rich also passes along some news from Leonard Wood. He & **Annette, Brian Watson** & wife (big trouble, Rich—no name) and **Tom & Jutta Kula** attended FD together. Brian is now off to the Pentagon and BZ-selectee Tom is at CGSC.

1982: Founders Day 92

Doug Morrison sends a hello from CGSC. He's also a BZ'er, but he didn't have to move too far for sch. He & **Cathy** and daughters Courtney and Claire were already at Leavenworth as Doug was assigned to BCTP Opns Gp. Claire was a "Desert Stork" baby, and Courtney is 3 yrs old. Doug sends a few photos from the reunion.

1982: The D2 gang at the Reunion

1982: Reunion weekend

Roger & Beth Smith have settled at Ft Stewart after a two-yr asgmt in Korea. He's the S3 Air in the 24 ID Cav Sqdn S3 shop. They bought a home in Richmond Hills and intend to check out every seafood restaurant in Savannah during this tour.

Kevin Keating sends a photo of himself and "Rifleman" Chuck Connors. They became friends in the yrs before Chuck's passing in 92. Kevin is holding the famous rifle that was seen in the opening sequence to *The Rifleman*. The pic was taken just a few days prior to Chuck's death.

1982: Chuck Connors and Kevin Keating

Jerry & June Griffin send news from NY. Jerry has been the plant engr for RSR Corp for the last 4 1/2 yrs. They live in Roscoe, NY with their two sons, Menzo and Luke. June is the nurse for the family pediatrician in Liberty, NY, so she gets to catch all the childhood diseases. Now that Menzo is starting sch, calling in "sick" won't be an option for him. Mom will know.

1982: The Griffin family

On my final night at CAS3, I got a phone call from **Tom Kula**, who was down at the club with **Tom Muir** and **Alex Sung**. Got dragged down to the club for a few hrs of telling lies and tall stories. The Toms are in CGSC, and Alex was another late CAS3'er. Tom M is a geographical bachelor, so he's getting about 5 master's degrees or something while he's in CGSC. He's also teaching Sunday Sch. **Mindy Shanahan** spilled the beans on Tom's academic endeavors while she & **Dan** had some of us over to dinner one night. Lots of CPT's away from home lost and alone at Leavenworth.

That's all for this issue. Send in those reunion photos. We'll get mileage out of those for a yr or two—**JFJ**.

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'83

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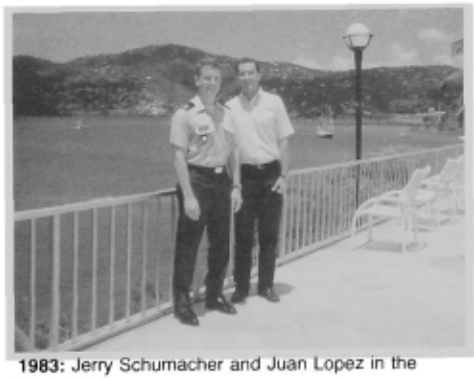
I trust that everyone has started a great New Yr! So let's start off with the upcoming CLASS REUNION, 14–16 Oct against Rutgers. A lot of you have asked about it. Well, I finally tracked down **Ray Royalty** to give us the poop. **Terry (Ward) Gerton** is the Reunion chairperson, as she teaches in the Econ Dept. Terry urges all classmates to update their address with AOG so she can keep you well-informed. Her address is 7 Farmstead Rd, New Windsor, NY 12553; (914) 938-4089. Or you can reach Ray at 506 Cardinal Lane, Tyngsboro, MA 01879; (508) 649-6498. I want to thank **Mark Morehouse** for finding Ray for me. I'm sure his A/N tailgate was the best!

Here are some quick tidbits: **Steve Van Kirk** in the Hist Dept had a boy last yr; **Kevin Sullivan** at SACO Defense in ME had a second child; **Dean Gemberling** moved to Phoenix, AR to become an exec recruiter with Spectra Intl; and **Dallas Jones** is now a financial svcs rep with Fidelity Investments in Houston, TX.

Jerry Schumacher says, "I thought I would write and give you an update on a grad I ran into in the Virgin Isls a wk and a half ago. **Juan Lopez** was an exchange cadet from the Dominican Republic. After a short period in the Dominican Army, he was hired by Texaco and has worked for them ever since. He is now in charge of all of their opns in the Virgin Isls and makes more than most of the BG's in the Army. He has a lovely wife, **Romina**. He recently got his green card and hopes to be transferred to the States soon. He has an open invitation to his classmates from A-2 to come and visit—the Virgin Isls are GREAT!"



1983: Jerry Schumacher and Juan Lopez in the Virgin Isls

Susan & Dan Peck had their first child, Madeline Kate, born 2 Nov 92 at 9 lbs and 20 inches. They are all doing great. Dan is working for Procter & Gamble in New Orleans and is in the EMBA program at Tulane.

Angela & John Coates decided to let us know that they have a two-yr-old, Benjamin, to keep his 6-yr-old brother Joshua company in Louisville, KY. John is now a mbr of the very prestigious Million Dollar Round Table (the top 5% of all life insurance agents worldwide) and a mbr of the NY Life's President's Council.

Lee Myles is a property/casualty insurance broker with Rollins, Hudig, Hall of Southern CA. He married **Ruth** Coyne on 28 May 92 and still competes in triathlons. "Have recently heard from **Bob Moore**, the Brothers

1983: Susan & Dan Peck with Madeline Kate

1983: Angela & John Coates with Benjamin and Joshua

Stoll, Art & Stacey Cody and **Dave Ryon**—all are well."

"**John 'JC' Coldren** mustered out of the svc last Nov and now works for the James River Co," says his dad, JP Coldren. But John did have one last fling before he left the Army. He participated in Diamond Quest 92 at Richland WA on 10 Oct 92. He was part of the world record-setting formation of 38 US parachutists that beat the old French record of 37. Besides entering the Guinness book, they are also eligible to be placed in the Natl Aeronautics Assn record book. This team of expert skydivers is from all over the US and practiced for over two yrs for this event. "The 38 US parachutists jumped at 16,000 ft, ea one following at one second intervals, and immediately opened their chutes. They skydivers began building the diamond formation from the top down. The diamond must be formed before reaching 3,000 ft while dropping at 1,000 ft/min. The 38 US jumpers descended to earth while hooked together in the diamond formation, which must be held in excess of ten seconds to qualify. To break down the pattern, they start from the bottom and work up." Congrats, JC!

'84

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The last col from Korea. In some ways, it does not seem like a yr has gone by, but I certainly am ready to go home. Lots of news, so I'll plunge right in.

Speaking of people being in places for a yr—**Alex & Irene Buehler** have been back in Ger for a yr now. Alex is working preparing the subsidiaries of his co for the new single European mkt. He has been traveling about, coordinating common tech standards and has run into a couple of classmates. **Larry Zaenker** is working in the ofc of CINC, USAREUR. **Dean Mebgel** is in Sweinfurt with the FA Bn there. Alex, you may recall, is in Bad Tolz. Thanks for the news, Alex, and best of luck with the new mkt.

Jack Picciuto dropped a note from GA, where he is attending GA Tech before heading to the Math Dept at WP in 94. Jack & **Maryellen (Conway)** '86 have one child and another on the way! Congrats, guys! Jack has an APB out for **Tony Bibbo**. Tony, if you're reading this, you can contact Jack at (404) 988-8330.

A former C3 neighbor wrote from KS City. **Karl & Cindy Sayce** are out in CAS3 country, where Karl works for UNUM, the world's largest disability insurer. Karl is the interface between the independent agents in his area and the co. Cindy is working at St Mary's Hosp as the lead occupational therapist—gaining mgt experience along with her technical skills. The Sayces enjoyed an extra-special holiday this yr, as Cindy is expecting their first child. The baby was due in Jan and should be keeping mom & dad awake with 2 am feedings by the time you read this. Congrats! With the new addition, they bought a house out in the country and are renovating it.

Karl ran into a couple of folks as well. **Troy Smith** (a fellow C3'er) visited while he was at CAS3. The **Sayces** also see **Mark Visnovske**, who lives in St Louis now. If you are in the Leavenworth area, you can give Karl a call at work: (800) 255-6148. Thanks for the note, and best of luck with the baby!

Bernard Vezeau wrote from Chicago, where he attends the U of Chicago Grad Sch of Business. He finishes this spring. **Shamus Hanlon** was out to visit back in November—the guys attended a bachelor party, and Bernie apologized for no pix—he said they might be incriminating! Shamus recently left Frito-Lay Corp to take a higher position at James River Corp in Norwalk, CT. Bernie ran into **Hector Maldanado** several times this past summer. Hector is finishing up his MBA at NYU and probably is heading to Wall St from there. Bernie saw a number of other classmates as well. **Scott Huffman** is down in WV starting his own investment co. **Greg Hill** is district mgr for a subsidiary of Pfizer pharmaceuticals in Michigan. Even closer to home, **Dick Hewitt** is at U of Chicago getting his MBA in prep for teaching economics at WP. **Deborah Fleming** is also there. **Dave Noesges** is a grad of Wharton Business Sch and now works for Eli Lilly. **Reuben Dickenson** is at Vanderbilt working on his master's in engring. **Ricky Stephensen** is down in AL. He had been in Chicago making an appearance on *Oprah*, but Bernie couldn't catch him at his hotel. Finally, Bernie is trying to get in touch with **Eric Besch**. If you're reading, Eric, call (312) 667-3407. Thanks for all the great news, Bernie! Keep those ltrs coming!

Lastly, my good friend and our irrepressible Cl secy, **Randy "Smitty" Smith**, wrote from Ft Lee, where he attends a contracting course in prep for a new job at Ft Carson. Smitty also stopped in KS to become "CAS3 qualified" and ran into a BUNCH of folks. In his Cl were **Sue (Lenio) Sine, John Buzzell, Stu Pandza, Jim Muskopf, Gerry Davie, Bill**

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Cosby, Darryl Lavender, Paul Johnson, John Sloan and **Hal Nelson**. Smitty since has returned to Leavenworth to visit **Dave Nichting**, who was in the cl behind his. While visiting Dave on post and at the Havana Club, Smitty saw **Doug Garmer, Kent Elliott, Tim Jones, Benny Blas, Mark Fox, Dennis Pinigis, Marc Bynum** and **John Hansen**. At Ft Lee, mbrs of the "Best of the Corps" incl **Brian Prosser, Rich Garcia, Rob Renner** and **Carmin Naccarelli**. Smitty had a chat with Brian—down from PERSCOM for a two-day seminar at ALMC.

Smitty also had news from folks at Carson. **Kent Miller** left Carson for GA Tech for math. **Marj Rudinsky** also headed to grad sch, but at Duke. **Jon Larsen** is at Carson cmding a co in the Avn Bde. **John Hansen** is the asgmt ofcr at PERSCOM for Avn Bde. **Monica Belisle** left the big green machine and is working for General Mills. **Andy Shubin** is a CO in the ADA bn at Carson. **Roy Perkins** is now the CG's aide after completing a cmd in DIVARTY. You'll recall that **Katherine Spaulding** is a prosecutor out at Carson. Smitty says he saw one of her cases in the local paper. Thanks for the info-packed ltr, Smitty!!

Finally—WOW!!! What an A-N game! Wish I could have been there! I watched a videotape with a couple here—Mike & Christy Runey '91. Had a great time and, of course, enjoyed the outcome! Pop it up and take big bites, mbrs of the Army Team!!

Well, that's it from here. Again, please note my address change above. I hope to have my Bragg address for the next col. Until then, keep on BEATing NAVY!

'85

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Merry (late) Christmas to everyone. I trust by now everyone is looking forward to the spring and all it has to offer (to incl warm weather). Things are going well for **Ronda** & me here at Stanford. The rigors of having two full-time students under one roof has proven to be more of a challenge then you would think—we fight for computer time constantly and, of course, the ever-present debate of whose sch is tougher has kept our marriage alive and well! I haven't run into many classmates yet, but I have heard from quite a few, so let me update.

Bobby Collins wrote from the 101st, where he is the fire spt ofcr in G-3 Plans. He anticipates cmd in early 93. He & **Martha Ree** are doing great and recently celebrated their 5th anniv. Not only did Bob work with my brother, then-SGT Vossman, in Ger a few yrs back, but he also attended IOAC at the time my brother started IOBC, having completed OCS two yrs ago. Bobby, Rick is now out living in NC, after a very successful experience in Desert Storm as a pltn ldr in the 197th. I will let him know you said hello.

Pictured nearby are our Cl's most recent Stanford MBA grads, **Dave Persselin, Joe Cecin, Ernie Segundo** and **Dave Tompkins**. Joe is now working for Bell-Atlantic in VA, Ernie is in FL in investment mgt and Dave is working as a financial advisor in southern CA. Dave, I have little doubt that we work harder than the MBA's (or perhaps I am just spending in inordinate amount of time on *things I shouldn't be. . . since* I don't understand it anyway!). We are definitely proud of your accomplishments.

1985: Stanford MBA's, 92: Dave Persselin, Dave Tompkins, Ernie Segundo and Joe Cecin

Speaking of MBA's, **Todd Bluedorn** and **Todd Strubbe** both grad from the Harvard MBA program and did it with honors. I received a message from the sch, which said that both Todds finished with second-yr honors; a feat only 18% of the cl accomplished. Hats off to both of you, and best of luck.

Yudi Wong wrote from San Fran. He is a special agent with the Drug Enforcement Admin and really enjoys his work. He and his fiancée just purchased a home in San Leandro. They will be married in Aug 93. Yudi, hope to see you in Dec at the WPS brunch!

Mike Doherty wrote from Jersey, where he attends law sch at Seton Hall. Mike will grad in Jun and then pursue interests in patent law. **Billy Doyle** is in Philly working as a financial consultant for Shearson/Lehman. **Andy Curry** is in IN and works for Stone Container Corp as a production supervisor. Finally, **Marty Clark** is working for Jonssen Pharmaceuticals as a sales rep. He also lives in Jersey. All 4 are pictured at the 92 Army-AF game with what seems to be an inordinate amount of beverage containers in the foreground!

1985: Clark, Doyle, Curry and Doherty at Army-AF 92

Curt Torrence is on his way to the NTC after a very successful tour with the Big Red One, where he commanded two armored companies. His line cmd was served in Desert Storm. Curt, I trust you got my ltr but, if not, contact AOG to see if they can help you with the addresses.

Yesterday I received a ltr from **Randy Schwallie**. Randy hopefully soon will be a cmdr in the reserves in FL. He volunteered for duty in Desert Storm and was assigned as the active duty advisor to a MEDAVAC unit (the one of which he should eventually take cmd, ironically) from Miami, FL. They were very successful, evacuating over 350 casualties and redeploying with all 53 assigned to the unit prior to hostilities. By now Randy should be on his honeymoon with the former Miss **Cathy** Suker, as they were married this month. They will settle down in W Palm Beach. Randy doesn't see many classmates, but he heard from **Vinnie Toscano**, who lives in LA, **Gordy Bell**, who works for a surveying co in IN, **"Cisco" Moreno**, who loves life at Ft Lewis, and **Bob Polk**, who should be taking cmd of a mech inf co in early 93. Great to hear from you, Schwallie—yes, I remember math, where I believe you pulled me through the course!

Well, that is about it. My namesake, Thomas Bryant (**Dee & Helene Bryant's** son) is doing great in Houston and should be playing ball for Notre Dame soon. Also, I would like to announce to everyone that 'ole 3-Spot has done it again. Yes, he & **Maria** are expecting their second child next Aug. I won't tell you Jack's exact description of his capabilities, but suffice it to say, he's very excited about this new addition to their family, as are we! I am predicting a "wipeout" at the expense of the Nittany Lion's in the Blockbuster—they are no match for the genius, Bill Walsh! (Even though I must admit, I haven't purchased an autographed Bill Walsh football for the low price of $195.00, and probably won't!) You have my best, '85!

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This will be a long one, so you better have a seat.

I finally got some mail from the I-Beam "Dream Team." **Kelly Ward** sent this pic *sans* explanation. The father is *not* holding his

1988: I think they all could be the father

children. Kelly, **Karen** and the tank crew are doing well at Ft Knox. **Kevin Schiller** joins the Wards at Knox for OAC. **Brad Pippin** is at Rucker doin' the AC thing, and **Barry Sievers** is making great quantities of bucks. Mr **John Janowski** says he is married with children and has been for a long time. JJ married his coll sweetheart, **Martha Ann** Richardson, in Dec 89 and had Sarah Jane on 2 Apr 92. Now the

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1988: I-Beam, Dec 89

Janowskis (cubed) are waiting to PCS from Ger back to the Sch for Boys. **Matt Schnaidt**

1988: JJ[3]

married **Anita** Bacher in Graf on 5 Oct 91 and is attending AC at Ft Leavenworth. I saw **Mike Barger** at everyone's favorite family restaurant (Lil' Richard's) the other day. d'Barge is here for the AC and doin' what Bargers usually do. **Dave Hathaway** sent the obligatory MCI ltr the other day. Dave has executed the "Pheneous Fog" and landed in OH, "BELL-FOUNTain" to be exact. **Bob Watson** and family are at Ft Lewis until May. **Troy, Dena** and the two little **Busbys** are here at Ft Benning for AC. **Lee Walters** is at Benning, leaving his wife temporarily at Lewis. **Marty & Shannon Olson** are at Ft Huachuca for MIAC. **Pablo Mariano** is back in NJ, trying to do that Wall St thing. **Tom Shuler** tied the knot and is doing flight sch via the ID Air Natl Guard. **Mark Freitag** married **Penny**—of the El Paso "Pennys." **Doug & Julie McKee** left Lewis for EOAC, joining **Jim Meade** & his bride. **Mike & Kris Gould** are at Sill with **Paul Hurley**. **Tom Earls, Kevin Carroll** and **Jack Peak** are trying to break into LA law via Uncle Sugar. **Sean & Amy Lewis** have been fruitful—the fruit's name is **Lydia** and does not take after her sibling **Isaac** "The Mango" **Lewis**. **Bob & Angela Watson** are headed in staggered formation to Gordon; no follow-on asgmt as of yet.

Shelly & Jeff Muhlenkamp are still in Ger. Shelly is getting her master's in physical therapy while Jeff is hanging on until AC. **Peggy (Hayes) Creveling** is out and about in Palo Alto while **Chad** attends grad sch. **Karen (Burgin) McLaughlin** is working in the engring field while **Pat** is in law sch. **Sherise**

1988: The Harpses' farewell

(Tuggle) Brown is in MD doin' that SC thing. **Jeff Predmore, Joel Portuese, Eddie Oliver, Mark Charette, Mark Turner, John Kilgallon, Bob McAleer, Ron Maredith, Stu Born, John Stanley, Dave LaFontaine, Dan Negron, John Lewis, Tony Prairie, Chris Schwartzbauer, Rob Kirkland** and **Mark Jeffris** are all in FAOAC in one form or another. (Try saying that in one breath). Mark J & **Kim** are headed for Campbell. **Scott Field, Tony Luciano** and **Keith Detwiler** couldn't get enough at IOAC, so they went to FAOAC too. Mark Charette married **Kimberly Ernst** in the Cadet Chapel on 6 Jun (can you believe it?).

Dave Anderson is selling drugs in San Ant and recommends that line of work to anyone. He's working for Pfizer Inc. Where in the world is Brother Rat?

Last but not least, for all you old BSU'ers, the Harpses have ret and moved to Phenix City. If you stop by the "sch for boys," look them up.

See ya at the reunion. Keep writing and take care.

'89

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Hey, how about that A-N game anyway!! Well, I'm sure you were all just like me—never had a doubt that Army would come back. NOT. Congrats to the mighty Army Team.

Kudos to **Chris & Ellen Neville** for their huge ltr. They were married 26 May 89 at WP. Helping the celebration were **John Oliver, John Kotula, Tim Mersereau, Terry Cook, Mike Stevens, Rob Morris, Mike Brantley, Charlie Pinigis, Tony Bennett** and **Kirk Gohlke**.

After the ensuing party, **Chris & Ellen** did FAOBC at Sill, then III Corps Arty, D/6–32 LANCE. There they partied with **Eric & Lynette (Bruecker) Stewart, Steve & Patty (Davis) Hillary** and **Steve & Mawn Shone**. The Hillarys had a baby boy, Patrick, in Sep 91 and the Shones had a baby girl, Kayla, in Apr 92.

At the onset of Desert Storm, **Chris'** bn joined another to become 1–12 LANCE. They also ran into **Mark & Sara (Bienkowski) Hudak** and **Greg & Kim (Thomas) Gadson**. On 28 Jan 92, Chris & **Ellen** had a fine son named Christopher or CMN II. Chris later hung up Army blue for civ casuals and is working for Ciba-Geigy Pharmaceuticals in Omaha, NE.

Finally, **Chris** gave me a shotgun blast of a spot rep on classmates. **John & Shelly Kotula** have a son, Patrick, and John also works for Ciba-Geigy. **John & Melissa Oliver** have a daughter, Kate, and are at Ft Bragg. **Tim & Melissa Mergereau** have a daughter, Ashley, and are at Ft Benning with **Terri Cook** and **Tony, Stacey** and Jacob **Bennett**. **John & Anita Kopchinski** work for Pfizer Drugs in KS. **Mike & Magdeline Stevens** are stationed in Ger. **Wayne & Joanne Cancro** are working for Lederle Labs in Bayonne, NJ. Thanks, Chris, for the great ltr and good luck to you and your family.

Steve Choi sends greetings from sunny Bahrain. He deployed there from 31 Jul-10 Nov 92 with his B/1–7 ADA (Patriot). There he basked in the rays with Ed Nieto (F-3, '91). Steve also writes that **Al Yazawa, Paul "Otto" Ottariano** and **Jim Choung** are all out. Al is going to U of HI (what a sob story), James is in NYC becoming an investment banker and

1989: Chris & Ellen Neville's wedding, 26 May 89

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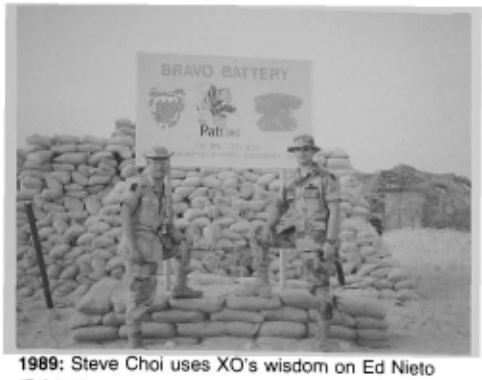


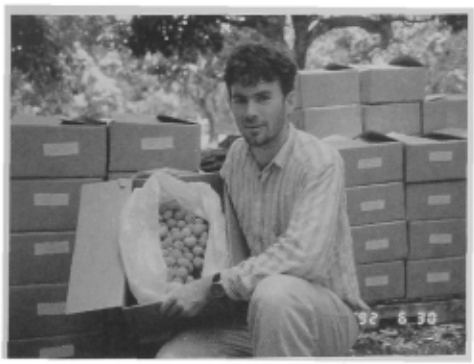
1989: Steve Choi uses XO's wisdom on Ed Nieto (F-3 '91)

Otto is rumored to be in FL, "just hanging out." Thanks, Steve; hope you had more fun in the sun.

Nate "The Voice" Lamar sent news of his loss in the IN State Rep race. Nate took a heartbreaking 62–38% loss to the incumbent. Nate wishes to thank all of us who contributed to his campaign. Decisively, Nate declared, "I shall return (in 94)!"

Got a ltr from Rich St Denis '70, who helps run the WPS of Atl. He had the following news: **Rob Holmes** is going to UNC, Chapel Hill for his MBA. **Mike Shea** is working in the Atl area in supply mgt. **Joe Yi** works as a transportation coordinator for AJC Intl. **Tony Castagno** is an associate consultant for computers at Deloitte-Touche. **Tom & Amy Maiwald** work as financial planners for Lincoln Natl Insurance. **Shane Kimbrough** is flying Apaches in 24ID. **Tad & Pam McIntosh** are in the 3rd Inf Old Guard at Ft Meyer, VA. **John & DeAnne Fortson** are here in good old Schweinfurt with me. John is Spt Pltn Ldr in 2–15 Inf. Thanks, Mr St Denis—that was a nice ltr!

Eric Strong is attending Golden Gate Law Sch in San Fran. There he has the odd hobby of picking Lychee. Wow, law school must tax the mind!!



1989: Eric Strong on the lychee plantation

Eric says **Bill & Allison Niketas** are at Ft Polk, where Bill is flying Apaches. **Marc & Beth Ann Niketas** live in Cambridge, MA while Marc attends Harvard Law Sch. PS—*Eric wants* **Jim Lynch** *to get in touch with him* at 2025 Pine St #12, San Fran, CA 94115; tel (415) 563-5385. Next time I'll have an update on A-1—Be Straight or Be Gone!

From right next door (B1 Go Boys), I received a sitrep from **Dave "Iceman" Ice. Jon "The Bass" Wildermuth** traded BDU's for coat and tie and is working for the V.A. in OH. **Doug Datka** and **Darryl Scherb** are at 24ID. Doug is a FIST "trying to get the FAOBC HE RD back on the screen," and Darryl is BMO in 24th's MLRS. **Steve "Chickenbird" Schultz** is S-4/3–17 FA but wants to return to MN and med sch. Iceman is BMO/5–17 FA, also at Ft Sill; he adds that the BOYS ANNUAL FISHING TRIP in Boundary Waters, MN was a great success. Iceman says the boys are ready for '89's 5-yr reunion. (I'll talk about this a little later). . . .

I ran into none other than **Joe Dyke** at Marne Campaign III in Schweinfurt in Nov. He & **Kathy** live in Erlangen and are with 16 EN Bn. Though pressed for time, Joe told me of **Mark Jenning**'s wedding in Jul 92 to a lovely lady named **Shalini**. (Sorry, wasn't told maiden name). There Joe also saw **Dave Oksenberg**, who is at Ft Ord. (Hey, Joe, we need to go tip a few sometime.) Congrats to the Jennings!

For A-N, I went to the O Club in Kitzigen, Ger. **Dave Warshaw** hosted an awesome party, to include kegs, 6-ft subs, popcorn and that good old Army spirit. I saw **Alex & Candi (Vernold) Jarotzky, Will & Jeannie Whatley, Todd & Sandi (Petrin) Smith** and **Val Colangelo**. And, of course, we helped Army beat the hell out of Navy!

Reunions were mentioned earlier. Plan on the 5-yr being held in fall 94. Keep that in mind. Oh yeah, if anyone sees Cl Pres **Brian Roberts**, tell him to contact me ASAP. Thanks.

Well, well. Gripes and rumors. I heard **Kevin Lingow** couldn't make the A-N game because his car broke down due to no operator PMCS—oops. **Troy Faber** was rumored to be directing a new feature film, *Action USA*. **John "Bits" Conboy** was last seen roaming Europe and headed for parts unknown. Photos have been rep that show **Andy Riebe** in an intoxicated state at Ft Knox; he then rebuked, "A pure fabrication, I assure you."

Keep a tight shot, gp. You civs out there: I expect lots of ltrs since y'all have so much time. See you at the club or in the brush. WE STRENGTHEN THE LINE!

'90

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How about that football game! It looked bleak at the onset, but the team deserves a lot of credit for playing hard and bringing home the victory. Three cheers for the team from the Long Gray Line!

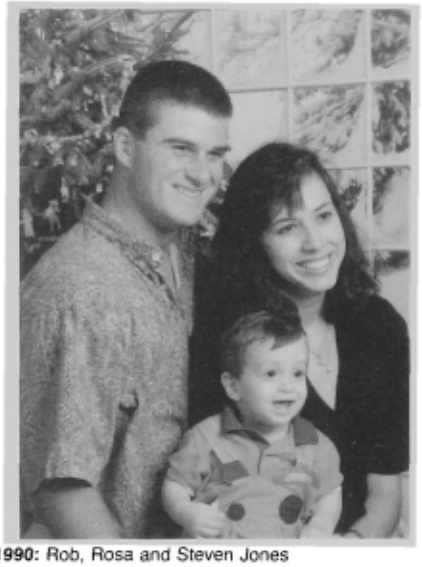
First of all, I need to correct a grossly negligent omission from my last article. I inadvertently left '89 grad Alex Brown off of the list of groomsmen in my wedding. Alex is currently attending the Kellogg Business Sch at Northwestern and is being tutored by **El**'s maid of honor, *Kristi McKasy, in his free time.*

1990: Jim Noles and Jay Toland

Jim Noles sent me this photo from W Palm Beach, FL. He and **Jay Toland** had to miss the Army-UNC game to aid in the relief effort for Hurricane Andrew. They had a nice flight down from Ft Bragg in their Hueys, keeping *the ocean out the left door, I-95 out the right,* and aiming for the Orange Bowl. Jim and Jay normally fly their Hueys out of Ft Bragg.

Mike O'Toole checked in from Ger with this photo of the opening day of Oktoberfest. Sharing in the festivities at the Hofbrauhaus in Munchen were Rob Brenner '87 (in the background), Mike, **Greg Pease, Joe Owczarek, Shane O'Kelly, Mike Gengler** and **Rich Sheridan**. Mike rep that he did a little traveling this summer, visiting Spain, the French Riviera and Italy.

Here is a photo of the **Rob Jones** family; pictured are Rob, **Rosa** and Steven. Rob is in E Co, 1–52 Inf at Ft Irwin. Also at NTC are **Scott Hair, Jamie Danner** and **Mark Clouse**. Rob states that he has seen many of our classmates coming through on rotation, incl **Mike Preisser, Brian Cook, Stan Pokrywka, Dan Delp, Steve Milstein, Bill Burke, Mike Foster** and **Ryan Thomas**. Rob wants you to look him up if you make it out to NTC.



1990: Rob, Rosa and Steven Jones

Allison Hall and **O'Neal Miller** were married on 10 Oct 92 in Poughkeepsie, NY. **Kathy Solomon**, who is stationed at Ft Hood, was an attendant, while **Jim Diggins, Julie Stenger** and **Jim Lowe** witnessed the nuptials. The Millers spent their honeymoon in Aruba and are now stationed at Ansbach, Ger, where Allison is an ordnance ofcr with 9–1 Avn Regt and O'Neal is a Patriot ADA ofcr. Congrats!

1990: Allison Hall's & O'Neal Miller's wedding

Some news from the nation's capital: **John Devine** asked me to pass along word that **Tom Jones** (H-3) is tying the knot next fall. JD will

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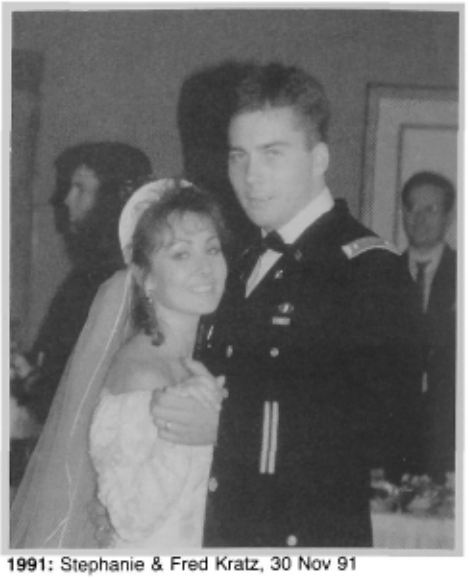
1990: O'Fest, Sep 92



1991: Stephanie & Fred Kratz, 30 Nov 91

The next wedding was of two of our classmates, **Nat Fisher & Traci Cisek**, in Arlington, VA on 27 Dec 91. Classmates **Dave Dwyer, Beth German, Neil Wright, Bill Stone, Chris Wells** and **Grant Heslin** were in attendance.

1990: Allison & O'Neal

1991: John B Richardson IV & Mary Dean Pointavent, 21 Dec 91

1991: Traci Cisek & Nat Fisher, 27 Dec 91

make sure we get to see the pix.

I hope the holidays found everyone well. The Proud and the Mighty!—**Tad**.

'91

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Greetings to everyone in '91. I'm happy to be writing to the Cl upon my return from Ranger sch, honeymoon and the NTC. I have much news to cover, so here goes.

The first good news I have to share with you is the marriage of **John & Deani Richardson IV** on 21 Dec 91 in Tallahassee, FL. Their picture was taken right as they left for their honeymoon.

On the next day, **Mike & Angie Aldinger** were married in York, PA. Angie wrote that they were enjoying Ft Rucker and that Mike was flying Cobras. They should have left Rucker in Nov, but I do not know their next post yet.

1991: Angie & Mike Aldinger, 22 Dec 91

Chris Wells tracked me down to share the news of two more weddings. The first was of **Fred & Stephanie Kratz** on 30 Nov 91 in Steph's home town of Oak Hill, WV. Their saber bearers were **John Brence, Corby Marshall, Nat Fisher, Kevin Wainwright, Matt Lynch** and **Chris Wells**.

Rich & Sandy Meehan were married in Feb after Rich finished FAOBC. The wedding was at WP, and **Brent Campbell** and a skinny **Scott Halstead** were able to attend. The Meehans are now stationed in HI and doing well.

The last pic is from **Dan Clark** and the wild Aviators at Ft Rucker. Dan says that feeding our classmates at Ranger Sch was one of their favorite missions at Rucker. I know that all those you fed will never forget those "poogie-laden red door Hueys." Thanks.

From **Holly Fishburne** comes this rep: "I am stationed in Ger and, like our other classmates over here, loving life. We have a lot of field time over here, but we also have a lot of fest time!! I am stationed with the CAB of 1st Arm Div. Also on my kaserne are **Lisa Woodman** (C-4), who soon will be moving to Vilseck to join her husband, **Todd Rumbles** (E-1) and **Vannette Couch Novak** (H-1). **Mike** (F-3) is working in Babenhausen with an FA bn that is full of 91'ers. Also in Babenhausen are **Geoff Binney** (A-2) and **John Griffin** (F-4), both of whom are married now. **Craig Eggerton** (D-2) and **Fie Dicosty** (H-1) are the par-

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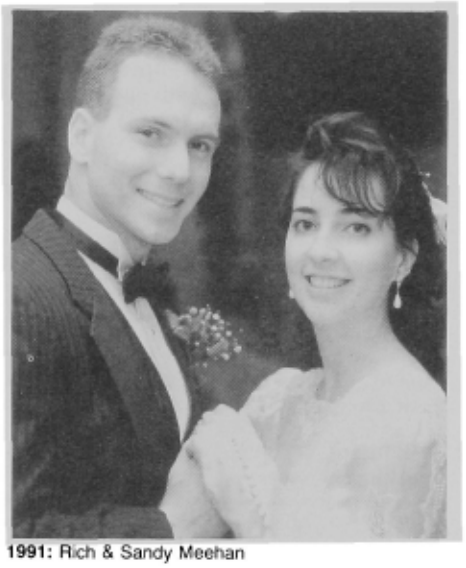
1991: H-3 pals at John B Richardson's wedding: (Front row) Tim Driscoll, Bill Ystueta, Brian Hankinson, best man Rob Proctor; (second row) Rob Blomquist, Matt Zimmerman, Mike Parsons, Scott Hooper; (third row) Craig Larson and Frank Augustson



1991: Rich & Sandy Meehan

1991: '91 road warriors

tiers down in that area. **Mike McIntee** (E-4) is in my bde but stationed on a different kaserne. He is with 1–1 Cav in Budigen. I picked up an area mag and saw a full-pg article on **Vince Duygue** (A-1). He is stationed in Freiburg and has started a youth gymnastics program that is very successful.

"**Mark West** (A-4) is stationed in Wildflicken with 2–11 ACR. Also in "Wild Chicken" (as they like to call it), are **Carlos Jentimane** (A-1), **Dan Crowe** (I-2), **Mike Burke** (E-2), **Eric Olsen** (A-3), **Matt Morton** (A-4), **Jason Shrader** (B-2), **Tim Burnham** (E-2) and **Kevin White** (H-1). Kevin, Jason and Mike all have their wives over here with them, and rumor has it that Dan has himself a German fraulein. Have pity on these guys—if it is not raining or snowing anywhere else in the world, it is at Wildflicken.

"I attended the Safety Ofcr Course at Vilseck with **Brian Halloran** (C-3). We spend most of the time comparing fest stories. He is stationed in Bamberg with **Mike Ball** (H-1), **Steve Swierkowski** (H-4) and **Mark Scharret** (D-2). All of them play on a rugby team in the area, along with **Chet Nadolski** (I-2) and **Pete Tate** (I-2). **Ted Permuth** (C-3) is stationed with Pete in Vilseck, and all of us had the pleasure of having the night shift on Central Fortress 92. While on the night shift, we saw **Heather Burgess Peters** (I-4) and **Dwight Hunt** (I-4). They were both over here from 1st ID for the exercise.

"While I was down in Vilseck, I ran into **Jerry Farnsworth** (H-4), who is stationed down there, but unfortunately, **Lori Ryder Farnsworth** (I-1) is stationed about 1 1/2 hrs away, so they have been putting the miles on the cars. Also stationed in Vilseck is **Kim Ashton** (F-3), who also is married, but I don't know her maiden name.

"During the field exercise at the infamous Grafenwohr, I literally ran into **Jim Kane** (B-2), convoying out of Graf. He & **Anne**, are stationed in Baumholder. Also in Baumholder are **Sean Cowley** (F-1) and **Bill O'Brien** (F-1), who is now married to **Rich Ryan**'s (I-1) sister. I saw Rich when we were both being tourists in Rothenburg. He has just finished flight sch and is heading to Ft Ord.

"I saw **Brooks Chretian** (D-1) and **Billy Spier** (I-4) at a promotion party for the Cl of '90 back in May, but I haven't seen or heard from them since. Both are stationed in Mainz. I saw **Lou Mercado** (E-3) in the gym at Graf. He is getting married in the spring, and they will be living in Mannheim.

"I have been out with **Tom Glover** (A-4) and **Ted Parsons** (A-4) a couple of times. They are both stationed in Schweinfurt with 3–4 Cav. Also in Schweinfurt are **Al Brenner** (A-2), **Chris Wells** (F-2) and **John Stark** (E-2).

"That's about all the people I have seen in Ger. As for people outside of Ger, **Natalie Quarantillo** (A-4) is stationed at Ft Monmouth, NJ and seems to make the trip up to WP quite often. **Stacy Manning** (I-4) is stationed in Korea waiting to go to her follow-on, HI. **Terri Shambow** (A-4) also is in Korea. She is engaged to a CPT, and both of them will be going to Ft Carson. **Doug Kling** (B-2) is in Korea and is anxiously waiting his follow-on at Ft Carson. Waiting for them at Ft Carson will be **Mike O'Day** (A-4) and **Sharon leach** (A-1), who is engaged to **Jeff Helms** (C-1); they will be married on 12 Jun 93.

"I just got word from **Vince Lindenmeyer** (B-2) that he is engaged to the girl who was the maid of honor in **Vic**'s (H-4) wedding. Vince was the best man. They are getting married in Apr, and Vince is stationed in Ft Ord. Also at Ft Ord is **Ovi Alfaro** (B-2). Ovi got married back in Oct.

"**Jeff Libby** (B-2) and **Scott Kobida** (B-2) just finished flight sch and are both heading to

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Ft Drum. **Jennifer Hankes** (C-3) is at Ft Riley, KS and is engaged to be married; I don't know the date yet. **Fernie Salazar** (A-4) is very happily married with one son. They live at Ft Bliss, and Fernie writes that he has a video of his son doing everything from eating to sleeping, etc. **Mark Bieger** (A-4) got married back in Mar, and he & **Amy** are living at Ft Riley, KS.

"There are a few of our classmates who are postponing their mil careers as they pursue further education. **Neal Cooper** (B-2) is married and attending med sch at Tulane. Neal & **Nancy** are both hitting the books, as she is attending law sch. I am sure they find some time to go out in New Orleans, though. **Tom Petit** also got married. He & **Annabette** are in HI as Tom strives for his master's degree. **Rick Burney** is studying in Cambridge, England. Rick, I am speaking for the entire Cl when I say that we want to express our deepest sympathy to you over the loss of your wife **Marsha**. You are in all of our thoughts and prayers." Thanks for all the great info, **Holly**!

That is all I have space for this time. Please note my change of address and keep sending the ltrs and pix. I apologize to all the Cl for dropping out of the net, and I thank **Scott Halstead** for writing the last *ASSEMBLY* article. I wish you all the best.

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An absence of updates will keep this short. You need to send pix and ltrs to keep the rest of the Cl informed.

From the cold depths of Darby, McGregor, Dahlonega and Eglin come several cries for help. By the time this is published, Ranger tabs will be worn, but the suffering is worth noting. **Larry Miles** wrote claiming the worm pit was the coldest it had ever been, but being the stud co cmdr helped keep him busy. **Jamie Bankey** also found time to drop a line and hinted at possible wedding bells. Ranger Sch does mess with your mind, doesn't it? Ranger buddies **Mark Coomes** and **Chris Donahue** seem to think the cold is no fun at all but insist that the hardest part of the course was the pre-arrival hype. Of course, Dahlonega still looms in the distance. Good luck to all.

Congrats go to **Trevor Bredenkamp**, who emerged from IOBC Cl 8–92 as the Dist Honor Grad. Following his short tour at Ranger Sch, he'll top off a stay at Benning with Pathfinder School; then off to Bragg.

Weddings are still occurring at record pace. **Chris & Missy (Newcome) Hamel** wrote to inform us of their wedding and to announce the same of **Todd & Melanie (Lauben) Little. Bob & Tina Meek** were married on 28 Nov in Lynnwood, WA. After a quick Thanksgiving wknd, it was back to Rucker for another 12 mos of hard field work!

John & Kathy Pippy wrote from Kileen, TX, having completed OBC. John's excited to get into the 1st Cav and says he's seen several classmates who were supposed to go to Europe but got lucky and were reassigned to the middle of TX. And to top off all of that excitement, John & Kathy are expecting a baby girl in Apr.

No news from those in the 10th Mtn Div, but as soon as I receive it, I'll pass it on. God bless the Brave and the Few.

Letters to the Editor

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had to be approved personally by the President, and he was out of the country at the Casablanca Conference with Prime Minister Churchill, a well-kept secret at the time. Subsequently, on 8 February 1943, we were appointed second lieutenants in the Regular Army, with rank from 19 January 1943.

Before graduation we had been told that we would be promoted to first lieutenant in three months. That would have occurred while most of us were at service schools, and we would have arrived at our new assignments with the new rank. As it turned out, we were promoted on 19 May, four months after graduation. My experience was typical. I was assigned to a rifle company overstrength in officers. As the junior of eight, I did not even rate a platoon. Suddenly, I was jumped to number two in the company, which led to a number of weak handshakes.

So, rain on our Graduation Parade was a precursor of things to come. It rained on my Retirement Parade, also. But it was a good career and a great experience. I would gladly do it again.

Frank Shaw, Jan '43

CORRECTION TO *ALASKAN HIGHWAY* BOOK REVIEW COMMENT

On page 80 of the November 1992 issue of *ASSEMBLY* is the following statement: "Yet Hoge went on to an extremely successful career which included wartime command of the *4th Armored Divison* when it seized the Remagen bridge in *1944*...."

The facts are: On March 7, *1945* about four o'clock in the afternoon, the *9th Armored Division, commanded by then-Major General John W. Leonard, USMA '15*, captured intact the Remagen bridge (actually the Ludendorff bridge at Remagen, Germany). The leading Combat Command of the division in the capture of the bridge was CCB, commanded by then Brigadier General William M. Hoge, USMA '16. On March 21, 1945, two weeks after the capture of the bridge, General Hoge was assigned to command the 4th Armored Division and promoted to Major General.

I'm sure former members of the 9th Armored Divison in WW II and members of the Leonard family would appreciate your correcting this slip.

Eileen Leonard Foster
(Mrs. David E.)

HIRCINE HUMOR

As an avid reader and subscriber for over forty years, I was delighted to discover (in the January issue) that you have finally decided to add some humor, via "Goat Poop" (which, face it, is a much better name than "Pyrene II.") As a fan of Freed Lowrey's for years, you could not have made a better choice for your columnist! Thanks!

Piffle Weber Irvin
(daughter '30, widow '52)

P.S. Please be kind to Freed—he may not be too smart, but he tries hard!

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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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Clifford Jones

NO. 4148 CLASS OF 1903

Died 25 October 1974 in Norcross, Georgia, aged 94 years.

Interment: Norcross Cemetery, Norcross, Georgia.

Clifford Jones

CLIFFORD JONES WAS BORN 27 November 1879, in Cumming, Georgia, the eldest son of Homer V. and Mollie James Jones. The following year his family moved to Norcross, Georgia, where Clifford spent his youth and to where he would retire after a military career of over forty years. When he entered the Academy on 13 June 1899, he began a family tradition of military service that would include his son, both of his brothers, and all of their sons. Four of those who followed also would graduate from the Military Academy, and all would serve to retirement from the Army.

Clifford graduated on 11 June 1903, standing 27 out of 93, and was commissioned in the Artillery Corps. He joined 15th Battery Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston and continued battery officer service at Fort Sill and Vancouver Barracks, Washington before attending the battery officers course at Fort Monroe. Designated a "distinguished graduate" of the course, and a first lieutenant in the newly formed Coast Artillery Corps, Clifford reported to Fort Constitution, New Hampshire, for service with the 156th Company C.A.C. Later, he joined the staff of the Commanding Officer, Artillery District of Portsmouth. He married Besse Green of Dallas, Texas, in August of 1906. Their daughter Sophie was born twelve years later.

In 1909, Clifford returned to West Point as an instructor, first in the Department of Mathematics and later in the Department of Chemistry and Electricity. Promoted to captain during this tour, he subsequently was assigned to command 75th Company, C.A.C., Fort Kamehameha, Territory of Hawaii, and to commission Battery Selfridge as part of the defenses of Pearl Harbor. Three years later, he returned to the west coast of the United States to perform various command, staff and training assignments at Forts Ward and Warden, Washington; the Presidio of San Francisco; and Fort Winfield Scott, California. Promoted to major in late 1917, he was then detailed to the General Staff Corps.

In February 1918, Clifford reported for duty in the Office of the Army Chief of Staff as Secretary to the Executive Assistant. By September, he had been appointed a colonel. He served in this position for the duration of the "emergency," reverting to major in the summer of 1920. His orders to the American Expeditionary Force had been revoked as a result of the Armistice. For his service in the Office of the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff during the World War and the following demobilization period, Clifford was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. The following year he was selected to attend the Army War College, from which he graduated in July of 1922.

In September 1922, Clifford became commander of the fixed defenses at Fort Monroe and also was attached to the Coast Artillery Board. During this period he devised the Longitudinal Deviation Ruler, a coast artillery gunnery device. A year later he returned to Washington for a four year assignment in the Office of the Chief of Coast Artillery. Promoted once again to lieutenant colonel, he attended in succession the Advanced Course at the Coast Artillery School, the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth and the Naval War College, graduating from the latter in May of 1930. In December 1929, he married Estell Ferre Mackay of New Rochelle, New York. Their son, Clifford, Jr., would graduate from the Military Academy with the Class of 1955.

Clifford's next assignment was to the Philippine Islands as G-4 on the staff of the commander of the Philippine Department, where his duties included inspection tours throughout China and Japan. After returning to the United States in late 1932, and following a refresher course at the Coast Artillery School, he served alternately as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of the Harbor Defenses of Pensacola, Fort Barrancas, Florida. Promoted to colonel in October 1934, he became Executive Officer, Headquarters Fourth Coast Artillery District. Then, in June of 1936, he returned to Washington for duty in the G-4 section of the War Department General Staff.

Following this final tour in Washington, Clifford became Chief of Staff of the 81st Division, Organized Reserves and subsequently Chief of Staff, First Military Area of the IV Corps Area in Knoxville, Tennessee. In November 1941, he transferred to his last duty station at IV Corps Area Headquarters in Atlanta, first as Officer in Charge of Organized Reserves and Citizens Military Training Camp affairs, and then as Director of the Administrative Division of the Fourth Service Command until the end of his military career. He retired from active duty on 31 January 1944.

Clifford built his retirement home in Norcross, then later established a winter residence in Coconut Grove, Florida and spent his last thirty years pursuing a variety of activities. From 1944 to 1967, he served successively as vice president, president and chairman of the board of the Bank of Norcross, being elected a Director Emeritus at the end of his active service there. He became a Ruling Elder in the Norcross Presbyterian Church and was elected an Elder Emeritus in 1969. Throughout his retired life, he applied his considerable leadership and administrative talents to the development and benefit of the community that had been his home since early youth.

In June of 1953, while attending his fiftieth reunion at West Point, his wife Estelle died suddenly and was buried in the cemetery near the Old Cadet Chapel. In June of 1954, he married Mary Skinner Fluker of Atlanta. They enjoyed twenty years of active family, cultural and community life. Mary Jones continues to pursue her many interests near family and friends in Tampa, Florida.

Clifford Jones died in Norcross on 25 October 1974 and is buried in the cemetery there. He has been remembered by the many people he touched as a loyal friend, a professional officer, a businessman of integrity and a complete gentleman.

His Son

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Thomas Charles Spencer

NO. 4636 CLASS OF 1907

Died 8 May 1978 at Gibson Island, Maryland, aged 93 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Thomas Charles Spencer

THOMAS CHARLES SPENCER, "Tommy", was born at Wewahitchka, Florida on June 16, 1884, the only son of a river steamboat captain and farmer who had been orphaned not long after his arrival from England with his parents, and who died in New Orleans during an epidemic of yellow fever about a decade before the outbreak of the Civil War. Tommy's mother, nee Mary Amanda Farley, was postmistress of a small town near Panama City, Florida, where Tommy's father met and married her in June of 1876. Tommy had four sisters; three older and one younger. He survived all four siblings.

Tommy's military career commenced with his admission as a plebe to West Point in 1903, after a short time at the University of Florida. Applying himself assiduously to the required academic courses, "Gort" Spencer, as he was lovingly called by his classmates, graduated with his class on June 14, 1907 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry. While at the Academy as a cadet, he participated in all athletic and field exercises, distinguishing himself on the Academy boxing team.

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As a new lieutenant he had early duty assignments in California, Washington, Oregon and the Philippine Islands. On returning stateside, he met Jeannette Cascadan Klauder, who was a Bryn Mawr College graduate traveling with her family as a tourist to the then wild west. In 1911, Tommy and Jeannette were married in Philadelphia, the home of the Klauder family and the city where Jeannette's father, Charles William Klauder, had been president of the Manyunk Trust Company.

Tommy and Jeannette's first child, Jeanne Farley, was born 6 January 1913. On 24 December 1913, Tommy was promoted to first lieutenant. His next assignment was as an officer student at the Army Signal School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in May 1915. After that training, he was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Shafter in the territory of Hawaii during March of 1914. At that duty station Tommy and Jeanette's first son, Thomas Klauder, was born 14 December 1916 in Honolulu.

On 26 January 1917, Tommy was promoted to captain. In February, he was assigned as Officer in Charge of the Army Disciplinary Barracks at Alcatraz Island, California; then in November, he was Signal Officer at Camps Funston, Sherman and Upton for the 92nd Division. On 22 January 1918, he was promoted to major. By that time, America had entered World War I.

Major Spencer was sent to France on 10 June 1918 with the American Expeditionary Force. There he attended the Field Officer's Course, School of the Line. In battle he served as Signal Officer with the 5th Division in the Frapelle offensive. He also participated in offensive operations in the St. Die sector (Vosges Mountains), from 13 August-20 September and then in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Tommy was promoted to lieutenant colonel on 1 October 1918.

Meanwhile, back in Philadelphia, Jeannette and Tommy's second son, Charles Klauder, was born 4 December 1918.

Tommy, still on the front lines in France, was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received in battle in the Marbache sector, with the Second Army Offensive Operation from 10 October to 9 November 1918. At Cours Cheverny he was assigned as Chief Signal Officer in charge of technical information and also as Historical Officer, Signal Corps, 23 January-7 July 1919.

Returning to Washington, D.C. after the Armistice, he was placed in charge of the Signal Corps General Supply Depot in Chicago from 12 August-25 September 1919, serving as Executive Officer, Headquarters Central Department.

On 21 August 1920, Tommy was transferred from the infantry to the signal corps. He then was assigned as Signal Officer at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, Headquarters for the V Corps area, from 6 October 1920 to 30 June 1922. While stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Tommy and Jeannette's second daughter, Sarah Amanda, was born on 25 February 1921.

Tommy, having been transferred to the Army Signal Corps, was then assigned as Student Officer to the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, in 1922. In 1923, he graduated from Yale with a master's degree in electrical engineering. Thereupon he was transferred to I Corps area headquarters in Boston as Corps Area Signal Officer from 1923 to 1924.

In 1924, he was reassigned to the Army Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas as an officer student. He successfully completed the course, graduating high in his class.

Tommy's next station assignment was at the Militia Bureau in Washington, D.C. from 1925 to 1930. While in Washington, he also attended and graduated from the U.S. Army War College. In addition, he attended the field officer's course at the Chemical Warfare School, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. On completion of his tour of duty at the Militia Bureau, Tommy was appointed commander of the 51st Signal Battalion at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. While there he was promoted from major to the permanent rank of lieutenant colonel on 1 June 1931.

Tommy's next assignment was as Chief Signal Officer of the VII Corps area, located at Fort Omaha, Nebraska, which position he held until June 1936 when he returned to Fort Monmouth to serve until 15 February 1937 as Commandant of the Signal Corps School and Assistant Post Commander.

On 14 January 1938, Tommy became Signal Officer for the Third Army and Signal Officer for the Headquarters IV Corps Area, Fort McPherson, Georgia. During World War II he served as Chief Signal Officer for the Fourth Service Command in Atlanta. He retired, a colonel, for physical disability, on 30 June 1944.

Tommy and Jeannette settled on their prune ranch on the scenic Russian River in Sonoma County, California, not far from Herldsburg. Later they did some traveling about the Golden State, spending some time at Palm Springs, where Tommy became a licensed real estate broker. For about two year he was active in listing and selling properties.

In 1949, they purchased a new home in Carmel on the Monterey Peninsula, where the climate was cooler than in the south. It was at Carmel that Jeannette started suffering mild strokes. Since all of their children at that time resided in the east, they sold their home in Carmel to relocate in the Fort Meade region of Maryland. However, in April of 1962, a few months before her 78th birthday, Jeannette suffered her final stroke, leaving Tommy a widower.

Being a Floridian by birth, Tommy purchased a house in the Florida Keys, where he thrived in good health until about 1976. However, by that time, when he was 92, he also suffered a stroke that seriously affected his power of speech. Finally, a few weeks before his 94th birthday, he was carried away in his sleep. He is survived by one son, Thomas Klauder; two daughters, Jeanne Farley Richardson and Sarah Amanda Bolgiano; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Tommy, our beloved father, was ever a devoted family man and parent. We never shall forget him as a superior soldier and officer ever loyal to his God, family and country.

Written by his son, Thomas Klauder Spencer, Class of 1940

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Claude Eugene Haswell

NO. 6669 CLASS OF 1920

Died 5 February 1992 in El Dorado, Arkansas, aged 93 years.

Interment: family plot, Woodland Cemetery, El Dorado, Arkansas.

"CHESTY," AS HE WAS CALLED by his classmates, was born on 10 February 1898 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was the oldest of eight children born to Peter Timothy Haswell and Pearl Dearing Haswell. He attended elementary schools in Chattanooga and Pikesville, Tennessee and preparatory school in Marion, Alabama.

Claude Eugene Haswell

Claude's boyhood activities included baseball, tennis and singing in a glee club and a male quartet. Proximity to the old horse cavalry post at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia helped fuel his aspiration to attend West Point. A congressional appointment designated him first alternate for the 1918 entering class. As World War I was in progress, Claude enlisted as a private in Battery B, 1st Tennessee Artillery. He took the West Point exam before leaving for France in May aboard the S.S. George Washington. After a brief stay in France, he was recalled to the U.S. and, in July 1918, entered the Academy assigned to Company C.

While attending the Academy, Claude participated in several pre-reveille climbs to Crow's Nest. Deep breathing for chest development on walks to Trophy Point led Charley Ivins to give him the nickname "Chesty" that followed him throughout his service.

Upon graduation, Chesty was posted to Fort Benning, Georgia for Infantry School. In 1930, he was assigned to ROTC duty at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Georgia. It was during this time that Claude met and married Eulamay McKinney, a 1933 graduate of Brenau College.

Early in his career, Claude also was an active musician (performer, composer, arranger and conductor). Engagements included that of clarinetist in the Sellis-Floto Circus Band and leader of the Royal Hawaiian Dance Band.

In June 1934, Claude was assigned to the Department of Tactics at the United States Military Academy. He and Eulamay enjoyed life at the Point for the next three years. Claude took voluntary retirement in June 1937, moving to Newellton, Louisiana, to serve as general manager of McKinley Plantations. This idyllic southern lifestyle spent raising cattle and cotton lasted until Claude was recalled to active duty in 1940.

Assigned to two electrical schools in Chicago, Claude trained men for Signal Corps work. He was at the Armored Forces School at Fort Knox, Kentucky in 1941, when World War

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II broke out. On 10 March 1943, Chesty was ordered to the X Corps at Sherman, Texas to take part in maneuvers in North Texas and Louisiana. In January 1944, he reported for duty at Third Army Headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The Third Army left Fort Sam on 15 February 1944 for Knutsford, Cheshire, England. General George S. Patton took command of the Third Army and Chesty became his Deputy Signal Officer in the drive across Europe.

Two events highlight Claude's tour in the Third Army. He attended the tactical meeting of the high command with General Patton prior to the Battle of the Bulge, at which Patton boldly opted to attack before the weather broke.

The second event occurred during the Third Army's rapid drive across Austria. A young soldier, a Texas cowboy, stopped by headquarters to say he had seen some "mighty fine horseflesh" he had never seen before. Claude went with the young soldier, only to discover that the white horses were the famous Lipizzans of Vienna. During the Russian occupation of Vienna, the people had missed their beloved Lipizzans. Claude reported the location of the horses to General Patton, who promptly executed a rescue mission to have the horses brought back to Vienna in trucks and other vehicles, thus endearing the Third Army to the people of Vienna.

Claude was awarded the Croix de Guerre avec Etoile de Vermeil by General Juin of the French Army and the Legion of Merit for his work in establishing communication facilities and selecting advance command posts for the Third Army. His preparation and publication of the efficient signal operation instructions and procedures for the Third Army resulted in little confusion in signal communications between that time and the end of the war. This was considered a remarkable feat in view of the rapid advance of the Third Army, its changing composition and variety of missions.

Upon retirement as a colonel in April 1946, Claude returned to Newellton, Louisiana and resumed his work on McKinley Plantations. In 1953, he and Eulamay moved to her hometown, El Dorado, Arkansas, where they remained until his death. Claude was active in community and church affairs. Among his civic accomplishments were: President, El Dorado Chamber of Commerce; Planning Commission; President, Rotary Club; and Governor, District 617, Rotary International. He received a "Paul Harris Fellow" award, Rotary International's highest honor. Active in adult education at First United Methodist Church, Claude served as coordinator of Adult Education, Little Rock Conference.

During these years, he and Eulamay took many trips to Europe and Russia. They also took a world tour that included stops in the Far East and Middle East, including Israel and Greece.

Claude had Parkinson's Disease but succumbed to pneumonia five days before his 94th birthday.

During his lifetime, he served his country well in both world wars. He served God and his fellow men in religious education in the church and was a leader in his community.

Eulamay Haswell and a niece,
Pamela Patterson

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Samuel Pickens Collins

NO. 7945 CLASS OF 1926

Died 21 July 1983 in Walter Reed Army Medical Center Washington, D.C., aged 80 years.

Internment: Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

Samuel Pickens Collins

SAMUEL PICKENS COLLINS WAS born in Charleston, South Carolina on 6 May 1903, the son of Robert Wilber and Annabelle (Pickens) Collins. Raised in an Army family, he became accustomed to moving around in his early years. His father's Coast Artillery assignments took him to Pensacola, Ft H.G. Wright, Port Townsend, and Eugene and then to high school at Fort Leavenworth. His aspirations for a military career were influenced by his father and grandfather (Col. Samuel Pickens). He attended Shadman's Preparatory School before entering West Point.

Appointed to the Military Academy from Quarry Heights, Canal Zone, Panama, "Pick," as he was known to everyone, stood out above all because of his six foot four inch height. As a cadet, he was easy going and unperturbed, with a grand tolerance and understanding for others. He exhibited qualities that were destined to assure his military success in the years that lay ahead. His extracurricular interests were swimming, marksmanship and ham radio.

Upon graduation and commissioning in the Field Artillery, Pick's first assignment was at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. During the next four years he was assigned to artillery units at Ft Davis, Canal Zone and Ft Myer, and attended the Battery Officers Course at Ft Stll.

In the winter of 1932, while attending the Signal Communications Course at Fort Monmouth, Pick took a payless furlough to Nassau with Stanley Bonner '27 and there met Ada Kathleen Utting, a Canadian from Toronto, whom he married in May 1933.

After Pick's graduation from the Signal School in 1933, his continued interest in communications lead to his assignment to the Signal Corps in 1936, and he spent the next four years at Radio Station "War", the War Department Message Center in Washington, D.C. During this period, he had additional duty as officer in charge of the Army Amateur Radio System, forerunner of the present MARS. In 1940, he was transferred to Wright-Patterson Field, Ohio, where he was in charge of aircraft radio repair. He later became Chief of the Signal Section, Air Service Command. In 1942, he became Chief, Communications Control Group, Military Intelligence Service, G-2 War Department General Staff.

His assignment was again changed in 1943, and he became Deputy Chief, Signal Security Agency. From there he transferred to Signal Section, Headquarters, Armed Forces Mid-Pacific, Hawaii. One of his outstanding jobs there was the tracking of Japanese balloons by radio directon finding as they crossed the Pacific. Pick's efforts here materially contributed to the gathering of information that led to the final defeat of the Japanese. From 1945 to 1947, he was Chief, Army Security Agency Pacific in Okinawa, Manila and then Tokyo.

After a brief period on the Signal Corps Board, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, he attended the National War College, Fort McNair, DC. Upon graduation in 1949, he became Deputy Director, National Security Agency in Washington. He served there until 1961, when he became Signal Officer, Third Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia.

In 1953, he returned to Washington as chief of the Personnel and Training Division of the Office of the Chief Signal Officer and, in 1954, became the Commanding General Signal Corps Training Center, Camp Gordon, Georgia. Once again, he returned to his old stomping grounds in 1955 and was assigned as Deputy and later the Chief of the Army Security Agency at Arlington Hall Station, Virginia up to his retirement in July 1956.

After military retirement, Pick began a second career as an executive and project officer with RCA Service Company's Government Service Department,Technical Operations Activity. He served on the Talos Project and later headed the Technical Operations' Washington office in support of Army communications security projects. In 1965, his retirement from RCA gave him the opportunity to concentrate on the more meaningful things in life, namely reading about historical events, enjoying electronic hobbies, planning USMA luncheons, visiting children and traveling to exotic overseas places of interest.

Memorial services were held for Pick at the Fort Myer Chapel, Arlington National Cemetery, on 26 July 1983. His family, classmates and their wives, other graduates, military associates and friends were there to honor him. He is remembered as a kind and gentle person, a man of outstanding military qualities and aptitude in the field of communications, dedicated to the service of his country, and also as a loving husband and father, and a great friend to those who were privileged to know him.

Pick is survived by his wife Ada, who lives at the "Fairfax" near Ft Belvoir; his son Sam, a retired colonel, Class of '58, living with his wife in Novato; his daughter Annabelle, who lives with her husband in San Rafael, Ca; and his sister Elise, who resides in Atlanta.

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Charles Bertody Stone, III

NO. 8151 CLASS OF 1927

Died 17 March 1992 in Tucson, Arizona, aged 88 years.

Interment: U.S. Air Force Academy Cemetery, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Charles Bertody Stone, III

CHUCK STONE WAS BORN at Ft. McPherson, Georgia, the son of West Pointer Col. Charles B. Stone, Jr., an infantry officer and volunteer during the war with Spain, and Katherine Bonesteel, herself the daughter of Major Charles Hartwell Bonesteel, USMA 1876.

With such a service background, it seemed natural that Chuck attend the Military Academy, and he called that time at West Point one of the most enjoyable in his life. He graduated in the class of 1927 and, two years later, entered the Air Corps flying school at Brooks Field, Texas. Chuck was awarded his wings at Kelly Field in March 1930 and, from then until his retirement in 1957, served as an active command pilot in the Air Force.

Assignments ranged from flying the airmail in 1934 to serving as chief of staff to George E. Stratemeyer, USMA 1915, commander of the American-British Eastern Air Command in India-Burma from August 1943 to July 1945 and as commander of the 14th Air Force in China from August 1945 until its deactivation in December 1945.

During his time as director of Maintenance Supply and Services at the Air Materiel Command from 1947 to 1959, Chuck attended the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University's business school, and, while he might have been a compromise candidate, he was elected president of the class of 1949 by his civilian classmates. He later served Harvard Business School as a member of the visiting committee (1957-1958).

Chuck received his third star in 1951 and was assigned to Headquarters USAF as Deputy Chief of Staff Comptroller. In 1955, he was named commander of the Continental Air Command with headquarters at Mitchell Field, N.Y. Two years later, in June 1957, he retired from the Air Force and entered the business world as president of the Aerospace Division of the Abex Corporation from 1960 until 1970 and subsequently as chariman of the board of Ventura International, Inc.

A devoted family man, Chuck was married in 1931 to Emma Winburn (Ama) Smalley, with whom he had three children: Gigi Hooker, 1932; Col. C.B. (Chico) Stone IV, USMA 1957, 1934; and "post-war dividend" Claudia Avitabile, 1948. There are nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Their longest station was between 1960 and 1981 in Los Angeles, where the Stones made many friends through their association with the Los Angeles Country Club. Ama died July 6, 1980, just shy of their 50th wedding anniversary.

On Aug. 4, 1981, Chuck and Martha Hickam Fink, widow of Colonel Rudolph Fink, USMA 1929, and daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Horace M. Hickam, USMA 1908 (of Hickam Air Force Base fame) were married, causing him to celebrate his great fortune at being married to two such fine ladies.

Chuck and Martha spent almost 11 years together in Tucson, Arizona, where they made scores of friends through volunteer, church and social activities. Chuck died there at the age of 88, only weeks after dancing at the wedding reception of his grandson and namesake, "Stoney" Hooker.

During his military career, Chuck was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with cluster, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star Medal; the Commander of the Bath, Great Britain; and the Tashou Cloud Banner Medal and the Lo Shu decoration of the Republic of China. Of his many awards, Chuck was most pleased with the "Expression of Esteem" by his seven key officers at the Air Materiel Command which cited "his outstanding devotion to duty, professional knowledge and exemplary leadership."

Martha adds: "Nothing in the foregoing factual account of Chuck's life, written by him, suggests how much he was loved and admired by all who knew him. His modesty, care of others, frank devotion to God and country, made friends for him everywhere. He was, truly, an outstanding man."

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Jaromir Jan Pospisil

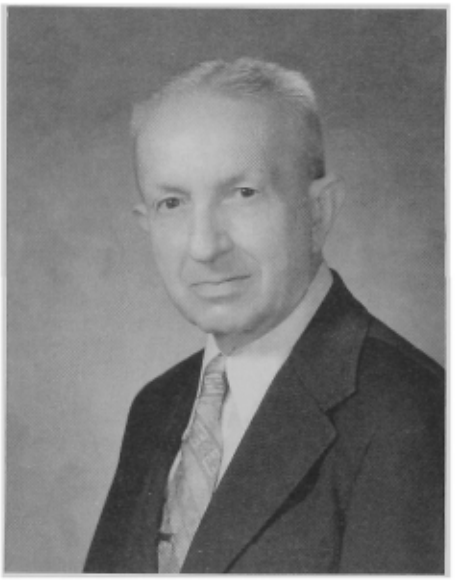
NO. 8950 CLASS OF 1930

Died 17 December 1991 in Lincoln, Nebraska, aged 85 years.

Interment. Wilber Czech Cemetery, Wilber Nebraska.

JAROMIR (JERRY) JAN POSPISIL was born 8 February 1906 in Wilber, Nebraska, the son of Vaclav and Terezie Kohout Pospisil. Both parents were born in Czechoslovakia, and all conversation at home was in their native language. This forced Jerry to become bilingual at a very early age, an attribute which served him well during post World War II years in the Office of Military Government, Bavaria. It also instilled in him an avid interest in the study of many other languages for the rest of his life.

After high school, Jerry obtained employment at the local post office and, because of his pleasing personality and devotion to work, was encouraged by his co-workers and other city officials to take the USMA entrance exam.



Jaromir Jan Pospisil

He won the appointment in 1926 from the 4th Congressional District of Nebraska.

Extracurricular activities as a cadet included football, fencing, rifle and pistol marksmanship, but, most of all, extensive reading. Perhaps the admiration of his classmates can best be expressed by the following excerpt from the 1930 yearbook: *"Pos" doesn't say much, but it isn't because he doesn't know what to say, for we have found him very well-versed even in the rarest topics. Never in a hurry, and never late, "Pos" early found that happy medium so precious to all. A lack of temper and a host of patience blended with that cheerful willingness not only gives "Pos" a splendid character, but has led him to conquer Tolstoy, Nietzsche, Carlyle, and the like.*

Jerry's first assignment was to the 17th Infantry, Fort Crook, Nebraska. In 1933, he attended the Infantry School at Fort Benning, and from there was assigned to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii (1934). In 1937, he joined the 16th Infantry, Fort Jay, New York, and in August of that year married Clare Cerny of Wilber, Nebraska. Jerry changed career fields in 1939 after attending the Quartermaster School, Philadelphia. Subsequent significant assignments were: Fort Sill (QM, 1940); Camp Wallace (QM, 1941); Fort Leavenworth (Command and General Staff School, 1942); Camp Howze, 84th Infantry (QM, 1942); Charlottesville, Virginia (School of Military Government, 1943); World War II—France, Belgium, Germany, with specific assignment to Military Government of Bavaria because of his fluent use of the Czech language and intimate knowledge of Slavic customs (1943-1946); Lowell Textile Institute, Massachusetts (Awarded Master's Degree in Textile Engineering, 1946-1947); New York City (Executive Officer, NY Purchasing Division, 1948); Atlanta, Georgia (colonel, Chief of Atlanta QM Procurement District, 1950); Germany (Chief of QM Procurement for Northern Area Command, 1952); Fort Carson (QM 8th Division, 1955); Fort MacArthur (Headquarters Staff, 1957).

Jerry received a disability retirement on 1 January 1960 after suffering severe migraine headaches during the last half of his career. Among Jerry's decorations, perhaps the one he appreciated most was the Czechoslovakian War Cross, presented to him by the then

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democratic government of Czech President Benes. After the war, Jerry personally sponsored two Czech families for U.S. citizenship; both rapidly achieved success in our country.

After retirement, Jerry vigorously pursued his hobbies of reading, travel, study of languages and research on Czech heritage. He did graduate work in educational psychology, taught for a short time, and was a member of Phi Delta Kappa and Psi Chi. Other memberships included American Legion, Nebraska Historical Society, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Scottish Rite, National Sojourners, Masons, and Disabled American Veterans.

Jerry and Clare relocated several times trying to find a climate more suitable for Clare's severe rheumatoid arthritis, but they finally settled in Wilber, Nebraska, their childhood home. Clare died in January 1972. There were no children.

Along with finding solace in his books and studies, Jerry devoted much time to translating Czech documents at the Wilber library. For this work he was presented the King Charles Award given to a person of Czech descent who has made notable accomplishments. Through these activities he met his second wife, Alvine Upitis, whom he married in September 1974.

Alvine was of Latvian descent, and their interests and mutual understanding gave them love-filled golden years together. Jerry took an active interest in Alvine's family and was fascinated with his three step-grandchildren, helping them with their studies, playing with them, and loving them as his own as they grew. Although late in life, Jerry became a wonderful father and grandfather.

The last year of his life, Jerry was hospitalized for the effects of Alzheimer's disease. God, with his mercy, did not let him linger through the final stages of the disease, and, on 17 December 1991, Jerry died of a heart attack. He was a proud man, and that's the way he would have wanted it.

Joseph L. Pospisil, Class of 1949, nephew, and Alvine Upitis Pospisil, wife

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Marcellus Duffy

NO. 9066 CLASS OF 1931

Died 3 July 1992 in Providence, R.I., aged 83 years.

Interment: Forest Chapel Cemetery, Barrington, Rhode Island.

MARCELLUS DUFFY WAS BORN in New Bern, North Carolina, on 28 October 1908, the son of Dr. Leinster and Bertha (Kafer) Duffy.

While still in high school, he entered the 117th Band Unit of the National Guard at Fort Bragg, N.C. He proudly displayed on his bedroom wall the 6" x 31" long picture of the uniformed unit members taken in 1964. At that time he also was Assistant Director of his high school orchestra and manager of his own group, the Dixie Melody Boys Jazz Orchestra. His calling card read, "Music as you like it, hot and sweet."

His high school yearbook described him as a geometry genius, who was there when anyone needed to work out a difficult problem, and as a radio bug. It was predicted that he would succeed in anything he attempted. Upon graduation from high school, he traveled to Washington, D.C., where he worked for the telephone company at a salary of $12 a week.

Marcellus Duffy

He then received his congressional appointment to West Point.

He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1931 and from the Air Force Flying School at Randolph and Kelly AFB, Texas in 1932. He completed post-graduate meteorological studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1938 and graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C. in 1952.

One of his first assignments as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force was in Panama, where he located the wrecked plane of the Secretary of the Government and brought him and his family to safety. It was here, too, that he met his future wife, Emily Patterson, who was visiting her uncle, Colonel Frank Applin, Chief Signal Officer at the Quarry Heights Headquarters.

During World War II, Marc contributed immeasurably to the success of the meteorological equipment program of the worldwide Army Air Forces Weather Services. His achievements in the technical development of radar and other new technology so revolutionized weather science as to have a marked effect upon combat air operations. After the war, he organized and led the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories and was Command Officer of the Alaskan Air Weather Service. His pioneering work strongly influenced the field of meteorology as practiced today.

From 1952 to1955, he was Director of Research at Wright Air Development Center in Dayton, Ohio and from 1955-1957 was Director of Personnel at the Air Research and Development Command in Baltimore, Maryland. As a result of his technical experience and outstanding executive talents, he was eminently successful in formulating and directing personnel policies pertaining to the utilization, development and retention of technical personnel. His programs were of inestimable value to the advancement of personnel management.

He was awarded the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster for exceptionally meritorious conduct and was listed in the 1955 edition of American Men of Science. Colonel Duffy's brilliant Air Force career ended in 1957, when he retired from active duty after more than 26 years of service. It was at this point that he was able to focus his energies full-time on his lifelong passion, the stock market.

Marc Duffy was above all a student possessed of an unquenchable curiosity about everything. As a cadet at West Point, he bought some shares in Ivar Krugar's match empire three weeks before Krugar shot himself and the match empire collapsed. This catalyst set Marc to studying the stock market from both a technical and fundamental point of view, and he continued these studies during his Air Force career, while lying in the shade of an airplane wing in China or manning a vital administrative billet in this country.

For 35 years, he was successful as an investment consultant, first to Sturgess Chaffee and Hazard and, subsequently, to Associated Estates, with great benefit to those orgazizations and, through them, to many individuals and institutions. He was a regular attendee at financial analyst meetings and impressed not only the audience but also the speakers with his probing questions.

Marc continually challenged himself and others to ask questions, to seek answers and to set goals. He loved research and was very pleased in 1990 to be asked by Dr. Joseph Fletcher (Ret. Col. U.S.A.F.) to act as a consultant on a governemt project with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

We have lost a wonderfully capable advisor, a loyal and dear friend and a beloved husband and father. His commitment to his career was surpassed only by his devotion to his family, including his grandson John, who carries on his interest in and work with financial investments, his grandson Patrick, whom he was proud to see graduate from M.I.T. in 1989 and his granddaughter Melissa, who delivered, on his eighty-third birthday, his great grandson and namesake, Jesse Marcellus.

In addition to his wife, he leaves two daughters, Patricia D. Breen of Barrington and Michelle Duffy of West Hartford, Connecticut; a son, Marcellus Duffy, Jr. of California; a brother, Charles Duffy of New Bern, North Carolina; four grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Michelle Duffy, Benjamin Sturgess, and Joseph Fletcher

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William Madison Garland

NO. 9572 CLASS OF 1932

Died 17 May 1991 in Santa Monica, California, aged 82 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

MADDY WAS BORN IN Van Aylstine, Texas, a tiny town about 30 miles north of Dallas, on 17 September 1908. After graduating from Polytechnic High School in Fort Worth and spending a year at North Texas Agricultural College in Arlington, Maddy got his congressional appointment to West Point.

Maddy and I were in the same company all four years as cadets and I got to know him quite well. He was quiet, not shy, just quiet. He was a regular at our after-taps poker games. Sixty years before I wrote this, his biography in the 1932 *Howitzer* said, "He is quiet, unassuming, modest, and content to let others be back in the limelight, yet, when the time comes, 'Maddy' acts." And Maddy took whatever action was necessary up until his end.

Upon graduation from West Point in 1932,

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William Madison Garland

Maddy went to Randolph Field and to Kelly Field at San Antonio, Texas for primary and basic flight training followed by the advanced course at March Field, California, which earned him his wings as an Army Air Corps pilot.

During the next several years, he commanded a bomber group, then a reconnaissance squadron in the Canal Zone after which he returned to Kelly field in 1939 as an instructor and echelon commander.

As it was for everyone in the military, the tempo for Maddy was stepped up considerably by the attack on Pearl Harbor.

When we were all scrambling, Maddy was working and perfecting our daylight bombing technique. General Frederick L. Anderson acknowledged Maddy's contribution quite plainly: "This is the man to whom the entire civilized world owes a debt of gratitude."

In the U.K., Maddy was the Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations, of the Eighth Bomber Command, then Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, of the Eighth Air Force as they did their work over Europe. Among other decorations, Maddy received the Belgian Croix de Guerre avec Palme, the French Croix de Guerre avec Palme, and the U.S. Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Back in the states, Maddy was successively Chief of the Air Force Technical and Services Branch, Deputy Chief of the Air Force Training Division and Deputy A-3, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

In July 1947, Maddy was a student at the Air War College of the newly established Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base. From there, he became Assistant Commandant of the USAF Bomber School at Mather AFB, then commander of the 3534th Bomber Training Group at Mather.

He attended the National War College in 1951 and received his promotion to brigadier general later that year. It was well earned all along the way. In 1951-52, Maddy was Deputy to the Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, then, in 1952-53, he was Commander of the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright Field.

In 1954, Maddy retired from active duty in the military but not from very active participation in the civilian world about him. He went to the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica, which had recruited him as a consultant immediately after his retirement. After three years with them, Maddy became a prime mover in Southern California's burgeoning aerospace industry and held an executive positon with the parent company of TRW in El Segundo. He later went with Rockwell.

Maddy was a tireless community activist. In 1977, he received his community's Sparkplug Award for his work on the Safety on Sunset committee, which was reponsible for numerous strategically placed signs asking motorists to slow down.

He was a frequent participant in the Pacific Palisades 4th of July parade, twice as Reviewing Officer and as Grand Marshal in 1985.

Other community involvements included membership in the Rotary Club, Community Council, Garden Club and the Pacific Palisades Historical Society. At the Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church he served on the governing body of the Session. He also was superintendent of the Church School and a deacon.

I started this article by saying I knew Maddy intimately from plebe year, when we were in the same company until we graduated. After that, I saw him at various times during our separate careers and got to know his Mary Lillian during our class reunions. They have a daughter, Pamela Miller of Danville, California and two granddaughters, Sheri and Kim.

In Maddy's résumé for his civilian career, he wrote, "To serve honorably and well in the community and for the nation; to recognize and respect the worth of character and the power of kindness; to be aware of the influence of example and the obligaton of duty."

To the best of his ability, that is the creed by which Maddy Garland lived.

Ken Zitzman, classmate

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Edward Deane Marshall

NO. 9721 CLASS OF 1933

Died 1 January 1992 in Las Vegas, Nevada, aged 80 years

Interment: Cremation, West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

EDWARD D. MARSHALL (TED) was born in Dallas, Texas on 18 April 1911. His high school years were spent at the New York Military Academy, where he became proficient in the art of music. He conducted the cadet orchestra and chorus and graduated with an appointment to the United States Military Academy.

Upon graduation from West Point, he attended Flying School, which took him back to Texas. From there he served in the Army Air Corps in World War II. After the invasion of Morocco, which lasted five days, he was recalled to Washington to work as a member of the Air Force Board, which was reorganizing the Air Force functions. At this point, the Air Force separated from the Army, and the reorganization produced units similar to today's Tactical Air Command, Strategic Air Command, and Air Defense Command. Returning to active participation in the war effort, he saw action throughout Europe and the Pacific.

While in Germany, although he had little time to devote to his hobby of music, he managed to write music for the German people. He said that German music was extremely different from

Edward Deane Marshall

that to which we are accustomed, and it gave him a chance to write music of a more classical style. Also, while there, he was fortunate in being asked to conduct the Berlin Symphony Orchestra.

His assignment in Germany was unique. He was a review judge in charge of reviewing all cases of those persons charged in the Nuremberg Trials. Trying war criminals was an entirely new experience and a difficult job.

After serving in Germany, Ted was appointed Deputy Chief of U.S. Intelligence in Europe and the Middle East. A tour of duty in the Korean conflict was his last assignment. He retired as a command pilot. He and his wife, Judy Starr retired in Las Vegas, Nevada. Judy died in April 1975.

Ted went to work for the State of Nevada in 1979 in the employment security department and retired from there in 1989. He died of lung cancer on 1 January 1992. He is survived by his daughter.

Patricia Pflueger, daughter

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Karl Trueheart Gould

NO. 10128 CLASS OF 1934

Died 19 November 1991 in Port Charlotte, Florida, aged 83 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

KARL TRUEHEART GOULD was born in Huntington, West Virginia, on 4 September 1908. He was the second son of a railroad engineer and a nurse and grew up in West Virginia and Ely, Nevada, where he acquired a lifetime love of outdoor activities and became an accomplished shooter and athlete. He was appointed to West Point by Senator Henry Drury Hatfield of West Virginia and originally entered with the Class of 1931. He had a distinguished athletic career, participating in A squad football and boxing and becoming the captain of the Pistol Team and the Academy record holder in that sport. Due to academic difficulties and athletic-related injuries and their surgical aftermath, he graduated with the Class of 1934. At that time, he was the oldest man ever to

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Karl Trueheart Gould

graduate (26 years and 9 months) and earned the nickname "Pop," which followed him throughout his life.

At graduation, he married Doris Watson of Lawrence, Kansas. He was commissioned in the Horse Cavalry and posted to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Bliss, Texas, where he excelled in leadership and horsemanship. At the Cavalry School in Fort Knox, Kentucky he won the Draper Trophy, a decathlon-like competition for company grade cavalry officers.

In 1940, he was assigned as an Assistant Military Attaché and language student in Tokyo, Japan. He was interned in the American Embassy at the outbreak of World War II and repatriated in August 1942 in the first Japanese-American prisoner exchange. He was immediately assigned to the Japanese language Intelligence School in Fort Snelling, Minnesota, to recruit and train Japanese-Americans for the war effort. This was the first of a career-long series of assignments related to Sino-Soviet intelligence. In 1943, he was assigned to the JCS in the Office of Japanese Intelligence. This was followed by an intelligence assignment in the China-Burma-India Theater.

Following the war, he attended the Army Command and Staff School at Fort Leavenworth and was then reassigned to China, where he served against Mao's armies as an advisor to the Chinese Nationalist Army in the Chinese Civil War. In 1947, he returned to the U.S. and was assigned to the JCS but shortly thereafter was named to the initial cadre of the newly formed Central Intelligence Agency. In 1950, he was given command of the 66th Medium Tank Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas. This was followed by an assignment as the G-3 of the reactivated 1st Armored Division, also at Fort Hood. In 1951, he attended the Air War College at Maxwell Field, Alabama, as a guest of the Air Force. He was then designated the Deputy J-2 of the Alaskan Theater at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Anchorage, Alaska.

He returned to the Washington, D.C. area in 1954 and was assigned to the Intelligence Group of the JCS. He served in this capacity until 1957, when he was transferred to CINCPAC, in Hawaii, as Deputy J-2 of the Pacific Theater. He returned to the Pentagon for another JCS intelligence assignment in 1960 and was part of the initial cadre of the Defense Intelligence Agency. He retired as the DIA Deputy Director for Production in 1964. He was the only U.S. officer ever to serve four tours of duty with the JCS. His decorations included the Bronze Star and two of the highest Republic of China medals for valor and service. Upon retirement, he was presented the Distinguished Service Medal.

Following retirement and a European vacation, he and Doris settled in Port Charlotte, Florida, where he renewed his interests in outdoor activities and enjoyed fishing, golf, and historical research. He died in late 1991 after an 18-month illness. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Doris; a son Karl, who is a West Point graduate of the Class of 1960 and a self-employed consulting engineering in Colorado; and four grandchildren. He is remembered by those who served with him as a great leader and soldier and one of the finest intelligence officers the U.S. has ever produced. He had a nearly uncanny ability to grasp Sino-Soviet intentions and predict their actions. As a soldier in the front line of the Cold War for over 15 years, it was altogether fitting that he lived to see the collapse of the Soviet hegemony.

Karl T. Gould II, son

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Harry Jenkins Hubbard

NO. 10042 CLASS OF 1934

Died 13 February 1991 in El Paso, Texas, aged 81 years.

Interment: Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas.

Harry Jenkins Hubbard

HARRY JENKINS HUBBARD was born 1 December 1909 in Devisadero, El Salvador, the elder son of Harry Jenkins Hubbard, a mining engineer, and Jessie Bogel Hubbard. Following the death of his father in July 1914, Harry was raised by his mother and grandparents, Judge and Mrs. W.W. Bogel, West Texas pioneers, in Marfa, Texas.

Harry's early life was that of a West Texas cattle rancher's grandson, working as a ranch hand each summer and on weekends during the school year. Given Harry's upbringing and this background, he experienced few problems in the Riding Hall or on small arms ranges. These were exciting times along the West Texas border—most men wore revolvers and carried rifles when outside of town. U.S. Army cavalry and infantry units from Camp Marfa actively patrolled the Rio Grande, and forays by large groups of bandits from south of the river occasionally resulted in bloodshed. It was truly the last flickering twilight of the "Old West".

Harry graduated from Marfa High School and, after sampling plebe years at both the Naval Academy and Texas A&M, he joined the Class of 1934 at West Point, graduating on 12 June of that year. The following day, he married Charlotte Nina Nanson of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Harry's first assignment was with the 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Bliss. After various troop assignments at Schofield Barracks and Fort Sill, he graduated from the Field Artillery Course in 1940. He then served his first staff tour as S-3 and executive officer of the 1st Field Artillery Battalion, 6th Infantry Division, Fort Leonard Wood.

Upon activation of the 84th Infantry Division (Railsplitters) at Camp Howze, Texas, Harry was assigned as division artillery S-3. Subsequently, he organized and commanded the division's 325th Field Artillery Battalion. In Europe, the battalion participated in the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central European campaigns. The Railsplitters' combat role ended on the Elbe River's west bank, facing disorganized hordes of German soldiers desperately attempting to cross the river to surrender to U.S. forces. Harry was awarded the Silver and Bronze Star medals and the Legion of Merit for his wartime service.

In 1946, Harry was assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Forces European Theater, in Frankfurt. In November, he was joined by Charlotte and their children. However, the anticipated European interlude was severely shortened when he received orders to Fort Leavenworth in the spring of 1947, and the family departed Germany in June of that year.

Upon graduation from the Command and General Staff College in 1948, Harry was assigned to the Organization and Training Division, Army General Staff. Following graduation from the Armed Forces Staff College in 1950, he returned to the Pentagon for duty in Plans Division, G-4, and, after graduating from the Army War College in 1954, he was assigned to Korea, initially as 7th Infantry Division Artillery Executive Officer and acting commander, and then as G-2, Eighth Army (Forward). Upon Harry's return to Fort Bliss, he served as commander, School Brigade, and then as director, Command and Staff Department.

Harry retired on 31 July 1958, with over 24 years of active duty service, in order to pursue the cattle ranching business near Marfa. During the sixties, he served as president of the Marfa Chamber of Commerce and was active in several other civic organizations. He purchased a second ranch in the central Texas hill country near San Antonio. However, Harry's deteriorating health forced him to sell the central Texas property and to curtail most outdoor activities by the decade's end, when he and Charlotte moved to El Paso, Texas. Harry continued looking after the family ranch near Marfa but ran few livestock.

In 1973, Harry undertook the first of two consecutive terms as president of the El Paso West Point Society. During this period, he revived and further developed an old interest

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in woodworking, producing magnificent wood furniture from wood stock. In 1979, Harry accepted appointment as chairman of the committee to select the Class of 1934's fiftieth reunion gift to West Point. The gift, twelve granite benches on Trophy Point, was formally presented to the Superintendent in June 1984. In 1990, after many years of meticulous research in both the United States and Europe, Harry published "The Genealogy of the Hubbard and Bogel Families of Presidio County, Texas"

Harry died of pulmonary fibrosis shortly after noon on 13 February 1991. He was buried on 15 February in the Fort Bliss National Cemetery in an impressive military ceremony dominated by a large, floral Railsplitter patch. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte; five children, Harry, Jeffrey, Carolyn, Barbara and Bruce; sixteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Several months after Harry's death, Charlotte received a letter which is a fitting tribute to Harry's career as a West Point alumnus and as a soldier. The letter was written by the daughter of a 325th battery commander who wrote that her father "said over and over again that he knew it was because of Colonel Hubbard's excellent leadership that (the battalion) suffered relatively few casualties."

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Herbert Mills Cady

NO. 10461 CLASS OF 1936

Died 26 September 1991 in Sarasota, Florida, aged 80 years.

Interment: St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Herbert Mills Cady

HERBERT MILLS CADY was born on 6 January 1911, in Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone, where his father was building the Canal. He was the second of three children born to Leo and Violet Cady. Shortly after his birth, they moved to Hartford, Connecticut, where Herb grew up.

Growing up during the Depression had a lifelong influence on Herb. When his father was laid off as a master machinist, the only available work was picking cotton. Herb saw his father come home day after day painfully bent over and blistered by the sun. The image of his father refusing to quit despite obvious pain remained with Herb the rest of his life. His reaction was to resolve never to be dependent on someone else.

Earning an education became very important to Herb. After graduating from high school at fifteen, he wanted to continue his education. His interest in engineering led him to the University of Alabama. He saved enough money to go there in 1927-1928 but was discouraged when he found the math courses to be no better than the ones he had had in high school. One of the positive aspects of his time there was his starting of the university's tennis team. Nights spent fighting the heat and bedbugs more than prepared him for Beast Barracks.

After his year at Alabama, he returned to Hartford, where he worked for three years for a large casualty insurance company. Though happy there he still felt the need to further his education.

In 1931, he saw a notice of competitive exams for West Point and Annapolis. He found he was too old to enter Annapolis, so he intended to take the exams for West Point. However, unknown to him, an administrative error occurred with Herb being given the Annapolis exams instead. He received the top score but could not accept the appointment because of his age. He talked with the senator who had sponsored the exams. The senator suggested that perhaps Herb could trade his principal appointment to Annapolis for the alternate to West Point. The winner of the alternate to West Point was happy to make the trade. When the winner of the principal appointment to West Point failed his physical, Herb was in with the Class of 1935.

Herb distinguished himself both in the classroom and on the playing field. He was first in the Class of '35, earned his Stars, and was Captain of "L" Company. He earned a Major "A" in tennis, where his proudest achievement was winning the New York State Intercollegiate Doubles with his roommate, Dan Daly.

In the Spring of 1935, a few months before graduating, he was hit in the left kidney by a hockey puck. The injured kidney had to be removed at Walter Reed shortly afterwards. This was followed by a prolonged convalescence in Colorado. He returned to West Point in the Spring of 1936. Because of his outstanding record, he graduated without a commission as a member of the Class of 1936.

After leaving West Point, he joined the Philadelphia Agency of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. His leadership skills learned at West Point served him well as he rose quickly to become General Manager of the agency. His employees knew he expected their best efforts, and they rarely disappointed him. His agency ranked first in the company during many of his years as manager.

His career was again cut short by illness, this time chronic bronchitis. He retired because of physical disability at the age of 58 and spent the next twenty-two years between Sarasota, Florida and Damariscotta, Maine. His interest in a variety of things did not end with his retirement. He loved to read, garden, boat, and play golf. He was active in the power squadron and in community associations.

Two years after leaving West Point, he married his sweetheart of eleven years, Adele Dayton. They raised three children, instilling in them the same sense of honor, integrity, self-discipline, and hard work for which Herb had been known throughout his life. When Adele became terminally ill, Herb chose to care for her at home himself. He learned many new abilities needed to assist her and finally to enable her to die at home with him at her side. After her death in 1984, he remained in Sarasota.

His diploma, hat, and dress uniform hang on the wall of the family cottage in Maine, a reminder of what was important to Herb throughout his life—duty, honor, and country.

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Benjamin Franklin Evans, Jr.

NO. 10716 CLASS OF 1936

Died 2 September 1991 in Reston, Virginia, aged 78 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Benjamin Franklin Evans, Jr.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN EVANS, JR., was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, the son of Benjamin Franklin Evans and Minnie (Guyler) Evans.

Entering West Point in 1932, he was assigned to "I" Company. During his cadet years, he displayed the characteristics that would be the baseline of his service in the Army. As one roommate stated, "Ben had the loyalty, determination, and sense of duty so important career-wise and the personality and character that made him a trusted and good friend." He sang in the Cadet Chapel Choir for four years and was a member of the 100th Night Singing Chorus his first-class year.

On the day after graduation, he married Marjorie Hughes in the Cadet Chapel. This union sired four sons and one daughter, and was a source of great strength and happiness.

Following duty as Tactical Officer for flying cadets at Randolph Field, Texas, he was assigned to the 27th Infantry Regiment, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and was stationed there when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941. Later in the war, he served in the Guadalcanal and New Georgia campaigns, rising to command a battalion. In 1944, he was ordered to the Operations Division, War Department General Staff. After the war, Ben told a classmate that the biggest disappointment in his career came when he could not stay with his battalion until the end of the war.

From 1946 through 1949, he served in the

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Tactical Department at USMA. In 1950, he attended the Armed Forces Staff College and then moved to Heidelberg, Germany to Headquarters, European Command. In 1952 and 1953, he commanded the 18th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division. Returning to the U.S., he was assigned to Headquarters, First Army in New York and then attended the National War College. In 1957, he went to Harvard University to attend the Advanced Management Course. Then followed assignments at the Pentagon, Fort Monroe, Virginia, and command of Army forces in Iceland, Commanding General XIII Corps, Chief of Joint U.S. Military Mission to Turkey, and Special Assistant to Joint Chiefs of Staff for Arms Control. His last tour of duty was Deputy Commanding General of Third Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia. Ben's military decorations include two awards of the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Bronze Star, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Upon retirement, the Evans' moved to Savannah, Georgia, where Ben became Executive Vice President of the Savannah Chamber of Commerce. There he hosted a most enjoyable class reunion and golf tournament. In 1985, Ben and Midge moved to Reston, Virginia in the Washington, D.C. area. A member of Hidden Creek Country Club, he enjoyed golf and played with friends and classmates at country clubs in the area. Ben was well liked by those who knew him and was respected for his integrity and the accomplishments of his career. In his bout with cancer, he maintained great dignity and never complained. He is sorely missed.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Marjorie H. Evans of Reston, Virginia; four children, David W. Evans of Potomac, Maryland; Robert L. Evans of Manhattan Beach, California; Sandra G. Evans of Reston, Virginia and James A. Evans of Vienna, Virginia; two sisters; Faith Butler of Cape Elizabeth, Maine; and Martha McLean of Naples, Florida. His oldest son, Benjamin F. Evans, III, USMA Class of 1960, passed away on 26 October 1983.

A classmate

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Stephen Walsh Holderness

NO. 10505 CLASS OF 1936

Died 14 May 1992 in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, aged 78 years.

Cremated; West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

STEPHEN WALSH HOLDERNESS passed away on Thursday, 14 May 1992, at the Seabrook, Hilton Head Island, where he lived since 1988. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Elsie; two sons: Stephen W. Holderness, Jr. (USMA 1962) and wife Liz of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and Jerome W. Holderness (USMA 1968) and wife Susan of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and five grandchildren: Rebecca Holderness Emmel and husband Michael, Lisa and Stephen III of Cherry Hill, and Margaret and Peter of Albuquerque. Colonel Holderness is also survived by his brother, Brigadier General (Air Force, Retired) A.W. Holderness, Jr. (USMA 1943) and wife Jan, Murietta, California; and two sisters, Jean Holderness Miller and husband Colonel Allen C. Miller (USMA 1936), Carmel, California, and Mary Holderness Roehl and husband Perry, San Antonio, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Stephen Walsh Holdemess

Colonel Holderness was born in Newburgh, New York on 24 November 1913, the oldest child of Colonel Arthur W. (USMA 1905) and Lena Walsh Holderness. The Long Gray Line started with his father's cousin Roy (USMA 1904). Colonel Holderness graduated from the Academy in 1936, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry, and had a distinguished career as an Army officer for thirty-four years, retiring as Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander, U.S. Army, Japan. He served on many posts in the U.S. including West Point as an instructor, Fort Jackson as a Regimental Commander, in the Pentagon, at the Federal Aviation Agency in Washington, D.C. at its inception, and at Fort Dix, New Jersey, as Chief of Staff. Service overseas included assignments in the Philippines, Japan, Korea, and with NATO forces in Greece and Italy, where he was liaison officer with HQ AF South in Naples.

Colonel Holderness retired to Hilton Head Island and settled at Port Royal Plantation in 1968 until he and his wife moved to The Seabrook in July 1988. He was an avid golfer, world traveller, and active in many community affairs.

He took great pride in building and developing his first home. He and his wife were charter members of the Horticulture Society. Local political problems and civic concerns were enthusiastically entered into until ill health began to appear. He had a heart attack in 1970, surgery in 1972 and heart bypass surgery in 1979. Through it all he never lost interest in everything about West Point. In 1988 it became apparent that moving to the Seabrook, the Island retirement community which he assisted in planning, was necessary. The Seabrook was one of the first such developments on the east coast. With the progression of Parkinson's Disease, his activities became more and more restricted until his death on May 14, 1992.

His cremated remains were buried with full military honors at the West Point cemetery next to his parents and a brother. Among the many far-flung relatives attending were his grandchildren, Cadet Margaret Elizabeth Holderness, Class of '95 and Stephen Walsh Holderness, III, then attending West Point Prep School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey before entering West Point in the Class of 1996.

Always a family man, Colonel Holderness took great pleasure in visiting his family and grandchildren semi-annually and making several long, world cruises. His quiet steadfastness, outstanding kindness and intimate concern for his family will always be missed by his wife of fifty years Elsie, his sons and family members.

Stephen Walsh Holderness, Jr., USMA '62
Jerome Weber Holderness, USMA '68

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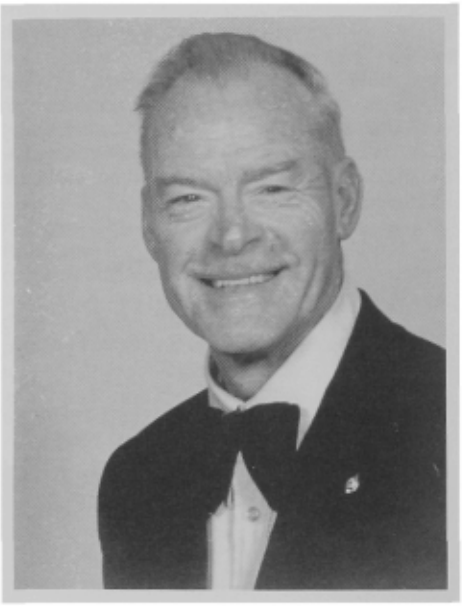
Frank William Andrews

NO. 11015 CLASS OF 1937

Died 12 April 1992 in San Clemente, California, aged 78 years.

Interment: Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, California



Frank William Andrews

THIS BIOGRAPHY WAS WRITTEN by Bill for his 50-Year Book.

Bill writes: "As I leaf reminiscently through our 25th Reunion Book, I feel surges of admiration, pride, and chagrin somewhat greater than which I felt twenty-five years ago. Admiration for my illustrious Classmates, pride that I be included in a book about the Class of 1937, and chagrin that my brief service was so undistinguished. From West Point I had the pleasure of proceeding to Randolph and Kelly Fields, from which I graduated in the Attack Section with the likes of Beau Brummel, Render Denson, Dick Barden, Waxey Leland, Scudder Miller, and others. To some it may seem strange that I voluntarily returned to the Infantry, but I did, and served in the 2nd Battalion of the 28th Infantry with our Jimmie Duncan—and some first lieutenant named Harold K. Johnson. Next I transferred to the Coast Artillery, which resulted in my assignment to Panama in 1940 and consequent frantic activity helping to prepare the antiaircraft defenses of the Canal. There I had the pleasure of serving with Max George and getting a glimpse or two of 'Senator' Ulricson, Johnny Zierdt and O.J. Seaman.

"In 1942, I was returned to the States for hospitalization, then to Camp Davis, where I served as Battalion Commander in the AAA Training Center and Group Executive at the AAA School. There I saw Charlie Young

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frequently; however, my previous illness recurred, and I was retired for physical disability as a lieutenant colonel in 1944. '...Gang aft agley.' With little experimentation with 'cit' life, I finally secured a modest position which permitted me to make plans for an acceptable future. I got married in 1949 to Betty Ann Rotering of Butte, Montana, and our son, Bryan, was born in 1951; Betty and I had a wonderful experience in rearing that boy. He graduated from Stanford in 1973, took his Ph.D. in biophysics at Harvard in 1977, and got his MD at the University of Pennsylvania in 1981. At present, he is practicing anesthesiology in the San Francisco area and enjoying it very much—keeps bothering me with fragmentary discussions of '50% bracket' and 'tax shelters' and that sort of thing! Betty and I designed, and had built in 1971, a modest and comfortable home in San Clemente—a podunk in southern California. Here and now everything is going well for us. In the early seventies we had great pleasure in taking several extensive trips in the U.S. and Canada. Although we have had to curtail the travel activities, we are looking forward to tomorrow with confidence and enjoyment of God's many blessings. And may He similarly bless all my great classmates."

Betty adds: We lived together in San Clemente for 21 years. Bill continued his enjoyment and love of music, and sang in chorales and church choirs. He participated in local organizations—English as a Second Language, Meals on Wheels, Episcopal Service Alliance—and lived a busy and happy life in this serene, pleasant town. He died 12 April 1992. Graveside services were held 15 April 1992 at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, Point Loma, San Diego, California.

By Bill and Betty Andrews

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Francis Burnett Harrison

NO. 11129 CLASS OF 1938

Died 16 January 1990 in Monterey, California, aged 73 years.

Interment: Ashes scattered over the Pacific Ocean near Monterey

"FROM THE PLAINS OF WYOMING..." began his biography in the 1938 *Howitzer*. Born on 28 April 1916 in Lander, Wyoming, Francis Burnett Harrison—or "Tip" as he preferred to be called—had Wyoming in his spirit. His early childhood was spent with his sister Donna on the Four-H-Four Ranch in Dubois, Wyoming, where his parents, Fin and Essie Harrison, raised sheep, and, briefly, silver fox. Tip was raised in the "real" Old West, where times were often difficult. Starting in sixth grade, Tip was sent to school in Lander. He attended Thermopolis High School in Thermopolis for two years and then transferred to Fremont High School in Lander, graduating in 1933. Before his college money was exhausted, he attended the University of Wyoming for two quarters, where he was involved in the ROTC program. He knew that the life of a rancher was not for him, and he was happy to receive a senatorial appointment to the United States Military Academy. Tip entered West Point on 2 July 1934 with the Class of 1938.

At the Academy, he devoted himself to his studies, although he played polo and distinguished himself as a pistol marksman. Pistolsand horses were two things he knew well from his

Francis Burnett Harrison

Wyoming childhood. He also played intramural soccer, lacrosse, water soccer and baseball and ran track. He graduated from USMA on 14 June 1938, 96 out of a class of 301, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

The few years prior to World War II were happy times, and Tip often told stories of his flight training at Randolph Field, Texas. He "washed out" of flight training in 1939 and was reassigned to the West Point Preparatory School at Camp Bullis, Texas. In May of 1939, he was transferred to Fort Sill, Oklahoma and assigned to the 77th Field Artillery. On 7 July 1940, he and Bertha (Bert) Amanda Fausak, whom he had met in his fourth year at West Point, were married in Dubois, Wyoming.

In August of 1942, Tip took command of the 7th Division's 49th Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Ord, California. After undergoing desert warfare training, he led the unit into the battles of Attu, Kwajalein, Leyte and Okinawa, relinquishing command in July of 1945.

Following World War II, he and Bert were stationed at Fort Sill until 1948, when he was sent to Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In May of 1949, a son, Ronald Cameron, was born. After graduation from C&GSC, Tip was reassigned to GHQ, Far East Command in Tokyo, Japan, where he served in the G-1 section of General MacArthur's staff during the Korean Conflict. In 1952, the family returned to the United States, where Tip was sent to the Army Comptroller Program at Syracuse University; he received his Master's in Business Administration on 7 August 1953. His follow-on assignment was at the Pentagon, where he was assigned until 1955, during which time a second son, Richard Noble, was born in 1953. Subsequent assignments included Deputy Comptroller at Third Army Headquarters at Fort McPherson (1955-1957), Comptroller for the Southern European Task Force (SETAF) in Verona, Italy (1957-1959) and Comptroller for the Sixth Army at the Presidio of San Francisco (1959-1960). In 1960, the family moved to Fort Ord, California, where Tip was assigned as Comptroller until his retirement as a Colonel in 1966. His tenure as Comptroller was interrupted by a one-year unaccompanied tour to South Korea, where he was assigned to Headquarters, I Corps (Group).

His military awards included the Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit, and the Army Commendation medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, among others. Perhaps more important than military awards is a comment received from one soldier who served under his command during World War II: "...the reason that many of these men, including myself, are alive today is due to Colonel Harrison's fine leadership and judgment."

On 1 December 1968, Tip was hired as the Financial Manager at Stanislaus State College in Turlock, California. Although he never openly admitted it, his family knew that of all the jobs he had held in his life, this was the one he loved most. In 1973, he received a Merit Award from the Chancellor of the California State College System. He was loved and respected by his staff and associates. He retired from the College in 1978.

He and Bert moved to "the woods"—to Groveland, California near Yosemite. Although fully retired, Tip kept himself busy working around the house, helping neighbors, and constructing trails, bridges and benches throughout the community greenbelt. He was again able to use those skills he had learned so many years before in Wyoming as a youth. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to neighbors. He assisted a friend in the planning and building of a home and kept neighbors well-supplied with firewood. He and Bert traveled frequently, making a yearly pilgrimage to Wyoming to visit family. In 1981, they purchased a home in Castroville, near Monterey, California, which became their permanent home in 1984.

Tip died 16 January 1990, in the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, of complications arising from cancer of the esophagus. A memorial service was held at Fort Ord on 23 January 1990. According to his wishes, his ashes were scattered over the Pacific Ocean near Monterey, California.

Although he was a private man who did not express his emotions easily, those who knew him well loved him. And they never doubted that they were loved in return.

Tip is survived by his wife Bert of Castroville, California; a son Ron, currently stationed with the U.S. Army in Nuremberg, Germany; a son Rich, in Salinas, California; and two grandsons, Matt and Andy Harrison (who knew him as G.T.—"Grand Tip"), Nuremberg, Germany. Tip's sister, Donna McKenna, still resides in Laramie, Wyoming.

Ronald C. Harrison, with assistance from Bertha F Harrison and Donna McKenna.

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Walter Woodrow Farmer

NO. 11346 CLASS OF 1939

Died 6 August 1944 in Drucourt, France (KIA), aged 28 years.

Interment: Normandy American Cemetery, St. Laurent-Sur-Mer, France.

WALTER WOODROW FARMER was born in Dubach, Louisiana, on 1 January 1916. His parents were Walter E. and Bertha W. Farmer of Ruston, Louisiana.

Walt attended Ruston High School, Ruston, Louisiana and graduated in 1933. From 1933 to 1935, Walt attended Louisiana Polytechnic

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Walter Woodrow Farmer

Institute, which was located in Ruston.

Walt was appointed to the U.S. Military Academy from the 7th District, Arkansas by Rep. Tilman B. Parks. In early 1935 he passed the entrance examination and entered in June.

Walt was an outstanding cadet at West Point. He graduated number 12 in the Class of 1939 (out of 456) and was a cadet lieutenant in B Company. He was a "star man" during his second and first class years. His athletic record included gymnastics in 1936, lacrosse in 1936 and 1937, wrestling in 1938 and 1939, and pentathlon in 1939. He won an "A" in wrestling in 1939, and he was Corps Champ in the 175-pound class in 1938. Walt's other activities included Ring Committee, Camera Club, and Officer, First Class Club.

In the summer of 1939, soon after graduation from West Point, Walt married Marjorie Futrell of Ruston, Louisiana. The wedding took place in Ruston. A son, William, was born in 1942.

When Walt graduated he was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers, but he requested flying training in the Air Corps. He attended Primary Flying School at Dallas, Texas from September to December 1939, and Basic and Advanced Flying Schools at Randolph and Kelly Fields, San Antonio, Texas, from January to June 1940. With his West Point classmates, he was in flying school class 40-C.

After graduation from Advanced Flying School, Walt was assigned as an instructor with the Training Command. Over the next three years he was assigned to a number of training airfields, including Randolph Field and the airfields at Uvalde and Lubbock, Texas. He was the commanding officer at Uvalde. In mid-1943, he went to Mather Field, California, for transition to twin-engine bombers and then was assigned to the 416th Bomb Group, which was based at Lake Charles, Louisiana, and later at Laurel, Mississippi. In February 1944, Walt went with the 416th to Wethersfield Air Base in the U.K. for combat duty in the Ninth Air Force.

In the U.K., Walt was Group Operations Officer of the 416th. He flew combat missions in A-20 aircraft, with which the Group was equipped, and was awarded four Air Medals. Many of his missions were in support of the Normandy landings. On a bombing mission to Drucourt, France, on 6 August 1944, Walt's aircraft was shot down by anti-aircraft fire. His bombardier and navigator were able to bail out, but Walt was unable to get out of the aircraft and was killed. His rank at that time was lieutenant colonel. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. Walt is interred at the Normandy American Cemetery, St. Laurent-Sur-Mer, France.

Walt's untimely death ended a most promising career. His academic and athletic achievements as a cadet at West Point, his demonstrated leadership qualities, his love of flying, and his dedication to the Air Corps would surely have made him a highly successful officer in the post-war Air Force.

Major General Joseph L. Dickman (USAF, Retired), Classmate

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Henry Riggs Sullivan, Jr.

NO. 11427 CLASS OF 1939

Died 7 March 1992 at Riverside, California, aged 76 years.

Ashes interred at U.S. Air Force Academy Cemetery, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Henry Riggs Sullivan, Jr.

BORN ON 15 JULY, 1915, Sully attended public schools in Mount Sterling, Kentucky. After two years at Center College in Danville, he transferred to the U.S. Military Academy in 1935. As a cadet, his academic, leadership and athletic talents were apparent from the beginning. He was Class President, Third Class Year; Class Vice President, Second Class Year; "M" Company Commander, First Class Year. He excelled in football, basketball and lacrosse, and graduated in the upper fifth of the Class. For a time after graduation, he served as assistant football coach.

Commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery, he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps Training Center for pilot training. Lieutenant Sullivan then married the former Margaret Jane Vaughn of Philadelphia, his wife for over 50 years.

During World War II, Sully advanced to the grade of colonel while serving in various training and combat positions. In early 1944, then Lieutenant Colonel Sullivan deployed with his B-29 Superfortress squadron to bases in India and China, and later to the Marianas Islands, where he served as Group Commander. In July 1945, as the designated staff officer of the 21st Bomber Command, under General Curtis E. Lemay, he prepared the training directives for the atomic attacks on Japan.

Following World War II, Sully served in Washington on the U.S. Air Force Staff and in the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project. In 1949, he joined the operations staff of the Strategic Air Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. Four years later, he assumed command of an RB-47 Wing at Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio, where he was promoted to brigadier general. During 1955-1957, he commanded the 21st Air Division at Forbes Air Force Base, Kansas. In 1958, he commanded the 72nd Bombardment Wing at Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico, and then was assigned to the newly completed Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, as its second Commandant of Cadets. While in the position, from 1958 to 1961, he advanced to major general.

In August of 1961, Major General Sullivan began four years in the NATO military echelons, first as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, AIRCENT (Fontainbleau, France), then as chief of the Plans Division at SHAPE, followed by two years as the SACEUR representative to the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.

In August 1965, Sully became the Vice-Commander of the Second Air Force (SAC) at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, where he served until his retirement in 1967. His military decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and the Distinguished Unit Award, each of the latter with cluster.

After retirement, the Sullivan family lived first in Colorado and then Arizona before moving to Air Force Village, West, in Riverside, California. On 7 March 1992, Sully passed away from complications of emphysema. A memorial service was held at Air Force Village, West on 9 March 1992, with interment at the USAF Academy to follow on 21 August 1992.

He is survived by his wife, Jane V. Sullivan of Riverside, California; sons David of McClean, Virginia and Garrett of Denver, Colorado; daughter Susan Johnson; and eight grandchildren.

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Henry Harley Arnold, Jr.

NO. 12206 CLASS OF 1940

Died 20 May 1990 in Sheridan, Wyoming, aged 73 years.

Interment: Sheridan Municipal Cemetery, Sheridan, Wyoming.

HENRY H. ARNOLD., WAS BORN in Coronado, California on 29 January 1917, to H.H. "Hap" Arnold (Class of 1907) and Eleanor Pool Arnold. He was the eldest son and second of five children.

"Hank" had the opportunity to witness the birth of military aviation. He lived with his family in the D.C. area, at March Field, California, and at other air bases. He was with his family at the time of the historic Billy Mitchell court martial, when "Hap," against orders, testified in favor of the defendant and was exiled with his entire family from Washington

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Henry Harley Arnold, Jr.

to Ft. Riley.

Hank met many fledgling aviators, some of whom made their mark on air history. From those early years, Hank planned a career like that of his father. In 1937 he entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He could not pass the vision test for flying, so he took his next choice, the artillery. Hank's father, who in 1940 was a major general and Chief of the Air Corps, was quoted as saying that he was so relieved to see Hank graduate that he did not mind his not being able to enter the Air Corps.

After graduation, Hank married Beatrice Catherine Hickey of New York City. They moved to Ft. Monroe, Virgina for additional schooling and then to Hank's first assignment with the Coast Artillery in Panama, where their only son, Henry Harley Arnold III, was born. Soon after arriving in Panama, Captain Arnold was sent to Europe, along with many classmates, in the world's latest effort to "defeat the Hun." Although Hank was eager for a troop command, his first assignment was as aide to General Dwight D. Eisenhower. He served with the General during 1942 in London and North Africa.

Eisenhower, in a letter to Hank's father, gave his reasons for selecting Hank to serve on his staff. He wrote, "I have heard of him many times, and, since I wanted a young regular with me, I could think of no one else who would be so acceptable." In the spirit of a true mentor, General Eisenhower outlined his plans for Hank: "I have no intention of letting him become a social or baggage-smashing aide. I am going to start his training as a staff officer immediately...more than this, I will keep looking for a favorable command or troop position, and, when I find one that he might desire and fit into well, I will not stand in his way."

Ike was true to his word, and, during the first week of February 1943, Hank joined the 106th Anti-Aircraft Sep Battalion, which he described as "the best bofors unit in the army." He fought with the battalion in assault landings from Iran to Sicily to Anzio and on through Southern France. During Hank's time with the 106th, the unit was credited with downing 54 German planes in three campaigns.

Hank left the unit hoping to get command of a unit similar to the 106th. He was told he was "too young for command" and was given a short series of staff jobs. Soon, to his relief, he was given command of the Anti-Aircraft Battalion that was in direct support of the 45th Infantry Division.

During Hank's command, the unit was credited with downing 62 enemy aircraft. Hank was awarded the Legion of Merit, (which he received twice again during his career) and the Bronze Star Medal. He later was awarded the European Theater of Operations Medal with ten battle stars.

The Arnolds' only daughter, Frances Eleanor, was born 27 August 1947.

Assignments over the next 24 years included teaching at Michigan State College ROTC and the Infantry and Field Artillery Schools, command of the 38th Field Artillery Battalion and the 537th FA Battalion and culminated in senior level staff positions in the Military Advisory Group, Greece; of PROVMAAG-K, Korea; USARPAC, Hawaii; and the Sixth Army, Presido of San Francisco. Hank graduated from the Army War College and earned his advanced degree in Journalism from Stanford University.

On 27 October 1968, at Ft. Shafter Chapel, Honolulu, Hank married Dorothy Bell, a career employee with the U.S. Air Force. In June 1972, Hank retired as a colonel, and he and Dorothy returned to her home town, Sheridan, Wyoming. They bought a new home and plunged into entertaining, civic work, local and state politics, speaking engagements, and writing.

Hank is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his son, Lieutenant Colonel H.H. Arnold III; his daughter, Frances Arnold Lindquist; one brother, Colonel (Ret.) W. Bruce Arnold (Class of 1943); and four grandchildren.

Typical of the many influences that motivated Hank to a career marked by outstanding leadership are the words of Lieutenant General Hugh A. Drum in his address to the graduating class of 1940: "Teaching the soldier....and leading him into combat....these are your greatet responsibilities."

To the end of his dynamic life, Hank Arnold, in the finest tradition of the Long Gray Line, kept the covenant, Duty, Honor, Country, with his God and his fellow countrymen.

Beloved soldier, rest in peace.

Dorothy

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Rush Spencer Wells, Jr.

NO. 12098 CLASS OF 1940

Died 28 January 1944 as the result of combat wounds near Cassino, Italy, aged 28 years.

Interment: U.S. Memorial Cemetery, Anzio, Italy.

RUSH SPENCER WELLS, JR.: we gave him the name "The Great Stone Face,", sometimes abbreviated to "Stonewall," as he rose to the position of Cadet Captain and "driver" of B Company, then to the awesome duty of Commander First Battalion, USCC 1939-1940. But behind that stern visage, ramrod straight posture, laconic speech, "Army brat" confidence, precise salute and thunderous command voice was a dedicated, professional soldier. And within that soldier was a compassionate, thoughtful, trustworthy, patriotic, good humored young man. Only three-and-a-half short years after graduation he gave his life performing the duty of battlefield leadership, exactly what he knew best.

Rush Spencer Wells, Jr.

Rush Wells came to West Point from a proud family of professional soldiers, via an appointment from Sam S. Hobbs, Fourth Alabama District. Born in Prattsville, Alabama on 5 November 1914, son of Colonel and Mrs. Rush S. Wells and grandson of Brigadier General Almona B. Wells, he attended high schools in Robinson Springs and Holtville, Alabama. He completed a year at Huntingdon College, another at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, plus one semester at Marion Military Institute before entering West Point.

Consistent with family tradition, Rush set his sights on a career in the Army and never veered. As a cadet he played B squad football in a time when one team played the entire game. During our yearling, cow and first class years he was a football manager. He demonstrated thespian competence in our first class Hundredth Night Show and Camp Illuminations. We elected him to be our Class of 1940 Vice President. Rush selected the Cavalry as his branch on graduation.

"Stonewall" married his OAO, the lovely Kate Scott Patterson from Rosedale, Mississippi, on 7 December 1940. "Scotty" entered the Army with no previous experience beyond being a "drag" at West Point. Second Lieutenant Wells went first and briefly to Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kansas, before reporting to his initial assignment with the 6th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Rush found himself mounted not on a horse but in an armored car as a platoon leader in a reconnaissance (wheeled scout car) troop under the benevolent and competent leadership of Captain (later General) Bruce Palmer, Jr., Class of 1936. Soon after Pearl Harbor, the 6th Cavalry became fully mechanized and moved to Camp Blanding, Florida. Here Rush was cadred to the 36th Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard, federalized and stationed at Camp Blanding for training. "The Texas Division" was to gain fame in World War II, and Captain Wells was to participate in that fame. He quickly and proudly learned to stand and sing "The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You" with the best of the men from the Lone Star State.

Rush was assigned to command the 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop and deployed to North Africa. He first distinguished himself

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in late 1943 during the landing of the 36th Division at Salerno. Captain Wells was wounded during this operation, but not so severely as to require his evacuation.

The German Wehrmacht and their Italian cohorts fought a protracted delaying action against the allied Fifth Army slugging its way northward from the beachhead at Salerno toward Anzio and Rome. In mid-October 1943, Major General Fred L. Walker, commanding the 36th Division, selected his battle-experienced Reconnaissance Troop Commander to command the 2d Battalion, 142d Infantry, with a battlefield promotion to Major effective Christmas Eve 1943. Shortly thereafter, on 27-28 January 1944, north of the village of St. Elia and below the famous Monte Cassino Abbey, Major Rush Wells was fatally wounded while leading his battalion command group to a designated assembly area. He died from multiple shrapnel wounds on 28 January 1944.

Quoted below are the recollections of an Army doctor present in the regimental area at the time of Rush Wells' death:

"Major Wells had recently assumed command of the Battalion...At the time that I served under him he was a model West Point graduate, leading men into the fiercest of combat with a zeal and good humor which affected even such skeptics as myself... As a matter of fact, Major Wells should not have been on the line at the time of the action described. I well remember a long, granulating wound on his forearm, which I do not think he even bothered to bandage.

"At the time I joined the Battalion we were practicing river crossing, preparatory to the attempt to cross the Rapido River. Major Wells prepared all of us well for the upcoming operation... In the subsequent operations around Cassino and the Monte Cassino Abbey, Major Wells was enthusiastic and mindful of his men.

"We made during this period several night operations—which never seemed to achieve surprise—but he led his troops skillfully in these operations. It was on such a night operation that Major Wells was hit by shell fire. Major Wells had [said] shortly before he expired from multiple internal shell fragment injuries, that he would rather die than lose his leg and thereby his career in the United States Army. I think this bespeaks his character well."

"Stonewall's" remains were buried in the U.S. Cemetery at Anzio, Italy, beside hundreds of his fellow Americans who made the supreme sacrifice. He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star medal for earlier heroic leadership, plus the Purple Heart.

Kate Scott and Rush Wells' only child, a son, Rush Spencer Wells, III, born after Rush departed for North Africa, survives together with Scotty to cherish the memory of "The Great Stone Face." We who knew him as a youthful example of the qualities we admired most among our classmates proudly, sadly, humbly remember that Rush Spencer Wells, Jr., was "endowed...with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy...and knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy."

A Classmate

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Thomas Goldsborough Corbin

NO. 12637 CLASS OF 1941

Died 29 May 1992 at the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, aged 75 years.

Interment: cremation, inurnment at USAF Academy cemetery.

Thomas Goldsborough Corbin

AS A CADET, Tom Corbin was a very heavy hitter on the Army baseball team. Having won the much-coveted Run-Maker's Trophy his Second Class year, he continued for another 33 years to be a heavy hitter for the United States Air Force.

He donned his silver wings in March 1942, and was soon hunting Nazi subs in B-24s based at Barksdale. On 11 April 1942, he married Willis Potts. Their three daughters, Cynthia, Aletha and Elizabeth, were to bring great credit to this family. They married successfully and rewarded him with six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In February 1943, Tom flew to the ETO as deputy commander and later CO of the 386th Bomb Group (B-26s and later A-26s). During the war, he was one of only three men in our class to become a colonel. On his first mission as group commander, in August 1944, he was shot down over France but evaded capture, toured rural France and returned to his command by borrowing a B-26 from Bill Brier. He brought the 386th home after VE Day to become IG of the Air Transport Command at Barksdale, joining George Brown and Burt Andrus.

In December 1950, he graduated from the RAF Staff College and stayed in Britain to command the bases at RAF Sculthrope and RAF Brize Norton. In 1953, he moved to SAC Headquarters to become "High Sheriff" (Chief of Security) for this vital command. In May 1955, he moved up to Deputy Commander,1st Air Division, the only "Mach Zero" outfit in the USAF. [Note: After Gary Powers' U-2 incident, SAC was tasked to launch high-altitude balloons carrying reconnaissance cameras. They were carried across the Soviet Union by the jet stream and recovered by C-119s over the Western Pacific.]

Graduating from the National War College in 1957, it was back to SAC to command the 818th Strategic Aerospace Division, comprising two B-47 Wings, two tanker squadrons, an Atlas F Missile squadron and three overseas bases. As the commander, he prevailed in a major confrontation with a general who pressed him to ignore evidence of defective bomb shackles on some of his B-47s.

A graduate of Davidson College, he made a special effort to attend their 25th Reunion. There, he was the recipient of a trophy. It was engraved, "To the classmate who went farthest with the least potential." Later, this "tongue-in-cheek" award occupied the central point in his well-stocked trophy case.

In 1962, he made the inevitable move to the Pentagon. This assignment put him in the very important office of Legislative Liaison USAF as Deputy Director. When his name appeared on the next "make list" to brigadier general, his friends said he had hit a well-deserved home run.

Soon therafter, the Corbin family suffered a great tragedy. Willis fell ill and passed away very suddenly.

When Tom succeeded to the top job in L & L, he soon was promoted to major general. In that position, he was in constant contact with the leaders of the House and Senate. It was during this period that he met a very attractive and charming southern lady working in the office of Senator Strom Thurmond. Her name was Jean Quarles. In a "Believe it or not" coincidence, he was introduced to her by his daughter Cynthia, who was working on the Hill as a college summer intern. Despite the disruption of a PCS to a new command at the Special Warfare Center at Eglin AFB, Florida, they were married on 29 January 1967 in Greenville, South Carolina.

In June 1968 they moved to Oslo and Tom's final and perhaps most enjoyable Air Force assignment. It would prove to rival his numerous command jobs in terms of challenge and responsibility. One would have a hard time thinking of two people better suited for diplomatic duty than Tom and Jean. They spent five glorious years in beautiful Scandinavia, making hosts of friends among the gracious Norwegian people. More importantly, Tom's role as Air Deputy, Allied Forces Northern Europe-NATO, placed him at the focal point for the critical planning of the air defense of Europe against the powerful and belligerent Soviet Air Force.

Retiring in Sept 1973, Tom and Jean settled in Colorado Springs, where they maintained contact with classmates, family and friends. He soon was lowering his golf handicap.

Cadet Tom Corbin was known as a "tough hombre." He had played four years of football at Davidson (which made him ineligible for the Army team), so he played four years of Army baseball, where he was outstanding. His *Howitzer* biography reads in part: "...his blarney and broad, Irish smile make it impossible to stay mad at him. What an athlete! His only trouble was trying to decide whether he was right- or left-handed. We all love him dearly."

Despite his demonstrated "hard as a rock" reputation as a cadet and combat pilot, physical problems plagued Tom's retirement. A heart bypass, a laminectomy and a hip replacement kept him off the golf course at maddening intervals, but nobody ever heard him complain.

On 29 May 1992, he was working out at the Academy pool, swimming laps, when he suffered cardiac arrest and died instantly.

An impeccable memorial service was held on 2 June at the beautiful USAF Academy Cadet

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Chapel. The service was attended by classmates both local and remote, as well as by his daughters and their husbands. Memorial contributions may be made, in his memory, to Friends of the USAFA Library, USAFA, Colorado 80840.

Tom Corbin will be remembered as one of the most popular men in our class, a man who lived West Point's motto, and one whose devotion to country, family and friends was unequalled.

Lieutenant General Albert P. Clark Jr. '36, former Superintendent of the United States Air Force Academy, said this of him: "Tom Corbin was an outstanding officer, a blithe spirit and a warm-hearted human being."

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Raymond Laurence Miller

NO. 12923 CLASS OF 1942

Died 5 November 1989 in Exeter, New Hampshire, aged 71 years.

Interment: Cremated, ashes scattered at sea.

Raymond Laurence Miller

RAYMOND LAURENCE MILLER was born 27 July 1918, the son of Charles W. Miller and Ida Mieberg Miller, in Narrowsburg, New York. Here he spent his growing-up years, graduating from the Narrowsburg High School in 1935.

Early on, Ray was interested in the Army Air Corps and joined the Army, serving in the Second Air Base Squadron at Mitchell Field, New York. From here he attended the II Corps Area West Point Preparatory School at then Camp Dix and was appointed to the Military Academy by Congressman Lewis Rockefeller of New York's 27th District, Ray's home area.

On 1 July 1938, he entered the Central Area sallyport along with some 400 other candidates to make up the Class of 1942. He was assigned to First Company in Beast Barracks, then joined B Company for two years, before moving to A Company to even out the company strengths. He enjoyed bridge, talking about the air corps, cadet hi-jinks in the barracks, the latest fiction, and weekend dating with his OAO, Marjorie Jane Goewey, from nearby Newburgh.

Upon graduation he selected field artillery, with air corps training as his primary objective. He and Jane were married on 30 May, the day after graduation. Their daughter, Kathryn Cecile, was born in 1945, and 5 years later their son, Raymond Laurence, Jr.

Ray shared the flight school experience with classmates at several locations, successfully passing Primary, Basic and Advanced. Upon transitioning to multi-engine, first the B-17, and then the B-29, he departed for the Pacific Theater. There he participated in three campaigns flying from the Saipan area and was awarded the Air Medal on two occasions.

The Millers were in Germany during the Berlin Airlift time; Ray, now in a Troop Carrier Group, took part in that difficult operation, receiving the USAF's Medal for Humane Action to mark that experience.

Ray's additional skills were as an aircraft maintenance officer, administrative officer, a director of materiel, and the important organizational commander role.

Following their European tour, the Millers came to Washington, where Ray was assigned to the Directorate of Operations for Headquarters Command at Bolling Air Force Base, before going to California for a year of testing and evaluating a high-altitude balloon project.

Two years at Lowry Air Base came next, in the technical training field, before getting back with troops at Hunter Air Base in Georgia, as the Operations Officer of a KC-97 Air Refueling Squadron, and then as the Squadron Commander of the 509th. The contributions of this unit during the Cuban Missile Crisis brought praise from the White House.

Some years and many deployments later, Ray went north to Pease Air Force Base, home of SAC's 100th Bomb Wing. He served as a squadron commander until grounded by a physical disability, at which time he moved into the base commander's office for his final active duty assignment. He retired at Pease in 1965 and eventually moved to nearby Exeter, New Hampshire.

In addition to the two Air Medals won in World War II, Ray also was awarded both the Army and Air Force Commendation Medals. Ray and Jane's marriage ended in divorce. Some time later Ray married Margaret Schinigerdecker, who pre-deceased him in 1985. Margaret and Ray experienced a very happy marriage of 13 years.

In civil life, Ray worked for the State of New Hampshire in the Welfare Department as a case worker and a reviewer. After a long illness, Ray died in a nursing home in Exeter, New Hampshire, his home of retirement, on 5 November 1989. He is survived by his daughter Kathryn and his son Ray, Jr., and by his brother, William Miller of Narrowsburg, New York.

Most of us last saw Ray and Peg at our 35th Reunion at West Point in 1977, after which Ray said "I loved every minute of it." His *Howitzer* biography predicted accurately, "We remember best his modest manner, and his broad smile." We salute the memory of this fine classmate, father, friend and airman of many talents.

Ray, "Be Thou at Peace."

"A" Companymates

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John Roy Ross, Jr.

NO. 13298 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 29 February 1992 in Reston, Virginia, aged 74 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

John Roy Ross, Jr.

JOHN ROY ROSS, JR., always had soldiering in his blood. His father, from a small town in Oregon, was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and a disabled soldier before John's birth. John's education was earned at 16 different grade schools before he spent four years at, and graduated from, Washington High in Portland, Oregon in 1936. Always intent on being a soldier, he enlisted, attended the Fort Scott Prep School for two years and won an appointment from Senator McNary of Oregon.

Academics were not a special problem for John, although foreign languages did not come easily. He worked the 100th Night Show for all four classes, ran track as a yearling, and was particularly proud of being on the Goat Football Team in a game that ended in a tie. On graduation, he fulfilled his goal of being an infantry officer.

Bad health, possibly going back to an accident as a cadet, was to plague John's career. After the usual schools, he joined the 413th Infantry Regiment of the 104th Division at Camp Adair, Oregon. Within two months he became ill on field maneuvers, was hospitalized and categorized Limited Service. It took sixteen months to gain General Service status, work through the replacement system and rejoin the 413th at Aachen in Germany. Thirteen days later he was wounded at Putzlohn, Germany, and air evacuated to the UK. By March of 1945 he had worked his way back to the 413th, where he rejoined D Company and then was made CO of the Service Company. In April he won a Bronze Star for heroism at Illfeld, Germany. When the war ended, he had two Bronze Stars, the CIB, a Purple Heart, and a Commendation Ribbon.

In 1947, John was sent to the Canal Zone, where his skill at working with young people first became evident. As the first PMS of the Balboa High School Junior ROTC, he had the

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satisfaction of seeing two lines on a War Department General Order become an Honor School within 18 months. In 1972 that ROTC unit made Honor School for the 23rd consecutive year. At the ceremony, a speaker said "The first PMS must have done something right." Right on!

During the Korean War, John was trained by the Army Security Agency and left for Korea to become commander of two different recon security battalions. On the way to Korea, he stopped to see classmate Howard Wehrle and fell in love with Howard's sister Alice. In 1954 they were married. The twins, John III and Janet, were born at Fort Carson while John was with the 8th Infantry Division. They gyroed to Germany with the division. Subsequent assignments were with USAREUR Headquarters at Heidelberg, and X Corps at Fort Lawton, Washington.

In the early 1960's, John returned to Korea with the 1st Cavalry, but was hit by illness and frostbite, returning to Letterman Hospital in San Francisco. On recovery, his final tour was as Battalion Commander at Fort Jackson, training young soldiers.

In June of 1964, John retired, returned to Virginia, and started teaching high school math in Fairfax County. By 1967, he won his Master's (Plus 30) in Education from UVA. Despite increasing health problems, those were happy days for John and Alice. In 1976 Janet married an Honor Grad from VPI. A year later John's progressive health problems and first indication of multiple sclerosis forced his retirement from teaching. In 1982, their grandchild, Rachel, was born, but their joy was shortly turned to sorrow when their son-in-law was killed in an accident in 1985.

From that point, John and Alice lived with his bad health and the prospect of a shortened lifespan. It was the devotion of Alice and John III which really kept him alive through progressive deterioration, often misdiagnosed. Their home in Vienna, Virginia was specially designed by John III to allow for John's health. Finally, on the last day of February, John was stricken by a heart attack at his home and died in the Reston Hospital. With a soldier's funeral he joined in Arlington those classmates who had predeceased him.

In our *Howitzer*, repeated mention was made of John's dogged determination. It was that quality which led him to fight back from the hospital bed so many times. Only in his later years did he question the road he had taken. In a paper written for the class files some years ago (after retirement) he said "If the Medics offer you early retirement, take it! Duty is so demanding that poor or questionable health will hold a person back." What John really meant was not his health but his determination to ignore bad health and do the finest possible job he could at any task assigned. He had a great effect upon the young and was particularly proud of the record of graduates of "his" ROTC detachment.

And we are equally proud of the record he set. John wanted to become an infantryman, following the example of his father. He became a decorated combat infantryman. Again in the words of our *Howitzer*, he came to West Point a good soldier and left a better one. Completely void of affectation, John Ross worked efficiently and independently to make the Army and the world better places for the future. He truly merits the soldier's "Well Done."

WAK and family

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James Harper Walker

NO. 13581 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 22 January 1992 in Melbourne, Florida, aged 70 years.

Cremated; ashes scattered in the Banana River behind his home.

James Harper Walker

JAMES HARPER WALKER was born 7 April 1921 to Captain and Mrs. William G. Walker, Fort Snelling, Minnesota and raised as a typical "Army brat". His ambition was to be a pilot, and he spent hours building model airplanes. After graduation from Arlington High School in Arlington, Massachusetts, he entered Millard's Preparatory School. He won Presidential appointments to USNA and USMA, choosing the latter and entering West Point 1 July 1940.

Luke Wright, one of his "wives" writes of Jim: "My first recollections are of a friendly, fun-loving guy who ate a lot. He'd come back from supper with rolls stuffed inside his coat...Systematic analysis of a problem, logical application of alternative solutions and dogged determination to achieve desired results characterize Jim Walker. Jim had no tolerance for weakness or indecision, in himself or in others. He was no politician. If he disagreed, he let you know. He was a true natural leader of men. Men liked him, respected him and followed him without reservation. He was a soldier."

Jim played football, hockey and lacrosse at West Point. Lacrosse injuries resulted in three operations, and he spent most of his first class year in the hospital. He was told he would be turned back, but he fought and passed the finals. He was not commissioned until after rehab at Walter Reed in October.

On 17 May 1944 he married Jane R. Christiansen, daughter of Major General James G. Christiansen (USMA November 1918). Jim jokingly said they then had five children, all boys except for four girls.

In July 1944, he was a pilot in the first B-17-trained replacement crew, 835th Bomb Squadron, 486th Bomb Group, Sudbury, England. He flew his first 13 combat missions as "Tail End Charlie," became squadron commander, leading the Group and the entire Eighth Air Force on occasion, flying 44 missions.

VJ Day came while he was being redeployed. The assignments that followed were:

1945-1946—Project Officer, Officers' Branch, Personnel, then in first Guided Missile Office.

1946-1948—University of Michigan, Master's Degree Aeronautical Engineering.

1948-1949—Guided Missile Research and Development, Washington, DC.

1949-1954—Eglin Air Force Base, testing Air Defense weapons, and a year at Hughes Aircraft Company, on FALCON.

1955-1958—BOMARC Program Director, Wright-Patterson.

1958-1961—Test Director Joint R&D Command, Eglin AFB, on BOMARC-SAGE.

1961-1963—Director, Program Support, Patrick Air Force Base.

In December 1964, he retired from the Air Force.

After retirement, Jim worked for Aerospace Corporation, General Precision Inc., Mitre, GE, Boeing, Planning Research Corporation and Harris. He received his Florida teacher's certification but then bought and managed one of the largest marinas in Florida. Always loving a challenge, he forklifted boats to the third stack without a slip. After selling the marina in 1982, he travelled and tinkered and helped his children, 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

His son wrote and delivered the following for his father's Memorial Services:

"When I look back over the life given to me by my father, the phrase I remember hearing from him most is 'a job worth doing is worth doing right.' Now, as I look out at our family and friends, it proves to me he lived by those words. My father never did anything half-way. When there was work to be done, you could count on him to be a mover and a doer. When the time came to relax, he was the first to bring a smile to your face. His bag of tricks, pranks and jokes was just as full as his bag of tools. His bountiful sense of humor never failed to cause laughter from the moment he entered a room. Let's face it, my Dad was a nut. Big Jim reached out and touched the corners of the world, but it meant little to him unless he shared it with others. Yes, Big Jim did life right. Each of us will remember him in our own way, but all of us will remember him as one who lived life to its fullest. In doing so, he has enriched the lives of all of us."

Jim's honors included the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, French Croix de Guerre, Air Force Longevity Service Award with four oak leaf clusters, Bronze Service Star, Ardennes and Central Europe and battle stars for campaigns in Northern France, Normandy, Europe, Africa and Germany.

In September 1991, Jim had a total knee replacement and, after two months of excruciating pain, could finally walk without medication. Six weeks later he underwent a blocked carotid artery operation, which resulted in massive brain hemorrhage and death.

For almost 48 years he would say daily to his wife Jane, "We have more fun and love more than anyone." And we did.

Jane Walker

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Edward Heacock Hibbard

NO. 14347 CLASS OF 1944

Died 17 April 1973 in Havertown, Pennsylvania, aged 51 years.

Interment: Arlington Cemetery, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

Edward Heacock Hibbard

FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, my older brother Ed wanted to go to West Point and be a soldier.

Our family had no political connections, so it took Ed three tries before he won a competitive appointment from the Pennsylvania National Guard. He entered West Point in July 1941, under the three-year wartime curriculum, and was graduated in June 1944. I entered West Point two years after Ed, and, of all things, Ed was my Beast Barracks platoon leader. He tried his best to be hard with me, but after a week he "recognized" my two roommates and me. He made us promise that we would tell no one, because plebes were not supposed to be recognized during Beast Barracks.

One incident I remember well was our first inspection by the Tactical Officer. We had just been issued M-1 rifles and given a hasty course on how to disassemble and clean them. I did what I thought was a snappy inspection arms, but I had not assembled my rifle properly and the follower flew out when I opened the bolt. The Tac watched solemnly as the follower flew up into the air and, along with other things, he gigged me for an improperly assembled rifle. Ed, who was following the Tac, retrieved the follower and, as he handed it to me, quietly said, "You'll learn".

After Ed graduated, he went to the Infantry Basic Course, followed by Airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia. He then joined the 101st Airborne Division which was fighting in France. During that time he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge. The 101st Airborne was merged with the 82nd Airborne Division after the war was over, and approximately a year-and-a-half later Ed went with the 82nd to Fort Bragg. He remained with the 82nd until 1952, when he attended the Advanced Infantry Course. Upon completion he joined the 3rd Infantry Division, which was fighting in Korea. During this time Ed was awarded another Bronze Star, a Purple Heart and his second Combat Infantry Badge. Ed remained in the Army until 1958, when he was honorably discharged for reasons of promotion passover.

Ed was never happy in civilian life, and, to compound matters, his wife of 22 years divorced him. He worked at various jobs, including managing a servicing company in Philadelphia. It was a good job, but Ed refused to allow the dumping of oily waste in the Delaware River. He was so adamant about this that it resulted in a heated argument with the owner of the company and caused his termination. Ed was an ardent fisherman and vehement on the subject long before concern about our environment became fashionable. Ed's last job was that of a contracting officer with the Army Electronics Command in Philadelphia. He worked there until he died in 1973.

Everyone who knew Ed respected him for his quiet integrity. When he was discharged, the Army lost one of its most dedicated soldiers.

His brother Preston, USMA '46

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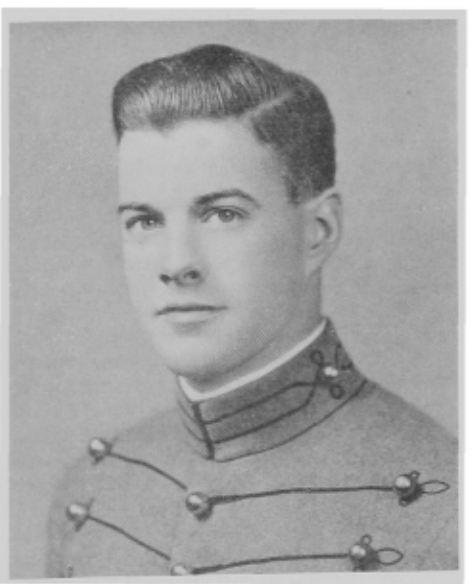
William Clark Kennedy

NO. 14211 CLASS OF 1944

Died 12 January 1988 in Tucson, Arizona, aged 65 years.

Interment: Private cremation.



William Clark Kennedy

DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY. These concepts, delineated at West Point, became Clark's guidon. Although he took off his uniform to become a civilian, Clark never allowed his standards to flag.

The son of a prominent lawyer, Clark was born and reared in the Cleveland, Ohio area. He was graduated from Brush High School in 1939. Following graduation, he joined the Ohio National Guard and sought an appointment to the United States Military Academy. He attended Millard School for one year, received his appointment from Congressman George Bender of Ohio and entered the Academy on 1 July 1941.

While at the Academy, Clark was an active member of the fencing and golf teams, a Sunday School teacher, and the "librarian" for the choir. (He claimed that this was the only way he could qualify for membership in the choir, since his singing voice was not what he thought it should be. This was to be proven false almost 35 years later when he became an active member of the Society for the Preservation and Enjoyment of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.)

In Cleveland, in October of 1944, he married Caroline Van Buskirk of Phoenix, Arizona. Their two children, Kathleen and Joseph, were born at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Fort Sam Houston, Texas, respectively.

Following graduation on D-Day, 6 June 1944, Clark attended the Infantry School and Parachute School (now known as Airborne Training) at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was assigned to the 515th Parachute Infantry of the 13th Airborne Division in France at the end of World War II. He spent 1945 and 1946 with the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg. From 1946 to 1949 he was with the 11th Airborne Division as a part of the occupation forces in Japan. Returning stateside, he was assigned to ROTC duty in the San Antonio, Texas high school system until 1952, when he was assigned to Korea. He served there for one year as company commander in the 27th Infantry regiment of the 25th Infantry Division and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. Clark was then assigned to the 508th Parachute Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia.

On the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, 7 December 1953, he resigned his commission and entered law school at the University of Arizona in Tucson. In 1957 Clark was admitted to the Arizona Bar and began his law career with a Tucson title company as a trust officer. From 1960 to 1961, he was the chief assistant to the state's Attorney General. In 1962, he moved to Kingman, Arizona as the first Republican County Attorney in 18 years. He won as a write-in candidate. He declined to run in the next election and returned to private practice for the next 15 years. He was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court on 15 November 1961.

Raul Castro, the Governor of Arizona, appointed Clark as Judge of the Superior Court when the incumbent was appointed to the state Supreme Court in 1975. After serving his term, he returned to private practice for the next ten years.

Clark was noted for being "the champion of the underdog." He defended the prisoners in the local county jail when they petitioned for better facilities. He started, anonymously, a Christmas gift program for those prisoners and all those who followed; he contributed to the negotiations which resulted in an allocation of Colorado River water for the Kingman area; he defended many a client who could not afford to repay him. He was active in the Kingman United Presbyterian Church, the city library board, and the city's Arts and Humanities Commission as well as the Caledonian Society, the American Legion, the American, Arizona, and Mohave County Bar Associations, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Rotary Club International, the Good Samaritan Society of Kingman, and the aforementioned society for

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the Preservation and Enjoyment of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.

Caroline died in 1980; he married Miriam Dickerson Westeen in 1982. He is survived by his wife Miriam; his daughter, Lieutenant Colonel (P) (USAR) Kathleen Kennedy Gibbs; his son, Joseph W. Kennedy; his step-children: Susan Westeen Novatt, William Westeen, and Anne Westeen; his sons-in-law: Lieutenant Colonel Harold N. Gibbs (USA) and Jeff Novatt; his grandchildren: Channing Kennedy and Carrie, Beau and Maggie Gibbs; three sisters: Mrs. Sally Wilcox, Mrs. Martha Ingersoll, and Mrs. Mary Jo Axelson; and an aunt, Miss Margaret Clark.

In his biography for the Class of 1944 30th-Yearbook, Clark said, "Duty, Honor and Country are a good, working standard. During the course of the political campaigns I was tempted to, and could have justified, conduct that would have advanced my political fortunes." Clark resisted such temptations, and although he was not always politically successful, he was always held in the highest respect by everyone with whom he dealt. In a decision rendered in 1986, the Honorable E. H. Carroll, U.S. District Judge stated, "As I have stated in earlier orders—and it bears repeating—Mr. Kennedy's services in this case, difficult and extended as they have been, are representative of the highest and best in our profession."

Duty was "well performed;" Honor was "e'er untarn'd... Let it be said, 'Well done, be thou at peace.'"

Kathleen Kennedy Gibbs

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Jacques George Beezley

NO. 15128 CLASS OF 1945

Died 12 July 1965 at Edwards Air Force Base, Maryland, aged 41 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Jacques George Beezley

JACQUES GEORGE BEEZLEY was born 15 March 1924 in Washington, D.C., the only child of Colonel O.E. and Loetitia Beezley. Colonel Beezley had met Loetitia in France during World War I and they married shortly after the war was over. The Beezleys lived at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Fort Sill, Oklahoma before moving to College Station, Texas, where Colonel Beezley was a PMS&T at Texas A&M and where Jacques spent his high school days.

Having chosen a military career, it would have been natural for Jacques to enter Texas A&M, a school with a rich military tradition and a reputation for producing quality Army officers. However, like most Army brats of his era, he thought of nothing but West Point. He attended Millard's Prep School in Washington, D.C. and, on schedule, won an appointment, passed the entrance exams and entered the Academy with what was to become the Class of 1945.

The West Point years for Jacques were an easy transition to the years of service which followed. He was naturally "spoony." He was a gifted athlete. Through all the privations of cadet life he was unfailingly upbeat and cheerful. Jacques thoroughly enjoyed being a cadet, looked forward comfortably to a lifetime of military service, and loved the thought of earliest possible marriage to his College Station high school sweetheart. He had the audacity to hope aloud, more than once, that his first born would win the Class Cup.

It was so easy then to predict unusual success for this happily adjusted man who was so wonderfully suited for the career he had chosen. It is difficult now to accept that his promise was not to be allowed to develop to full fruition.

On graduation day 1945, Jacques had his storybook beginning to the rest of his life. He was awarded his silver wings and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. He married his high school sweetheart, Mary Beth Winkler, in the Cadet Chapel. Entries in the Class of 1945 Ten-Year Books, letters to the Class from their son Bruce, the Class of '45's godson, and recollections by Mary Beth are the basis for the rest of the story.

The months following graduation were hectic, coming as they did during the wind-down of World War II. Jack reported that this period was spent with about fifteen classmates attending various Air Corps schools in Texas, Florida, and Colorado. Bruce, the class godson, was born in February 1946, in Temple, Texas. Later in 1946, Jacques and his little family moved to "beautiful Puerto Rico." Jacques told us that he got in lots of flying there, which kept him busy and happy, while Mary Beth took up golf in self-defense.

Jacques and his growing family returned to the states in 1949, with station at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, where their second son, Chuck, was born. At this time, Jacques and Mary Beth invested in a travel trailer and pulled their home for the next few years through Texas and California.

1955 found the Beezleys in Savannah, Georgia, where Jacques flew B-47's and was a member of the B-47 Standardization Division. They were joined in Savannah by their "two Georgia peaches," Loetitia, born in 1956, and Tracie, who followed a year later.

After a short tour at Wright Air Force Base in 1958, the Beezleys returned to SAC, this time at Plattsburg, New York. There Jacques commanded a B-47 squadron and, as he said, spent every spare moment exploring historical sites in New England.

In 1959, Jacques was selected to attend the Air Force Command and General Staff College with the 1959-1960 class. Jacques regarded that year as a wonderful opportunity to renew old acquaintances with classmates. Upon graduation from C&GSC, SAC called again, and Jacques, Mary Beth and the four kids moved to Fort Worth, Texas, where Jacques spent four years with B-58s.

1965 found Jacques and family at Edwards Air Force Base, where Jacques had been selected to participate in the SR-71 program. He was among the first pilots every to fly that plane. On 12 July 1965, Jacques died of injuries suffered in an airplane accident. The Mach 3+ certificate and pin that were presented posthumously to Mary Beth would have made him proud.

Jacques was an outstanding person, officer, pilot, husband and father. In every way he was living up to the promise we saw in him twenty years earlier.

Mary Beth has since remarried and is now living in San Antonio, Texas as Mrs. Don Walton. Bruce, the 1945 godson, has kept the class advised of his progress with his letters published in the 1945 Ten-Year Books. He is now retired after 20 years in the Air Force and Air National Guard. He lives with his wife Linda in San Bernadino, California. He has three children. The Class of 1945 is proud of him. Jack Charles (Chuck) is a Tech Representative with Abbot Laboratories. He, his wife Esther and their three children live in Vernon Hills, Illinois. Loetitia Marie Nelson, her husband Larry and two daughters live in Andover, Massachusetts. Tracie Ann Hengst, her husband Ronnie, and three daughters live in San Antonio, Texas.

Well done, Jacques.

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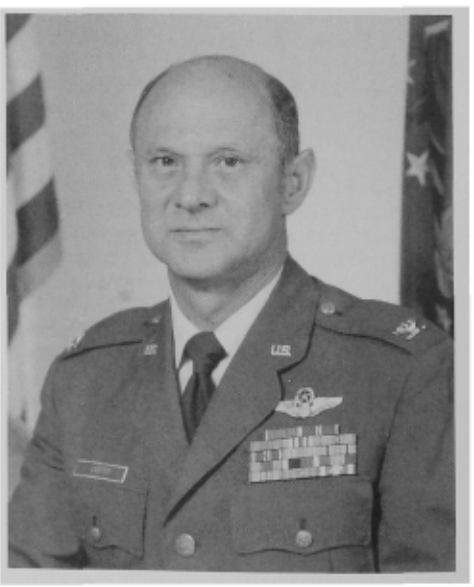
Walter Aaron Carter, Jr.

NO. 15177 CLASS OF 1945

Died 24 September 1983 in Laguna Niguel, California, aged 61 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.



Walter Aaron Carter, Jr.

WALTER AARON CARTER, Jr. was born 11 February 1922 in Havana, Cuba, the son of Walter Aaron and Mary Pitz Carter. His father was a professional horse trainer and had been connected with racing his whole life. His mother was a wonderful woman. Her love

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for her family was the chief motivating factor in her life, which made young Walt feel like a very special person. He had a younger sister Joan, whom he thought of as a little girl, until she came up for the hop at graduation. It was then his eyes were opened. She was something to behold, and he was so proud that he almost forgot his own date.

Walt grew up near the race tracks in Queens Village, New York and graduated from Fishburne Military School with the determination to enter West Point. He received an appointment fromthe Secretary of War and took the oath on the Plain at West Point in July 1942.

Walt's roommates recall his lively sense of humor and his readiness always to help others. He had the wonderful gift of being able to relax completely during his free time, getting the most out of life, yet, when it came time to work, he gave it everything he had. It was on a cold, windy day in his yearling year that Walt and his roommates went to one of those Sunday afternoon movies aimed at making cadets forget their woes. The movie was "Westward-Ho!" and its theme was overcoming a steady stream of hardships as a group of early pioneers made their way to California. Thereafter, "Westward Ho!" became the password of that Company C-2 room. It meant: "Get back to work. Keep on going. You will make it." And they all did.

Upon graduation in June of 1945, Walt entered the Army Air Corps. After further pilot training, he shipped out to Japan in February 1946, where he served as a P-51 pilot with the 475th Fighter Group, Fifth Air Force, with station at Itami Air Base in Japan and Yong Dong Po near Seoul, Korea. The next four years were spent in and out of fighter units until his return to the United States, where he transitioned into the Strategic Air Command (SAC) and marriage. On Christmas Eve 1950, Walt married Billie Gene Beaty, of San Angelo, Texas.

Walt then entered onto a period of relative stability with the 305th Bomb Wing of SAC in Tampa, Florida for seven years, interrupted by many temporary tours of duty and two children, Janis and Walter. Following a very pleasant stay at the Royal Air Force Staff College in England, Walt returned to SAC. This time with Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force at March Air Force Base, California, where his third child, Julie, was born in 1960.

In 1961, Walt entered George Washington University and received a Master's Degree in Business Administration one year later. From 1963 to 1967, he served at the Pentagon in the J-3 Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where he received career recognition for his keen insight and professionalism.

Following was a brief year at Homestead Air Force Base, as Deputy Commander for Operations with the 19th Bomb Wing and on to McCoy Air Force Base, where Walt was Vice Commander, 306th Bomb Wing. His knowledge, skill and expertise in directing air operations enabled him to contribute greatly to the command and management of all B-52 crews in the Western Pacific. He personally led 23 waves of aircraft on combat missions as airborne commander, achieving 100 percent mission effectiveness in every case. This outstanding feat only could be achieved by untiring efforts and a methodical approach, which was so characteristic of Walt's performance.

In 1970, Walt was transferred to Headquarters SAC, Offut Air Force Base, Nebraska. Under Walt's direction, the task force which represented SAC in the 1972 Royal Air Force Bombing and Navigation Competition accomplished an unprecedented feat in winning the "Blue Steel" trophy for the third consecutive year and the "Electronics" trophy for the first time in the history of SAC participation.

From 1972-1973, Walt experienced a short stay at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where he assumed the position of Senior Representative of the SAC Systems Office. In this capacity, he interfaced with the scientific community and industry contractors, providing on-site representation of such programs as the B-1 Bomber, the Subsonic Cruise Armed Decoy and the Short Range Attack Missile.

In 1973, Walt was appointed commander of Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, truly the highlight of his distinguished career. Vandenberg Air Force is one of the largest bases in the Air Force and as Walt said, "the best kept secret." Besides supporting various missile operations, Walt spearheaded several other vitally important projects. Among them were the 1974 Air Force Symposium and the 1974 SAC Missile Combat Competition. Both events, considered by all who attended as the "best ever", were fruits of Walt's effective executive-level planning. In addition, VAFB was selected by SAC as the best example of ecological conservation and resource management. Walt was a "full time" base commander (his family will testify) who searched out problems and constantly strove to perfect all areas under him. He was firm in his convictions yet was a real team man who worked in harmony with others. He was highly respected by all his subordinates and contemporaries for his abilities. As Major General John W. Pauly said, "I must classify Colonel Carter as the most effective base commander I have observed throughout my career."

After thirty years of dedication and service, Walt retired from the Air Force in June of 1975. He was subsequently hired by Bechtel Power Corporation, Procurement Division, in sunny southern California. Walt and Billie bought their first home, near the golf course, in Laguna Niguel.

In August of 1983, Walt developed cancer. After a very short month at home, he passed away on 24 September 1983. Walt is interred at West Point, the school he loved. He is survived by his wife Billie, daughters Janis and Julie, and son Walter.

Throughout his colorful life, Walt set high standards and goals for himself and displayed a sometimes awesome determination to reach them. He always felt "lucky" over the choice assignments he received throughout his career, never recognizing that they were largely a consequence of his career-long excellence. In a real sense, Walt was the Air Force. His career reflected the words of the Cadet Prayer: "Encourage us in our endeavor to live above the common level of life—Grant us new ties of friendship and opportunities of service."

As a father and a husband, Walt took great pride in his family. He was caring, considerate and a true friend. Everything that happened in Walt's life, whether large or small, was a real joy to him. Yet, there was one characteristic that set him apart from all others...he loved, leaving the world richer for his presence.

"Well done, good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of the Lord" (Matthew 25:31)

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Marcello Joseph Del Vecchio

NO. 15173 CLASS OF 1945

Died 23 November 1986 in Silver Spring, Maryland, aged 62 years.

Interment: unknown

Marcello Joseph Del Vecchio

THE *REGISTER OF GRADUATES* states that Marcello Joseph DelVecchio was born in New York on 21 January 1922 and then gives a very short account of his military service, but that really doesn't describe the Del that we knew.

We met in the summer of 1942—two young men enduring the antics of Beast Barracks. We were not just roommates, but roommates who both came from Brooklyn, New York. Even as I write, I can see Del smiling. He seemed always to smile (check the accompanying picture), proof that he just enjoyed life. For one thing, academics did not bother him. On numerous occasions during a break between classes, Del would lie back "on the springs" and go to sleep for fifteen or twenty minutes. He knew he would graduate, and it really didn't matter how close to the bottom he came (of course, having a "Star Man," Dorsey Mahin, in the room was a big help to both of us).

During yearling year, Del went off to Flight School, without a doubt he was going to be an "Italian Red Baron;" however, a knee injury brought him back to West Point sooner than he had planned. First Class year Del showed us his great talent as a pool player in the First Class Club, just a floor below where we lived. When Branch selections came around, Infantry chose him.

Once he was reported by a Tactical Officer for "Public Display of Affection in the Theater". In his "B-Ache" he explained that the young lady had indicated that there was a cold breeze blowing on her back; therefore he, in the best traditions of West Point, attempted to ward off the breeze by placing his arm at the back of the seat. It didn't work. He walked! Six days after graduation, he married the girl, Doris Ann Kelly, and they eventually had three youngsters, Barbara in 1947, Kenneth in 1949 and Valerie in 1962.

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After the Basic Officer Course, I went to the Pacific Theater and Del to Europe. Every so often I would hear of some antic in which he had been a participant. In 1960, we met again at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was stationed at Fort Riley, so he invited me home for the weekend to exchange stories of what we had been doing for the past fifteen years. It was another fifteen or twenty years later that we met at a class reunion. Del had often said he would never return to West Point, but that was just a front for a fellow who loved the Army and was proud of being a West Point graduate. By this time he had remarried and had left the service. After leaving the service he worked for the *St. Petersburg* (Florida) *Times* and then worked as a district manager for the Southland Corporation, (7-11 Stores) in Florida.

My next news of Del came when I learned of his death at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C. I called his wife Carolyn. In addition to our telephone conversation she wrote me a very nice letter telling me of his year-long battle with throat cancer. The Lord did not want him to suffer any longer and called him to his eternal rest on 23 November 1986.

Though it has been almost fifty years since we first met, I can readily see the light in his eyes as he planned another adventure.

"Well Done; Be Thou At Peace"

His roommate A.W.F.

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Henry Joseph Hughes, Jr.

NO. 15231 CLASS OF 1945

Died 2 October 1981 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, aged 61 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Henry Joesph Hughes, Jr.

HANK, AS HE WAS KNOWN to one and all, was born in Watervliet, New York, to Henry and Frances Hughes on 9 April 1920. He graduated from La Salle Institute in Troy, New York, attended Stanton Preparatory Academy, Cornwall, New York, and was a sophomore at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts when he received his appointment to West Point in 1941. Having successfully navigated plebe year, he had problems with and lost to the Math Department, which led to his favorite saying, "Now in my first yearling year...".

Graduating in 1945, he was commissioned in the Infantry. After attending the Basic Course at Fort Benning, he spent a tour with the 7th Cavalry Regiment in Japan before returning to the States and assignment to the 3rd Infantry at Fort Myer, Virginia, where he became an aide to President Truman. While at Fort Myer, he met and wed Barbara Brooke Matlack. In October 1950, he left for Korea, where he served in X Corps Headquarters briefly before being assigned to the 31st Infantry Regiment, 7thDivision, where he earned two Bronze Star Medals for Valor, the Bronze Star Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge, as both a company commander and battalion executive officer. Other tours throughout his military career included the Tactical Department at West Point; Headquarters, 3rd Infantry Division; Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, Seventh Army; Commanding Officer of the 1st Armored Rifle Battalion, 46th Infantry, and duty with Office of Research and Development, Department of the Army. Besides attending the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, he attained his Master's Degree in Business Administration from George Washington University.

After his retirement in 1965, Hank joined Booz, Allen, where he remained for five years before leaving to join the firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company. In 1973, he joined the Virginia State Pollution Control Board as the Director of Planning and ADP. From there he moved to the post of Director of Environmental Quality for the City of Alexandria, Virginia, which position he occupied until his untimely death.

A mere recitation of his military and civilian pursuits is not enough to describe Hank, the man. This was best done by his son, the late Major James M. Hughes, who said in the eulogy that he wrote and which I extract here: "While my first thoughts of my father are colored by the innocence of childhood, it was as a child at the age of ten that I suddenly realized that he was special. Special not just for being my father, but special in his own right. Actually, it was a short, simple event, one that I did not completely comprehend, which so clearly painted a picture of a unique and remarkable man. This event of the past was the occasion of my family's departure from Germany following my father's change of command of the 46th Infantry...the Hughes family had spent the night in temporary quarters over the Officers' Club. Quite early the next morning all of us prepared to move by train to Bremerhaven. As we came down the stairs into the club's front lobby, I suddenly noticed that all his officers were waiting for him. The silence was overwhelming. My father stopped for a moment and then quickly moved toward them. His officers, without command, moved to meet him, each trying, without regard to rank or position, to greet him and shake his hand. As I moved closer, I noticed something quite strange; and, while I did not completely understand it at the time, its significance was not lost to me. I saw men, grown men, warriors who I had been told never cried, each with tears in his eyes, and my father comforting and encouraging each of them in turn...Lieutenant Colonel Henry Joseph Hughes, Jr., was a man who lived his life fully and completely, with a spirit of dedication to the values he had learned at home and later at West Point...The tenets of the Academy's motto—DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY—became for him a bright beacon that guided him throughout his life. The measure of how true he stayed to that course is the tremendous respect, love, and admiration he enjoyed from his family, his many friends, the soldiers with whom he served and business associates...He was a man who obviously enjoyed being with and sharing with people. That he loved others made it easy to love him in return. He was slow in anger but always quick to forgive. His marriage became a continual celebration of love. He teamed with my mother to produce a home of quality and security that successfully reared four children in a time when the values of commitment to home, family and the sacrifice that all of that entails were openly questioned."

At the time of his death, his fellow workers of the City of Alexandria paid for the planting of a tree and for benches erected around it in a scenic area in Alexandria's Founder's Park. His classmates then paid for the installation of a bronze plaque at the site naming it the Lieutenant Colonel Henry J. Hughes, Jr. seating area. These are but two examples of the high esteem in which he was held.

Hank was the father of two other sons beside Jim, who wrote and presented the eulogy, Lieutenant Colonel Henry J. Hughes, III and Major John M. Hughes, and a daughter, Brooke, who was a Captain in the Army Nurse Corps before her marriage to Lieutenant Colonel David B. Gorski (USMA '71).

Hank's impish grin and the twinkle in his eye are gone from us for now, but they will always remain in our mind's eye as a reminder that we once had the privilege of knowing and loving this honest, considerate, loving and gentle man. Be thou at peace, my friend.

Jim Elkey, a classmate

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Hugh Clifford Oppenheimer

NO. 14963 CLASS OF 1945

Died 1 June 1974 in Malba, New York, aged 53 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

Hugh Clifford Oppenheimer

ALL OF US LOOKED YOUNG, immature, vulnerable that summer of 1942; all, that is, except Oppie. He was 21, actually 21-1/2, when most of us were 18.

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Oppie was a darkly handsome old-young man with wavy black hair and a beagle sag beneath deep-set hooded eyes. Plebe classmates who passed him looked twice. Even before we knew him, he seemed older, wiser, more serious, out of place among plebes. The double-take was a defensive mechanism to determine whether he was an upper classman who should be avoided or one of us.

He was one of us all right, but his three extra years placed him a giant step ahead inexperience and what later generations called "cool." An only child, Oppie already knew a lot about responsibility. During high school he often held two jobs to help pay the bills, and, for much of his life, he provided support for his mother. And he knew, too, about an Army the rest of us were just meeting. Before coming to West Point he had attended the University of Cincinnati for one year, served in the 107th Horse Cavalry and the 16th Mechanized Cavalry, made staff sergeant, and finished the West Point Prep School at Fort McPherson.

Oppie had a "leg up" on most of us, and we benefitted, for he shared his experience. His roommate, Nat King, remembers being issued an M-1 rifle, and, having taken it apart, was near panic trying to reassemble the thing. Oppie saw and helped, and Nat recalls this small kindness as "typical of his generous and giving nature."

Born 8 January 1921 in Cincinnati, Ohio to George and Grace Oppenheimer, Oppie came to West Point by appointment from second district Congressman William Hess.

During the West Point years, when we were searching for who and what we were, Oppie's cavalry background led him into polo. He also enjoyed squash and fishing. He made cadet corporal, then sergeant, and the company benefitted from his maturity and experience. Oppie persuaded both his roommates to join him in taking pilot training, then learned that he was claustrophobic in a cockpit. He liked to fly and was an excellent pilot, but he couldn't land with the canopy closed. After many check rides, he washed out.

Oppie met Theresa (Terry) Dunckley, a nurse at the West Point Hospital. They dated throughout the cadet years and were married in June 1945 in Arlington, Virginia.

Terry and Oppie had three boys: Dennis, Brian and Wayne. Dennis died in infancy. Wayne, an accountant and graduate of St. Johns University, died in 1989. Terry died in 1986, twelve years after Oppie, and is buried at West Point with him. Brian, a graduate of Fordham in communication arts, is a successful businessman and a fine writer who is now working in Los Angeles in the TV and motion picture industry.

Oppie went into the Signal Corps and served his initial tour in Japan as commander of the 24th and then the 25th Division Signal Companies. Afterwards, his work focused entirely on mass communication within, and later outside, the military. In 1950, he earned a masters degree in communication from the University of Southern California, majoring in motion picture and television production, and, in 1968, completed his Ph.D. in communication.

Oppie's active duty work included being film producer at the Army Pictorial Center, commander of Armed Forces Radio and Television Networks in Korea, and Chief of the Television Division at the Army Pictorial Center. He pioneered the use of television within the Army, to include adapting TV for Army field maneuvers and introducing mobile color TV equipment. Oppie produced over 200 educational and documentary films. He was executive producer of "The Big Picture," the public service TV programs watched by millions, and was nominated for an Emmy Award.

After retiring in 1965, Oppie taught at the University of Southern California, the University of Chicago, and City College of New York. He also was executive producer at Encyclopedia Britannica Films Division, producing many films for them. He founded a number of companies in the communications field and was vice president of one, Media, Inc. of New York. In 1968 he became Professor of Communications at LaGuardia Community College and, at the time of his death had just been appointed Commissioner of Communications for New York City.

And there is more. Oppie co-authored the book, *Use of Television in Secondary Schools*, considered a primary source at the time. He was co-inventor of an early remote camera called the "Creepy Peepy," a version of which was the first camera on the moon. And, he spoke seven languages.

Nat King says, "Neither Jones nor I could have had a better roommate. Oppie was quiet, thoughtful, and considerate of others. None of us were Rhodes Scholar material, but Oppie was many files ahead of Johnnie and me, and he often helped us in our academic struggles. He was a true gentleman."

But the highest tribute was son Brian's letter about his father. It was a wonderful letter about Oppie that radiated love and respect:

"In the late 60's it seemed people my age were pitted against the older generation in irreconcilable conflict. That didn't happen with my father and me. There never was a 'generation gap' between us. He always accepted me the way I was. A son couldn't have asked for a better father."

John Carley,'45

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Gordon Hughes Shumard

NO. 14891 CLASS OF 1945

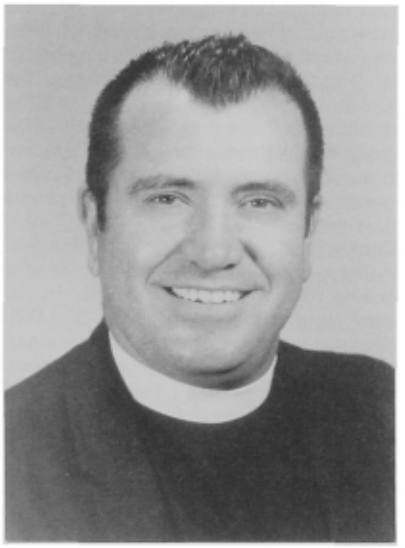
Died 21 February 1974 in Taccoa, Georgia, aged 52 years.

Interment: Grace Calvary Episcopal Church, Cemetery, Clarksville, Georgia.

GORDON HUGHES SHUMARD, the son of Marion Rush Shumard and Evelyn Hughes Shumard, was born in Sapulpa, Oklahoma on 7 August 1921. He grew up in the great Sooner State and was appointed from there to West Point in 1941. He entered in June of that year with the Class of 1944.

Gabby, as he was known at the Academy, was "found" at Christmas 1941 and re-entered the following summer with the Class of 1945 as a recognized plebe. In his yearling year, he played on the B-2 Company lacrosse team, and his steady play helped them to win the Corps Championship. Gabby, with his jovial countenance, was an all-around good fellow. Everyone was glad to say, "Gabby is a friend of mine".

Jim Gilland writes that Gabby graduated into the Field Artillery, but his first oversees assignment was in Luzon with the 87th Division Engineer Battalion. At the end of 1945, he was sent to the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan.



Gordon Hughes Shumard

On 4 January 1946, he married Mary Ann Ledbetter, of Oklahoma City, by written agreement: he liked to recall that he was at the bottom of a muddy trench repairing a water line when he signed it. Gabby had met his bride-to-be when he was taking flight training at Enid, Oklahoma in 1943.

In 1948, the Shumards went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Gabby horrified the Artillery by requesting a transfer to the Engineers. In 1949, his transfer was accepted, and he went to Fort Belvoir. In 1952-53, he went to Texas A&M, earning a Master of Science in Engineering. He returned to Japan to the Engineer Depot in Yokohoma. Gabby and his family came back to Fort Belvoir in 1955, where he was in the G-4 Section of the Engineer Center. He and Mary had three sons and a daughter. Gabby was a leader in Boy Scouting and other family-oriented activities in the area. From 1959-60, he served in Vietnam as an Engineer Advisor to the Vietnamese Army. He finished his military career as PMS at Auburn University, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1965.

At the age of 44, Gabby entered the Episcopal Seminary at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. While living in Sewanee, he was an athletic director, teacher and football coach. In 1968, he graduated with a Master of Divinity and was ordained. From 1968 to 1970, he was Director of Guidance and Counseling at St. Andrew's School, St. Andrews, Tennessee. He was called to be rector of St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Toccoa, Georgia in 1970.

Mr. John Dillon, who was then senior warden of St. Matthias, recalls Gabby as the rector: "I soon realized that this was a compassionate individual whose decisions were based on the love and care of the people whom he pastored. He taught St. Matthias the real meaning of being a church family. Though he was a retired member of our armed forces, I never felt that as a man of his discipline he ever handed down a decision that wasn't based on love. He was a man for all ages. When Gordon recessed down the aisle after a service, his face radiated the joy that had been expressed during the liturgy. His children showed great love and respect for their father, and many young individuals and couples were drawn to St.

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Matthias because of the Shumard family."

His daughter Ann writes that, while in Toccoa, he was a substitute teacher at the local high school where his wife Mary also taught. She adds, "He could cheer me up with just three little words bellowed out: 'I love you', and offer his great smile and a bear hug. I was so proud to have him as my daddy. He made friends and everyone he met feel welcome by his unique sense of humor and his genuine, kind, loving nature."

Gordon had a massive heart attack while conducting a prayer and praise service at the church on Sunday night. Rushed to the local hospital, he lived only three days. Mr. Dillon recalled that the hospital personnel were amazed by how much love the whole community poured out to the stricken priest. Gabby died on 21 February 1974, his wife's birthday.

His widow Mary Anne died in Augusta, Georgia in late 1975. The Shumards left four children: Gordon, Jr., of Roswell, Georgia; John, of Sewanee, Tennessee; James, of Dahlonega, Georgia; and Ann Shumard Jarrett of Augusta.

His family, friends, and classmates remember Gordon Shumard as a caring father and husband, as a dedicated soldier for his country; and as an Episcopal priest who exuded Christian joy, faith, and love to all around him.

W.C.S., his classmate

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John Francis Suelzer

NO. 14765 CLASS OF 1945

Died 3 December 1948 in Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, aged 23 years.

Interment: Riverdale Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia.

John Francis Suelzer

JOHN FRANCIS SUELZER was born in Columbus, Georgia on 6 March 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Edmond G. Suelzer. He graduated from Columbus High School in 1942 and was briefly enrolled at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, before being appointed to West Point.

During cadet days, John was popular with his classmates and gained the respect of all cadets because of his forthright character. He was intelligent, forceful, ambitious, friendly, helpful and a real credit to the Academy.

After graduation, John reported to the basic course at the Infantry School before departing for the Philippines, where, in October 1945, he joined the 86th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. In December 1945, he was selected for attendance at the CIC Training School in Tokyo, Japan and reported to the 97th CIC Unit in Nagoya, Japan. He was assigned as Operations Officer and served in this capacity until early 1948.

Upon returning to CONUS, he initially was assigned to Fort Knox, Kentucky, as platoon Leader, Battery "C", 54th Armored Field Artillery Battalion and later as an instructor. In July 1948, he was appointed as Aide to the Commanding General, Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, and served in that assignment until his untimely death from illness on 3 December 1948. A fitting testimonial to John is found in these words spoken by an old Army sergeant who had served with him: "He was the finest and most capable young officer that I have ever served under."

Friends and family will always cherish and remember John's accomplishments during his shortened life. West Point, the Army, our country, his family, and friends are all beneficiaries of his devotion to Duty, Honor, and Country.

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William Henderson Mason

NO. 16118 CLASS OF 1946

Lost on 22 May 1968 when his plane was shot down by enemy fire over Laos.

Still unaccounted for.

William Henderson Mason

WILLIAM HENDERSON MASON'S father was an attorney and politician, serving many terms as state representative and senator and one term as lieutenant governor of Arkansas. Known by family and friends as Bill and later by his Air Force classmates as "Red", he was born 12 October 1924 in Camden, Arkansas. Like many young men during the Depression, Red had a paper route to help out during those hard times. After graduating from Camden High School, Red got a summer job with the International Paper Company in Camden. When the time came to go to college, he proudly informed his folks that he had put aside enough money for his first semester. He enrolled in Magnolia A&M College, Magnolia, Arkansas in the Fall of 1942. With World War II in full force by then, Red did not finish his first semester but enlisted in the Army Air Corps for pilot training. As much as he wanted to become a pilot immediately, Red followed his father's advice and gained an appointment to West Point. He also was influenced by the fact that his two older brothers had graduated from Annapolis. Thus, Red Mason joined the Class of 1946 at West Point on 1 July 1943.

Cadet life was not difficult for Red. The experiences of his two brothers at Annapolis had given him an idea as to what to expect. Also, according to his roommate, Clarence E. (Bud) McChristian, Red had a technique for "spit-shining" shoes that gained him no little fame. Even upperclassmen came to him for instructions. Academics were a different problem, especially plebe year. One of his plebe roommates, Benjamin C. Brown, recalled an incident from that time. One of the many cadet legends is that twirling the spurs on the General Sedgewick monument during a full moon is a guarantee of academic success. Ben remembered that Red often sleep-walked, so he was not alarmed to see him getting up and getting dressed one night before final exams. The next day Red told his roommates that he had twirled Sedgewick's spurs under a full moon. True to the legend, he passed all his courses. Red's sister Elizabeth recalled that money was still tight in the Mason household in Arkansas and that people just didn't make long distance phone calls. However, form telegrams could be sent for 25 cents. Red and his mother had worked out a code that a Happy Birthday telegram would mean he had passed all courses. So it was with a great deal of joy that Mrs. Mason received Happy Birthday greetings from West Point after Red's date with General Sedgewick. In December of 1944, Red received the sad news that his oldest brother Richard was lost at sea in a submarine (he was declared dead in 1945).

Red was an outstanding varsity gymnast while a cadet. His specialties were the flying rings and the rope climb. His classmates all remember the infamous "obstacle course." The first obstacle was to somehow lift oneself onto a platform about 10 feet off the floor. To most, this platform seemed at least 20 feet high. Red and another gym team classmate, Paul J. Quinn (memorial, October 1948 *ASSEMBLY*), had a week-long battle to see who could hold the Corps record for the fastest time on the obstacle course. First, from the "poopdeck" in the mess hall would come the announcement, "Cadet Mason set a new record for the physical endurance course of __ minutes, __ seconds." The next day the announcement would give Paul Quinn's time for a new record and so on; the times announced were a marvel to most of their classmates. Red opted for flight training and graduated a second lieutenant with the wings of a pilot in the Army Air Corps.

Red's first assignment was to Enid, Oklahoma for transition training into multi-engine aircraft. After further training, he ended up at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas, where he married Irene Felfe on 24 July 1949. In 1951, Red flew 100 combat hours on 41 missions in F-84 fighters during the Korean War and

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was awarded the Air Medal. In 1958, Red was selected for graduate education by the Air Force Institute of Technology. AFIT sent Red to Oklahoma State University and then to George Washington University, where he was awarded a Master's in Engineering Administration. This prepared him for the work he was to do during most of the remainder of his career: weapons systems research, development and acquisition. Red was assigned to the Ballistic Missile Division in California, where he was to remain for the next four years, first in the Atlas Missile System Program Office and then as project officer for the Athena Re-entry Vehicle System development and full-scale test.

In 1963, Red was selected to attend the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) at Fort McNair, Virginia. From ICAF, he went to Headquarters, Air Force Systems Command. It was there that he attained the rank of lieutenant colonel. In the Summer of 1967, Red was a senior officer in the Air Force Research and Development career field. However, the Vietnam War was at its height, so Red volunteered for an assignment in Southeast Asia.

After C-130 advanced flying training, he went to an operational Tactical Airlift Squadron on Okinawa. He was later placed on temporary duty with the 37th Tactical Airlift Wing flying out of Ubon, Thailand. He was flying extremely hazardous forward air controller missions, and, for one mission, Red received the Distinguished Flying Cross. His citation reads in part: "Lieutenant Colonel William H. Mason distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a Forward Air Controller in Southeast Asia on 12 May 1968.... Colonel Mason located 30 hostile supply vehicles and directed strike aircraft to the target, furnishing him information on anti-aircraft fire during the strike. As a result of Colonel Mason's accurate control, the strike aircraft was able to avoid the hostile ground fire and destroy the target..." On 22 May 1968, Red Mason took off on another such mission. That day, Red's plane was shot down by enemy fire somewhere over Laos. No further word has been heard to date about Red or any member of his crew. Red received two Oak Leaf Clusters to his Air Medal and the Purple Heart. He was promoted to Colonel in 1971 while in a MIA status. William Henderson (Red) Mason remains one of thirteen West Point graduates unaccounted for in Southeast Asia. At the time his plane was lost, the following family members were awaiting his return: his wife, Irene; a son William H., Jr.; a daughter Helen; his parents, a brother, Clifford and two sisters, Harriet and Elizabeth.

Webster defines a hero as "a man admired for his achievements and noble qualities; one that shows great courage". Red certainly qualifies on each count. With his specialist career in the R&D field, he never would have been assigned to Southeast Asia, yet Red volunteered to get into the war. He reasoned that he was trained to fly in combat and that is what he wanted to do. Red had a good philosophy of life; he enjoyed it. With his red hair, he had a quick flashpoint, but he also was quick to recover and see the humor in a situation. His family, friends and classmates will always remember Red Mason as a loving husband and father and a credit to the Air Force and West Point. Red is the epitome of what a West Pointer should be. He never thought about Duty, Honor, Country; he just lived by these precepts without having to think about them. When his classmates get together to reminisce, there is no doubt that a toast will be raised to Red Mason, a friend, an airman in the true sense of the word and a patriot. In the front of the 1943 *Bugle Notes* there is a prayer on page five opposite the Star Spangled Banner. Titled *From These Grey Walls*, it provides a fitting tribute to our classmate, Red Mason, on that fateful mission:

"..TO THEE WE MAKE A PRAYER
WHEN OUR TIME COMES, WHEN RINGING CALL TO ARMS
SENDS US HEADLONG TO THAT VAGUE FRONTIER
GIVE US THE STRENGTH TO PAY THE DEBT WE OWE,
TO RISE IN TRIUMPH ABOVE THE TIDE OF FEAR.
WHEN LIGHTNING CRASH, AND MARTIAL THUNDERS ROLL,
WHEN THE GREAT DEEP SHRINKS FROM THE BLINDING FIRES OF HELL—
THEN GIVE US NERVE TO FACE THE BLAZING STEEL,
TO BEAR THE BATTLE LIKE THE MEN THAT WERE,
MAY WE FALL LIKE THEM, KNOWING WE HAVE DONE
OUR DUTY TO OUR COUNTRY AND OUR HOME."

There is no doubt that Red Mason lived up to each thought in this prayer. His family and classmates may never know his fate; but of one thing there is no doubt — the memory of Red Mason will live forever with them. The Class of 1946 salutes you, Red!

'46 Memorial Article Project and his family

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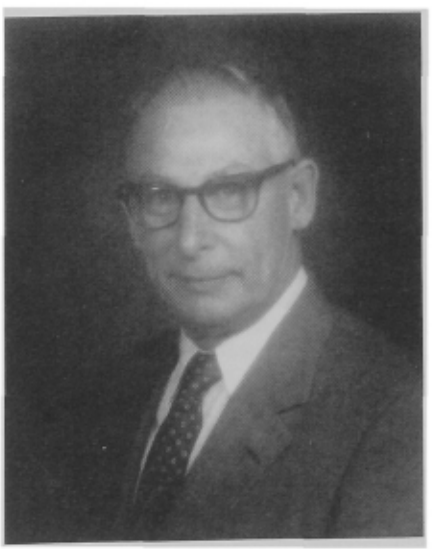
George Duane Heisser

NO. 16391 CLASS OF 1947

Died 18 February 1989 in Knoxville, Tennessee, aged 63 years.

Interment: Swamp College Cemetery, Celina, Ohio.



George Duane Heisser

GEORGE DUANE HEISSER was born in Celina, Ohio on 21 July 1925, the only son of George and Olive (Davis) Heisser. He attended school in Celina, played football for Celina High School and graduated in 1943. He was appointed to West Point by Rep. Robert F. Jones, 4th District Ohio, and, after six months at Braden Preparatory School, George entered West Point in July 1944. He graduated in the Class of 1947 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

The years until 1952 followed the pattern of schools and assignments for an artillery officer and included a tour of duty with the 510th Field Artillery Battalion, USFA, as well as service as an aide to Major General Paul W. Kendall, Headquarters, USFA. While in Austria, Lieutenant Heisser became engaged to Ann Coleman Barker, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. George R. Barker. On 2 December 1950, they were married at the post chapel at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

In August 1952, Lieutenant Heisser was selected to attend the University of Virginia School of Law under the Funded Legal Education Program. He graduated with an LLB on 13 June 1955. During his time in law school, Lieutenant Heisser was elected to be a member of the Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity.

After graduation from law school, admission to the bar and completion of the regular course, TJAG School, Captain Heisser was assigned to the Lands Division, OTJAG. From that assignment he went on to become Assistant Staff Judge Advocate at Headquarters USATTC (NEAC) in St. John's, Newfoundland, from 1956 to 1959.

August 1959 saw Captain Heisser return to Charlottesville, Virginia for the Advanced Course, TJAGSA, and after that he was assigned to the Department of Law, USMA for four years, 1960-1964. While there he was promoted to major and also began to expand upon his lifelong interest in photography.

From West Point, Major Heisser was assigned to the 8th Infantry Division, USAREUR, Bad Kreuznach, Germany, first as executive officer, then as the Staff Judge Advocate, 1965-1967, and during that time he was promoted to lieutenant colonel. The European tour was followed by an assignment to the Lands Division, OTJAG, Washington, D.C. as acting chief, then chief of the Lands Division.

Lieutenant Colonel Heisser retired from the Lands Division on 31 July 1969 and at that time was awarded the Legion of Merit. His other previous awards included the American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), National Defense Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Army Commendation Medal.

After retirement, Lieutenant Colonel Heisser had the opportunity to pursue the interests that he had begun during his active service, travel and photography. He and Ann returned to Europe more than once, were in Israel multiple times and toured extensively in the U.S. and Canada. After moving from the Washington area to St. Petersburg, Florida, they finally settled in Knoxville, Tennessee, where George began to devote much time and energy to his parish church.

The retirement process revealed that George had incurred considerable damage from a silent heart attack sometime prior to 1969. On 18 February 1989 George had a second heart attack, and, as a result of it, he died peacefully in his sleep. He is survived by Ann, his wife of 38 years, an aunt and uncle, and numerous cousins. After a memorial service at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan, Knoxville, he was buried beside his parents in Celina, Ohio on 22 February 1989. He was loved and respected by those who knew him, and he sorely is missed.

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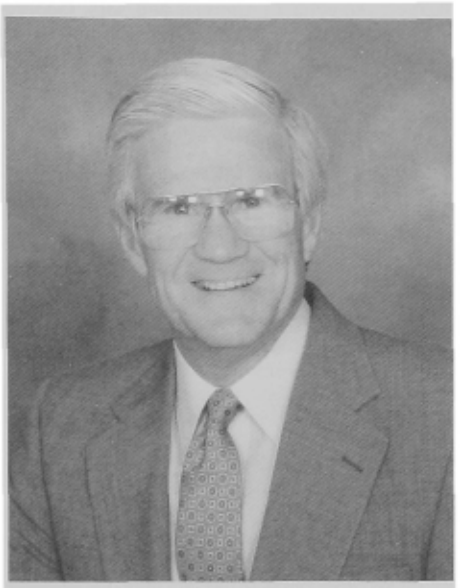
Robert James Petersen

NO. 16733 CLASS OF 1948

Died 27 August 1991 in Montreal, Canada, aged 65 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



Robert J. Petersen

ROBERT J. PETERSEN was born in Chicago, Illinois on 26 March 1926 to Reno and Minnie Petersen. His parents provided him and his brother Dick a happy, secure childhood that prepared them well for the purposeful and successful lives they were to live. After graduation from Harvard School for Boys (high school), Bob attended Northwestern University before enlisting in the Marine Corps to do his part in World War II. As he completed boot training, he was ordered to report to USMA on 1 July to become a cadet. Bob arrived for Beast Barracks resplendent in Marine Corps uniform and forthwith attracted the undivided and very vocal attention of the Beast Detail, thereby mercifully relieving the pressure on his hard-pressed classmates. From that moment on, the ex-Marine was a hero and a favorite of his classmates.

Bob took cadet life in stride. He never seemed to be overwhelmed by the plebe system or the other rigors of cadet life. He had the quick mind and the sharp tongue we expected from a native of Chicago. He always had a humorous comment or a discerning insight about the plebe system, the new firsties, the Tacs, etc. He had little patience for those long of wind or inflated of ego. Also, he kept us on our toes with his challenge "All right, classmate, get to the point — if you have one."

Bob was commisioned in the infantry, his overwhelming choice of branch, on 8 June 1948 and embarked on a career balanced between command and staff assignments. His first troop duty was as a platoon leader in the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan. Not long after his arrival, the Korean War erupted suddenly, and Bob and the 1st Cavalry were rushed to South Korea to help establish and defend the Naktong Perimeter. These were desperate days for U.S. forces, and in September 1950, while leading his platoon, Bob was seriously wounded and evacuated. He required extensive hospitilization but rejected the idea of medical retirement; he was determined to return to infantry line duty, and he did. It was a constant source of amazement to his friends that throughout his life he never complained of pain, even though it was obvious that his foot wound bothered him greatly. In spite of the pain, he took up tennis and played regularly for the rest of his life and, as we would expect from him, he was a complete student of the game and a fine player.

He served in Europe as a commander in the 8th Infantry Division and on the V Corps staff. He was aide-de-camp to the CG, Third Army, and was a deputy brigade commander as well as a division staff officer in his beloved 1st Cavalry in Korea prior to the Vietnam War. He also earned a graduate degree from Vanderbilt University and taught at West Point from 1961 to 1964.

After service on the DA Staff, Bob volunteered for combat duty in Vietnam, where he commanded the 1st Battalion of the 5th Cavalry Regiment during major battles. He was an outstanding commander and was decorated for heroism.

Other assignments included study at the National War College, serving as Deputy Director of the Army's Military Information System, commanding the Support Command of the 25th Infantry Division, and serving as Chief of Staff of U.S. Army Support, Hawaii, following which he retired from the Army in 1975 after 27 years of service.

Bob and Dolly settled in the Washington D.C. area, where he lost no time in plunging enthusiastically into a civilian career. He was co-owner of a management consulting firm, Vice-President of Distribution Codes, Inc., and later Vice-President of the American National Metric Council. Just as he did in the Army, Bob enjoyed his work and found plenty of challenge and success before he retired in 1988 to "smell the roses."

Bob was an enthusiastic participant in numerous activities that brought Dolly and him great pleasure — activities such as extensive travel, visiting family and friends, learning to speak French, participating in a Book Club made up of a number of classmates, and continuing to be the Class Scribe for the *ASSEMBLY* (because of his wit, keen insights, and pithy comments, his column became must-reading.) He took it as a personal challenge to establish contact with every classmate with whom we had lost contact, and he was prompt in organizing help for classmates or their widows who had special needs.

One cannot think of Bob's life without remembering the role Dolly played throughout their 43 years of marriage. They met on a blind date during the CAMID Exercise in 1946, and who could deny that one of the smartest moves Bob ever made was marrying Dolly. Together they were a wonderful team and his pride in Dolly and in their children — Susan, Bob Jr. and Ken — shone through clearly. For the preparation of this memorial, all three children wrote moving and beautiful tributes about their wonderful father and the example he set for them, the lessons he taught them, and the love and encouragement that he gave them. This was indeed a strong and close-knit family.

Bob did so many things well during his lifetime that it is almost impossible to summarize the man adequately. One of his division commanders, Major General Robert McKinnon, wrote of him, "He was a rare individual — a professional who knew and understood soldiers,...a born leader who always knew where he was and where he was going... He led by example... as quick to praise as he was to correct... in every sense, an officer and a gentleman." Another senior commander said of him, "a tower of strength in this command... the best manager/leader I have seen."

Bob had unbounded enthusiasm and zest for life. He had flair and style in everything he did. There was no half-way for him: if it was worth doing, it had to be done right. He'll be remembered for his sharp wit and wonderful humor. He was the organizer and the "Dunner of the Decade," who brought resounding success to the fund-raiser drive for the 1948 Class Gift to USMA at the 40th Reunion. He had a twinkle in his eye and lots of charm and, though at times stubborn, he always was a friend to anyone who needed one. A man of great moral strength and character, he savored a challenge and forced you to analyze and defend your own assertions. Because of his attributes and vision Bob enjoyed extraordinary success in life and had an army of friends.

As his final act, Bob, while on a trip with Dolly and friends, in true fashion checked out at the Ritz and checked in with the Long Gray Line.

Bob died as he would have wished — with family and friends, and smelling the roses. What a remarkable and unforgettable person! God rest him well!

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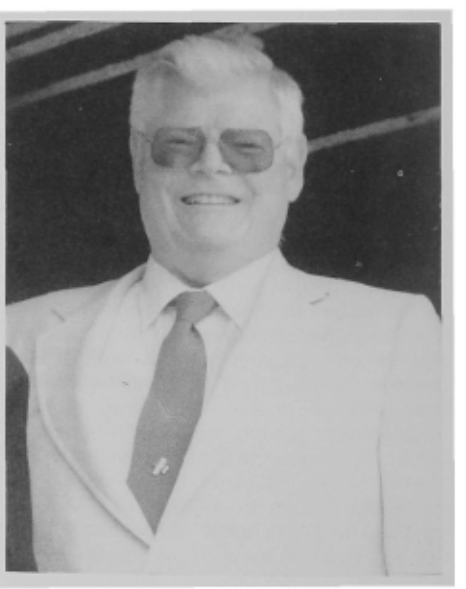
David Lee Arnold

NO.17222 CLASS OF 1949

Died 11 March 1992 in Reno, Nevada, aged 65 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



David Lee Arnold

COLONEL DAVID LEE ARNOLD died on 11 March 1992 from complications of a stroke. He was the son of General Henry "Hap" Arnold and Eleanor Alexander Pool.

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He was born on 24 February 1927, at Fort Riley, Kansas. Following in the footsteps of his father and two brothers, he graduated from the United States Military Academy in June 1949. He received a Master of Arts in Government from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. in 1956. He also attended numerous nuclear weapons, computer programming and command service schools.

During his career, Colonel Arnold served as technical intelligence analyst, staff planner, computer programmer and logistics officer. In the early 1960s, he designed and implemented a computerized information and retrieval system called ABACUS and later redesigned this system for an on-line remote environment. He was also one of the original officers assigned to the development of the Air Force's computerized wargaming capability. In his final assignment, he served as Comptroller at McClellan Air Force Base and continued the management of information systems. He retired in June 1979.

Colonel Arnold received many awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, the Air Force Commendation Medal and various campaign ribbons.

Following retirement, Colonel Arnold remained active, not only with his consulting business and teaching at Sierra College, but also with his skiing and golf. In addition, in June 1983, Colonel Arnold joined the California State Military Reserve and was appointed Chief of Staff in August 1983. In September 1984, he was appointed commander of the First Infantry Brigade.

His sense of humor was the core of his character. He never outgrew his love for playing pranks, and this more times than not got him into trouble, even at West Point. At one point, he decided that polishing shoes was inconvenient, if not downright annoying. So Colonel Arnold painted his feet black and marched parade. Another time, while stationed in Germany, he dove into a pool and instantly realized that the water temperature was *very* cold. However, after swimming to the other side, he got out and, when asked by other would-be swimmers, "How was the water?" he replied, "Great, invigorating," without letting on that it would chill them to the bone. They, of course, dove in and immediately got out as fast as they could with eyes as big as saucers.

He is survived by five children: Gay A. Morris of Alexandria, Virginia; David Lee Arnold, Jr. of Mansfield, Massachusetts; Lyn B. Arnold of Dover, Delaware; Edwin Roland Arnold of Auburn, California; Deanne A. Gray of Reno, Nevada; and six grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother William Bruce Arnold (Colonel, USAF, Retired) of Washington, D.C. Memorial services were held at Arlington Cemetery.

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Emmet Tinley Everest

NO. 17173 CLASS OF 1949

Died 7 September 1983 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, aged 56 years.

Interment: Eureka Springs Cemetery, Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

EMMET TINLEY EVEREST was born 28 September 1926 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, the youngest of three children, and the only son of Folsom and Elsie Pusey Everest. Having

Emmet Tinley Everest

a father and an uncle, Charles B. Everest, both senior officers in the Iowa National Guard, who served with distinction in the U.S. Army in World War I and in North Africa and Europe during World War II, and a second uncle, Frank F. Everest, USMA '28, who retired as an Air Force general in 1961, Emmet was inherently suited for a military career. From an early age, he felt a dedication to that lineage.

In preparation for entering West Point, "Em" attended Staunton Military Academy and enlisted in the Army Air Corps following graduation. He passed the West Point entrance exams with ease, entering the Academy with the Class of 1949. Besides meeting the daily challenge of academics, Emmet showed promise as a tumbler on the gymnastics team and was a cheerleader.

Following graduation, Emmet married Janice Shawler of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Following pilot training, and receiving his wings, he was assigned to a B-50 Air Refueling unit at Biggs Field, Texas, and, later to an Air Rescue unit at Harmon Air Force Base, Newfoundland. Emmet applied for, and was accepted by, the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for continuing education in aerospace engineering. This led to a maintenance engineering assignment at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, followed by attendance at the Air Command and Staff College. From an overseas assignment at Woodbridge RAF Station, England, he returned to Headquarters, Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, then joined the F-111 program at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada and deployed with the squadron to Southeast Asia. Emmet concluded his active duty tour at Headquarters TAC, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, retiring in 1970.

The Everests moved to St. Charles, Missouri to start a second career with the McDonnell Douglas F-18 program. After ten years of involvement in the development and acquisition by the Navy of the F-18, Emmet decided to retire and take up a long-dreamed-of plan. The family would move to the Ozarks, build a retirement home there, and then share in owning a tri-state midwestern wild flower nursery with Janice. But, as is so often the case, he died before he could complete the house or attain the nursery.

Janice and Em raised two sons, Emmet Tinley, Jr., and William. In 1980, they took in a ward, Jerry D. McCormack, upon the untimely demise of his parents who had become close friends of the Everest family. Emmet was a devoted husband and father. He dedicated the better portion of his life to his family and to a vocation he truly loved, flying.

R.L.M.

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Mark McGuire

NO. 17777 CLASS OF 1950

Died 11 September 1991 in Oakton, Virginia, aged 63 years.

Interment: Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Westbury, New York.

Mark McGuire

MARK McGUIRE WAS BORN in Far Rockaway, New York on 6 July 1928, the third of four children of lawyer Thomas Joseph McGuire and Agnes Powers McGuire. Mark grew up in Cedarhurst, Long Island in the family home his grandparents built at the turn of the century. He graduated from Lawrence High School.

Mark was influenced in a military career by his father, an officer in the 59th Artillery in the battles of the Marne and St. Mihiel; by an uncle who led an infantry platoon in the "Fighting 69th," was seriously wounded at Chateau Thierry and was awarded the Silver Star; and by his mother, a Yeomanette in the US Navy.

The *Howitzer* notes: "Mark came to West Point as the pride of Long Island, a natural hive with goat's ambition. Mark floated through academics but maintained himself a ramrod for duty and a tower of virtue in matters of honor. His Irish smile and unusual sense of humor won him fame, if not renown, throughout the Corps."

After graduation, Mark joined the 7th Field Artillery in Germany. A month later, Mark's wife Ruth arrived and it was during this tour that Michael and Kathleen were born. In 1953, the family left Germany for Fort Sill. Mark attended the Basic Course, taught gunnery and completed the Advanced Course. In 1957, Mark left Fort Sill for an unaccompanied tour in Vietnam, initially as an advisor and later as

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a General's aide.

In 1958, when Mark returned, his marriage ended with a divorce. Mark reported to the 82d Airborne Division. He considered duty with the 82d the best of his career. He enjoyed jumping out of airplanes and became a master parachutist. Mark experienced an artillery officer's dream of commanding three different airborne batteries: a mortar battery, a 105mm Howitzer battery and an Honest John battery. The highlight of his tour occurred on 14 March 1960 when Mark married Sallie Miller.

In 1962, Mark and Sallie moved to Maxwell Air Force Base to attend the Air Command and Staff College. Mark continued in an academic environment by becoming fluent in Swahili and attaining a Master of Arts at the American University in Washington, D.C. In January 1966, the Army recognized Mark as a Foreign Area Specialist in South Africa and assigned him to the U.S. Strike Command staff in Florida. Mark was able to utilize his knowledge of Africa and fluency in Swahili during his trips to Africa and in studies and planning.

In February 1968, Mark, Sallie and their family (Lisa, Julie and Christine) moved to London, where Mark served on the US-UK Planning Group. Mark and Sallie enjoyed their warm relationship with the British people, and the girls were happy to attend English schools. The family had many pleasant experiences traveling in the United Kingdom and on the Continent.

In 1970, Mark retired as a lieutenant colonel to take a job with Cheeseborough-Ponds. Unfortunately, a corporate shake-up in New York in 1972 left Mark without a job, and the family moved to Northern Virginia.

In March 1975, Mark began his second career with the Voice of America as a political analyst. In 1989, he received the Director's Award for "holding the mirror of truth before the Chinese people and their leaders during China's quest for democracy."

Part of "In Memoriam," written about Mark by a colleague, stated: "As an editorial writer for the Voice of America, he hammered away at the Communist edifice, testing the power of truth against the Big Lie. Legend has it that Brian Boru, the greatest of Ireland's warrior kings, died on the battlefield at Clontarf at the moment of his final victory over the Viking invaders. Like so many Irish heroes and martyrs, his death was the crown and seal of his life. So it is, somehow, fitting that Mark would leave us late in this victory year of 1991. He had lived to see the spectacular triumph of American arms — one of the most remarkable in military history... Mark was no mere spectator to these events. He was, as always, right in the thick of the fight. On his very last day, his words were still being heard by millions throughout the word — bringing a message of courage, hope and freedom. And now that his fight is fought and his race won, Mark has gone to the reward of a lifetime well spent. I believe he would want to remind those of us who remain that there are some things left to do. For freedom will still need defending. So let us strive to be worthy to carry the torch he has passed us and dedicate our lives to duty, honor, country."

Well done, Mark. May God bless you, may God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Mark is survived by his wife Sallie of Oakton, Virginia; daughters Julie Bethea, Lisa Bennett, Christine and Kathleen; son Michael; two grandchildren, Erin and Richard Bethea; brothers Thomas Joseph McGuire (Brigadier General, USA Retired) and Philip; and sister Patricia.

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Henry Edward Tisdale, Jr.

NO. 17362 CLASS OF 1950

Died 14 September 1951 in Las Vegas, Nevada, aged 23 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

Henry Edward Tisdale, Jr.

IN THE SUMMER OF 1950, Henry Edward Tisdale, Jr. and I, newly commissioned second lieutenants in the United States Air Force, met as planned in Washington, D.C. Several weeks before, we had agreed to drive our brand new automobiles, in tandem, bound for San Antonio, Texas, to begin our careers in the Air Force. We were close friends, having spent four years together as classmates at La Salle Military Academy in Oakdale, New York, along with Henry's sibling, Patrick David Tisdale. From there, the three of us went on together to West Point, graduating in the USMA Class of 1950.

The family was an extraordinary one. The father, Colonel Henry E. Tisdale, Sr., as an artillery officer who designed firing systems, conducted the first airborne military operation, built the defense system for the Panama Canal, and facilitated the initial development of the Women's Army Corps in World War II. Young Henry's older brothers Paul and Pierre (USMA 1944) were his role models; and he also valued the companionship of his younger brother Pat at West Point, especially during plebe year. A sister Julie, at IBM, and another younger brother John, an electronics engineer, completed the remarkably gifted progeny.

The strong family influence produced in Henry an intellect which was multifaceted. A voracious reader, a star-man every year at La Salle and at West Point, Henry was a happy, exuberant young man and a dedicated American patriot as well. He saw his mission in life to be that of a superior military role model, and he did strive continually toward that goal. His father's success and his brothers' influence had much to do with Henry's need to excel, but with all of that, his sense of humor and his gentility were always with him. At graduation ceremonies in 1950, Henry ranked sixteenth in a class of 670.

Now, I think back forty years ago to our drive to San Antonio, where our service in the Air Force was to begin. I had a brand new white Chevrolet—a graduation gift bought at the A&C dealer in Highland Falls—and Henry's car was a gun-metal grey Nash, the right front seat of which turned down to form a bed. Whenever we decided to stop for the night, I chose a motel, and Henry slept in the Nash. He was probably just as comfortable in his car bed as I was in the motel, and the price didn't bother him either! During the day, we'd stock up on fruit, cookies and milk for the day's journey, and we'd have a decent meal when evening arrived. We drove south-west-ward furiously, taking turns in the lead, and we had a few close calls along the route. We'd settled on some signals: when to slow down, when to hit the brakes, traffic up ahead, etc. I'll never forget one particular heart-thumper: Henry was in the lead on an up-hill two-lane road; I was in the left lane trying to overtake a van. Suddenly, at the crest of the hill, I saw Henry's left arm signaling furiously as a sedan appeared over the hill, racing in my direction. To pass the van was impossible; to get behind it was unreachable. My only chance was to veer to the left and go off the road, hoping the shoulder would hold. Fortunately, as the sedan passed, I quickly turned the wheel back to reach the right lane. At the top of the hill, Henry had pulled over to wait for me. It might have been a disaster, so we vowed never to take such a chance again. We did finally reach San Antonio safe and sound, only to learn that we were to be assigned to different air bases in Texas. After eight years as classmates and friends, we were separated.

Henry remained in San Antonio that year and married Sylvia Tower, daughter of Colonel Milton Tower, U.S. Army. Their son, Stephan Austin Tisdale, was born in 1951.

In September of that year, during a course at the Air Command and Staff School in Montgomery, Alabama, I was called out of class to the telephone. A disaster had occurred. Lieutenant Henry E. Tisdale, Jr. was killed in an air accident over Las Vegas, Nevada on 14 September 1951. Henry was a star man, a superior classmate, a fine, gentle man, and a friend forever.

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Norman James Brown

NO. 18158 CLASS OF 1951

Died 16 September 1954 near Baumholder, Germany, aged 25 years.

Interment: Zachary Taylor Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky.

NORMAN JAMES BROWN was born in Brooklyn, New York on 26 March 1929 and reared in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. An excellent student, he graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School in Philadelphia in 1946 and attended Lincoln University in Pennsylvania from 1946 to 1947. While at Lincoln, Norman competed for and received the prestigious appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point from Senator Joseph Guffey of Pennsylvania. He entered West Point on 1 July 1947 with the the Class of 1951.

While at West Point, Norman was a good student with an inquisitive mind. Although

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Norman James Brown

serious about his studies, academics seemed to come easily for him. He was popular among his classmates and had no problems in adapting to the rigors of West Point. He was on the plebe track team and won his "1951 Numerals" as a member of the mile relay team. During the annual trip to Philadelphia for the Army-Navy football game, Norman invited classmates and friends to his home for post-game activities. His mother, Mrs. Anna C. Brown, always had the welcome mat out for them as they enjoyed their limited free time prior to returning to West Point. When he graduated from West Point, Norman selected Armor as his branch.

During his second class year, Norman met Betty Martin, a beautiful young woman who was a student at the University of Vermont. Betty returned to her hometown of Louisville, Kentucky when she graduated from college, and Norman's first post following graduation was Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he would attend the Armor Officer Basic Course. While at Fort Knox, he renewed his friendship with Betty, and the flames of romance were kindled. They were married in Louisville on 18 February 1952.

Norman had most of the duties that were assigned to a young armor lieutenant. He was very enthusiastic about his new career as an Army officer, the opportunities this career would provide him, and the contributions he could make to our country. He was fully committed to performing all of his duties in an outstanding manner. In fact, outstanding performance became a hallmark of his short military service.

Shortly after Norman and Betty were married, he received orders assigning him to Europe. Betty accompanied him to Germany, and they set up housekeeping initially in Mainz and later at Baumholder. Norman was assigned to the 66th Tank Battalion. While participating in military exercises in Germany with his unit, he was involved in a tragic vehicle accident. He suffered fatal injuries, and First Lieutenant Norman J. Brown died in Germany on 16 September 1954. At the time of his death he was survived by his wife Betty and his mother, Mrs. Anna C. Brown. Interment was at Zachary Taylor Cemetery in Louisville, Kentucky with full military honors.

It has been said many times that "the good die young." Norman J. Brown joined the "Long Gray Line" at the age of 25 years, but he had a tremendous impact on a large number of people. He lived DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY in all of his daily activities. He was a loving husband, and a son whose mother and other relatives were extremely proud of his many fine accomplishments. He achieved much in a very short period of time. And the friendships he developed as a cadet and a young Army officer spoke volumes about his character. Everyone Norman Brown ever met or worked with held him in the highest esteem. His family and many friends hold fond memories of his life of Earth.

A classmate

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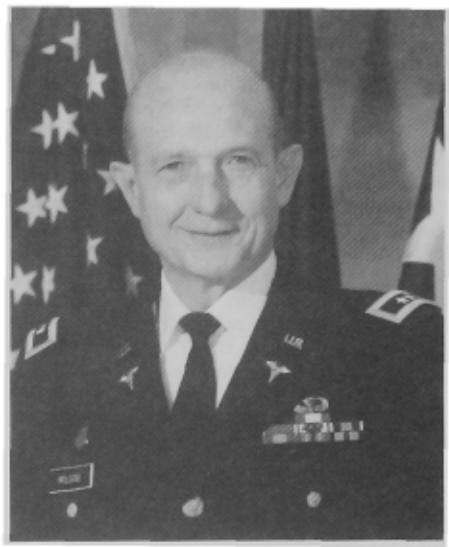
Lewis Aspey Mologne

NO. 19544 CLASS OF 1954

Died 22 August 1988 in Washington, D.C., aged 56 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



Lewis Aspey Mologne

BORN 21 JANUARY 1932 in Mount Pleasant in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania to Lewis Aloysius Mologne and Kathryn Fischer Mologne, Lew was named Lewis Aspey Mologne after his father and his dad's close friend, Dr. Aspey. Shortly after Lew was born, Dr. Aspey said "some day I hope he, too, will become a doctor of medicine."

By the end of eighth grade, Lew was valedictorian, had won First Honors and was class president. At Connellsville High School, Lew lettered three years in three sports, was captain of the football team and won academic medals in mathematics, science, citizenship and student government. Lew was named to the National Honor Society and elected president of the senior class.

Jimmy Wolfe, the sports editor of the *Connellsville Daily Courier*, wrote of "Old Blood and Guts Lew Mologne" and praised Lew's ferocious play on both offense and defense. According to Wolfe, Lew "intercepted passes, recovered fumbles, and returned punts with reckless abandon."

Another admirer of Lew's at Connellsville High was the head football coach, Art Ruff, who excited college recruiters with his descriptions of Lew's leadership on the playing field. When Ruff compared Lew to Johnny Lujack and Dick Pitzer, Lew's application received the immediate attention of Johnny Green USMA'46 and Coach Earl Blaik.

In the early days of Beast Barracks, Lew caught the attention of the Beast Detail. They liked giving his last name a hard 'g' and screamed it out "Ma-LOG-nee." He just kept silent and wouldn't answer. When pressed, Lew shouted back, "MY NAME IS MOLOGNE, SIR...WITH A SILENT 'G,' SIR!"

When classes started in the fall, Lew went to the first section in every subject and made Dean's List for four years. In the classroom, Lew was a rapid worker, a disciplined thinker. He was very well organized. We elected Lew our class Honor Representative and rated him tops in military aptitude. During plebe year, Lew joined the Catholic Acolytes, the Debate Council and the Russian Club, earned numerals in football and lacrosse, and won the brigade championship in intramural boxing. An old football injury shortened his athletic career, but nothing kept him from graduating in the top 2% of the class. Night after night, Lew also tutored classmates, underclassmen, and even upperclassmen during study hours and in the sinks after taps. Lew Mologne had a special gift of being able to explain by using visual concepts so that others could more easily grasp and understand. Years later, when he was the Chief of Surgery at Fitzsimmons and Walter Reed, this ability became his greatest contribution to medicine.

Graduating 8 June 1954, Lew enrolled in two concentrated graduate biology courses at the University of Pittsburgh. He proudly had chosen the Corps of Engineers, but Lew's heart had long been set on becoming a doctor. He used his graduation leave to see if he could make the grade. Lew earned two solid "A's" and was invited to come back to medical school. He also met Rose Galiardi, a dietitian at the university medical center.

Breezing through the engineer course at Belvoir and airborne training at Benning, Lew reported to the 13th Engineer Battalion in Korea. He was a human dynamo as the HQ & Service Company motor officer and became company commander. The 7th Infantry Division awarded him the Army Commendation Medal. Transferred to Camp Zama, Japan, Lew became aide-de-camp to Eighth Army Engineer and later G-4, Brigadier General William A. Carter (USMA '30). General Carter said, "Lew Mologne was the best aide-de-camp I ever had and the very best I ever saw." Returning stateside early in 1957, Lew resigned his commission and headed to medical school.

At the University of Pittsburgh's School of Medicine, Lew Mologne studied day and night, did more than ever was asked, was elected class president, named a University Scholar and stood first in his class. Lew tied the knot with Rose Marie Galiardi on 18 June 1960 in Connellsville, Pennsylvania. An old engineer buddy, Dick Renfro (USMA '54), was best man.

In his final year of medical school, Lew applied for a commission in the Medical Corps. The Surgeon General's office reacted rapidly to honor this request from Pittsburgh's top-ranking medical student.

Lew's first assignment was at Walter Reed in the Rotating Intern Program. But there was little time to celebrate, for the program started in a few days and their first child, Lewis Alan, was only weeks away.

Lew was showered with awards by the School of Medicine: the Physiology Award, Surgery

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Award, Roche Award and the Barton Prize. He was proudest of the Memorial Prize presented to the graduate best qualified to advance the ideals of medicine. Dr. Aspey would have been proud.

Soon his year as an intern was over, Rose was expecting again and Lew was on orders to his alma mater as a General Medical Officer and physician for the Army football team. Rose gave birth to Timothy Scott Mologne, their second son. Next, Lew was selected to begin his four-year residency at Walter Reed the following summer. During this training program, Rose gave birth to Michael John, their third son, and Mary Kathryn, their first daughter.

Concluding residency in general surgery, Lew's formal medical training was completed. Assigned to the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in the summer of 1967, Lew was named Chief, Human Studies Section, Division of Surgery. Amy Louise was born in March of 1968.

In mid-1968, Lew became Assistant Chief, General Surgery, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. A few months later, he was certified by the American Board of Surgery. During his assignment, Lew was on the surgical team that worked desperately to save President Eisenhower. Before his death, Ike called Lew to his bedside to thank him and tell him how proud he was to have a fellow West Pointer as one of his doctors.

In the summer of 1970, Lew was assigned Chief of Professional Service and then Chief of Surgery at the 130th General Hospital in Germany. A hot topic was whether to remove the battalion surgeon from the TO&E of the infantry battalion. I was stationed in Wuerzburg at the time, and Lew asked me to come down and give my views to a conference of doctors. I gave my talk and then answered questions. Lew reminded all the doctors present of the mission of the medical corps. "The infantry commander sees things from the common soldier's perspective," he said, "and not from the standpoint of the most efficient utilization of doctors. Let us not forget that." This was one of the hallmarks of Lew Mologne. He was the champion of the common soldier.

In the summer of 1973, he was named Chief, General Surgery Service, at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center. Lew worked hard and became a meticulous and demanding teacher of other surgeons. Doctors who studied under Lew reflected, "The standards he demanded were unbelievable, and none of us thought we could measure up, but he showed us we could... We found ourselves doing the extraordinary every day as a matter of routine."

Lew became Chief of Surgery at Fitzsimmons in 1977 and held the post until 1980, when he left for a one-year stint with the U.S. Forces Korea and the Eighth Army. Lew was named commander, U.S. Army Medical Command, Korea; Eighth Army Surgeon; and Commander U.S. Army Community Hospital and 121st Evacuation Hospital. In the summer of 1981, Lew was back at Fitzsimmons as Deputy Commander and Deputy for Medical Activities and Medical Education.

While performing surgery on wounded soldiers returning from Vietnam, Lew became seriously infected with hepatitis. It could have killed him, but he fought it and won. Unfortunately, he was left damaged and susceptible to more pervasive dangers. Cancer cells eventually seized upon his damaged liver.

In 1982, Lew was selected for his first star and was assigned to the Office of the Surgeon General. He was named Chief, Medical Corps Affairs, and Director of Professional Services. It was destined to be short-lived, for there were serious problems at Walter Reed.

By June 1983, the Surgeon General plucked Lew Mologne from his own staff and sent him to Walter Reed to straighten out the situation. Lew became Commanding General of Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The famous institution had fallen on hard times. Narcotics in the streets of nearby Silver Spring had found their way onto the post; so had the accompanying theft and crime. Lew went into his new command like a whirlwind. When he found things that weren't right, he brought them right out into the open. He was everywhere. If he wasn't sure of the facts in the reports he was receiving, he went out to see for himself. Good soldiers respond to good commanders, and Lew was more than just good. The place shaped up. And slowly, the reputation of WRAMC was restored.

Unexpectedly, in early 1988, Lew became seriously ill. The Hepatitis B had left his liver vulnerable to cancer, and it had to be removed. Lew received a transplant and began the slow process of healing. He returned to Walter Reed in late spring to complete his therapy and reassume command, but his health didn't improve. He was terminally ill.

Friends, classmates and former patients wanted to come and see him, but he was in no condition to see anyone but family. Two surprise visitors were allowed: President Reagan and Vice-President Bush. Both gentlemen gave Lew their blessings and their thanks.

Lew's condition began slipping rapidly. A formal change of command ceremony was held on 1 August 1988. Lew was to be retired shortly after the ceremony, but it became a race against time. Lew fought the coming darkness and called on all his inner strengths for this last roll call with the troops he loved. The Army Chief of Staff, General Carl Vuono, personally attended and general orders were read announcing the award of the Army Distinguished Service Medal. The citation outlined the remarkable improvements Lew had made at Walter Reed in five years.

Three weeks later, Lewis Aspey Mologne, M.D., Major General, Medical Corps, U.S. Army died quietly, without fanfare, the way he lived his life: magnificently simple, yet simply magnificent. He was buried at Arlington following services at the Catholic Chapel at Fort Myer, Virginia. Memorial services were held in chapels across the country and overseas.

During Lew's 34 years of active military service, he earned the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Military Parachutist Badge, the "A" designator in Surgery for professional excellence, and the Founders Medal of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States.

Lew is survived by his mother and two sisters, his five children — Lewis Alan, Timothy Scott, Michael John, Mary Kathryn, Amy Louise — and his beloved wife Rose.

West Point has named the Mologne Cadet Health Center in Lew's honor. It is in the old hospital building near Grant Hall. A commemorative plaque and some of Lew's memorabilia are on display.

The George Washington Chapter of the Association of the United States Army has established a trophy in Lew's honor. It is awarded annually to a serviceman or woman at Walter Reed who best exemplifies the ideals of Lewis Aspey Mologne.

Lew is buried side by side with Walter Reed, where the great men of Army medicine have been laid to rest. His gravestone is prominent among these greats, and well it should be.

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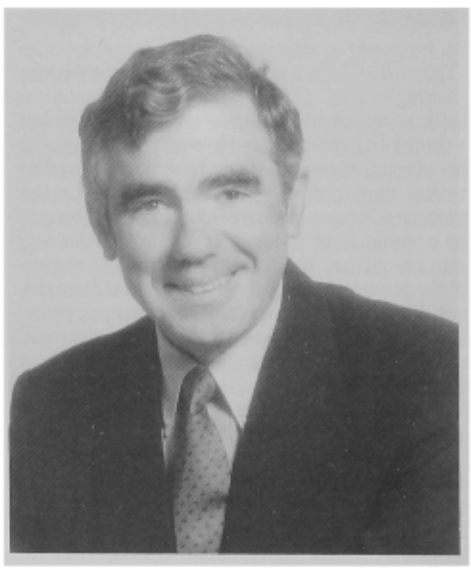
Roy Spencer Kirkpatrick

NO. 22093 CLASS OF 1958

Died 26 August 1991 in Providence, Rhode Island, aged 55 years.

Interment: St. Mary's Episcopal Church Cemetery, Portsmouth, Rhode Island.



Roy Spencer Kirkpatrick

ROY, OR KIRK, as he was known to his classmates, was born on 5 November 1935 in Portland, Maine. His parents were Colonel Lewis and Elizabeth Kirkpatrick. Colonel Kirkpatrick commanded Fort Drum on Corregidor and held that fort to the very end. He later died in a Japanese prisoner of war camp when Roy was eight years old. Roy's father was obviously a source of great pride and inspiration to him. This was true not only in his professional life, but even at that very early age when Roy decided to help with family finances. His early jobs included working as a "roustabout" in the Oklahoma oil fields at the age of twelve. Roy became a "naturalized" Oklahoman and never lost his love for that state.

Roy had been recruited by Coach Earl Blaik to be a place kicker for the Army football team. Although Roy never played that position, he was very active in sports and outdoor activities (which he vastly preferred to English or French). While at West Point, he was a member of the hunting, fishing, ski, golf, handball and skeet clubs. All this exercise probably explains his equal devotion to the brown comforter squad.

Roy was commissioned in the artillery. His early assignments included service with the 6th and 7th Missile Battalions and as an instructor on the faculty of the Artillery and Missile School at Fort Bliss. He was awarded the Bronze

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Star Medal for valor while an advisor in the Republic of Vietnam. Later assignments included service with the Army Combat Development Command, the 38th Air Defense Brigade, the 60th Artillery Battalion, XVIII Airborne Corps, and the Computer Systems Command at Redstone Arsenal. At Fort Bliss, Texas, in 1973, Roy suffered a heartattack which resulted in his retirement from the Army.

After retiring, Roy became head of the computer systems section, and later a department head, at the Naval Underwater Systems Center in Newport, Rhode Island. He also was director of technical support at the former Navy Data Automation Center. Roy received his Master's Degree in Business Administration from Bryant College in 1982. He worked as a senior system analyst for Aquidneck Data Corporation in Middletown, Rhode Island until he suffered cardiac arrest in July 1989.

For the following two years, Roy courageously battled heart disease, never losing his enthusiasm for life or hope for recovery. He died on 26 August 1991 at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence.

His youngest daughter Elizabeth remembers telling her dad that he could not be a more caring, supportive, or loving father. She will always smile at the thought of this "beautiful man." His daughter Jennifer will never forget the holidays and the way her dad filled them with distinctive spirit and tradition. On Easter, he would always hide the golden egg. Her dad made everything golden to her, not only on Easter, but every day. His wife Lorna stated that Roy's life was committed to the principles instilled at West Point: Duty, Honor, Country.

Roy was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, the Board of Directors of the West Point Society of Rhode Island, the Portsmouth Rotary Club, the Republican Town Committee of Portsmouth and Toastmasters International.

Besides his wife Lorna, Roy leaves a son, Roy F. Kirkpatrick of Little Rock, Arkansas; three daughters, Jennifer Ann and Elizabeth Kirkpatrick (both of Portsmouth) and Melissa Cartes of Little Rock, Arkansas; and a sister, Mary Kirkpatrick of New York.

As Roy joined "long gray line," his final words might be: GO ARMY!

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Christian Charles Thudium, Jr.

NO. 22414 CLASS OF 1959

Died 4 April 1986 in Helsinki, Finland, aged 49 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

CHRIS MAY HAVE BEGUN his military career as a Redleg, but the true measure of the man began with service as "honor rep" at the Academy. That responsibility and all it encompassed became the guidon for his military and personal life.

His first troop assignment was to the 2-14 Armored Cavalry, on border patrol near Bad Kissingen, Germany. Assigned to the Howitzer Battery, he quickly became an exemplary role model for his soldiers. Here Chris sought out opportunities for athletic competition, setting a pattern of participation at every assignment. It made no difference whether he played or coached, soldiers or kids.

From 1963 to 1966, Chris attended the Advanced Course and graduate school and was

Christian Charles Thudium

then assigned as an Earth, Spaces & Graphic Sciences instructor at USMA. His expert tutelage in world and Soviet geography culminated in co-authorship of the *Landscape Atlas of the U.S.S.R.*, published by the Department in 1971, which allowed Chris to spend seven summertime weeks touring the Soviet Union and stands as a landmark publication.

Chris deployed to Vietnam in 1970 and witnessed the conflict up close as executive officer of the 3-82nd Field Artillery Battalion and then had a broader view as Deputy G2 of the Americal Division.

After a fall 1970 return from Vietnam, Chris, Carole, Chris III and Julie joined friends at Fort Carson, Colorado, where Chris was Executive Officer of 6-83 Field Artillery (Honest John). Christmas 1971 brought selection to attend Command and General Staff College. This tour allowed Chris and Carole to reunite happily with many classmates and friends. Unfortunately, it was also a time when Chris was diagnosed as being diabetic. When confronted with possible resignation from the Army, Chris decided to persevere with the work and lifestyle he loved.

Proof of his mettle came with acceptance of an accompanied two-year assignment to Seoul, Korea. His performance in a demanding job quickly established his reputation of excellence throughout Korea as "Horse Holder" to the Deputy Commanding General, Eighth US Army. Chris' experience and reputation validated his selection as Chief, Operations, Military Armistice Commission, UN Command in his second year. Accordingly, he provided recommendations to the UN Command Chief Negotiator on topics and strategies employed during tense Panmunjon negotiations, especially after tunnels were discovered beneath the 38th Parallel.

Battalion command brought Chris back to Fort Carson in 1975. He divided long hours as commander with time spent as an encouraging spectator of his son's and daughter's endeavors. Command proved to be a career pinnacle as Chris approached the mid-70's with a positive, inspirational attitude that taught soldiers to get the job done in spite of the circumstances. His "we can do it" demeanor and earnest open-door policy gave the new "volunteer Army" troops reason to complete every task assigned them.

Successful command was rewarded with selection to attend the Army War College in 1978 and graduation led to six years working in the Pentagon and living with his family and many friends in northern Virginia.

Chris' original assignment on Army staff with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations concentrated on nuclear policy issues surrounding INF deployment to Europe. His policy insight led senior Defense Department officials to recruit him after three years on the Army staff. He was selected for the Nuclear Forces and Arms Control Directorate of the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Chris' focus was an extension of work on the Army Staff—the deployment of the PII and the GLCM (Ground-launched Cruise Missile) to Europe — but the shifting world situation changed this from deployment to negotiation. He became the senior Defense Department backup for the Geneva-based negotiators, a designation meaning long hours and countless bouts of frustration and debate with State Department colleagues, but also a temporary assignment in Geneva, where both Carole and son Chris were able to visit.

These busy and productive years saw Chris watch his son graduate from West Point and become a fellow Redleg, then welcome friends and family to Chris III's wedding to classmate Rush Yelverton's daughter Krista. Julie graduated from high school and held long career discussions with her father as she began college.

One last overseas assignment brought Chris to Helsinki, Finland, as Army attaché, where he quickly established himself as a unique and valued member of the attaché staff. Combat experience provided Chris with recognition by the Finns and the other attaches as someone who could speak authoritatively about ground warfare, a subject critically germane to Finland's defense.

Chris died suddenly in his office on 4 April 1986. His mother was visiting in Helsinki at the time; she and Carole endured their own pain while offering support to the many people who were grief-stricken by their unexpected loss. Chris was returned from Finland to West Point, where many friends gathered to pay final respects and share some small part of his family's burden. We said goodbye to him there, where so many of us first said hello. He took a part of each of us with him, and we will never forget how well he lived, how well he served, or the honor he brought our country and our Alma Mater.

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Jack Michael Warren

NO. 22246 CLASS OF 1959

Died 9 April 1978 in Richmond, Virginia, aged 42 years.

Interment: Dale Memorial Park, Richmond, Virginia.

JACK MICHAEL WARREN was born 21 December 1935 in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and it is there the he spent his youth. He attended Central High School and excelled in academics. His high school principal made the unsolicited observation several years after Jack's graduation that "Jack was the most outstanding student I ever had." That endorsement comes as no surprise to those who knew him.

Following his high school graduation, Jack attended the University of Tennessee for two years while awaiting an appointment to West

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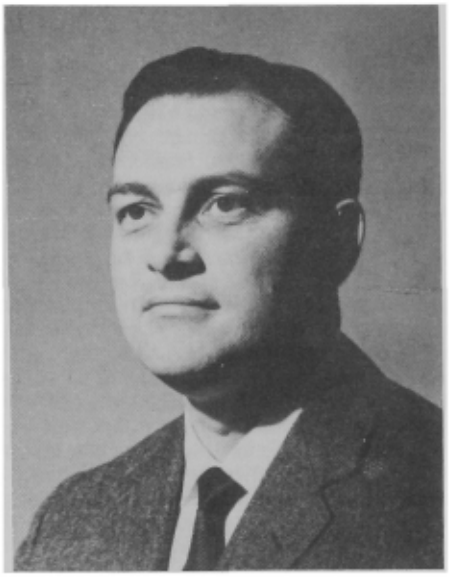

Jack Michael Warren

Point. Jack's grandfather and Senator Estes Kefauver had both encouraged him to do so. While attending UT, Jack worked at the *Chattanooga Times* newspaper beside his father and his grandfather. He donned Cadet Gray and joined the Class of 1959 on a very hot 5 July 1955.

Jack's experiences at UT had honed his academic skills and provided him that extra measure of maturity and understanding that many of his younger, less seasoned West Point classmates soon recognized and appreciated. Cadet life presented him no problems. Jack had the aptitude and confidence to take West Point in stride. These qualities equipped him to support and guide others along the way.

To his classmates, Jack was the essence of a southern gentleman. Blessed with a quiet sense of humor, sincere, and unpretentious, he was a solid colleague upon whom we could — and frequently did — depend. Possessing a brilliant mind, Jack always wore the stars denoting academic excellence. He graduated 14th out of 499, finishing first in both mathematics and chemistry. He was a "Distinguished Graduate" in more ways than one.

Throughout his four years, he served both formally and informally as an academic coach, working selflessly, at night and on weekends, with individuals of all classes who were having difficulties with their studies. It is clear that many of us would not have cleared those severe academic hurdles had it not been for Jack's patience, understanding, guidance, and knowledge. He was both a skilled teacher and a good friend.

Upon graduation in June 1959, Jack pinned on his gold bars and the insignia of the US Air Force. Three weeks later he married Nancy Driskill in her hometown of Richmond.

As was typical, their early military years were filled with frequent moves as Jack achieved the skills required to pilot the giant, multi-engine military transport aircraft that became so much a part of his life. His military duties carried him to all points of the globe, to include Vietnam and Cuba during the missile crisis. During this period, Nancy gave him the three beautiful daughters — Nancy-Marie, Dana, and Amy —who filled his life with so much joy, pride and pleasure.

Tragically, after less than six years of active service, Jack voluntarily ended what would certainly have been an even more full and rewarding military career. In June of 1964, his father was killed and his mother was critically injured in a terrible automobile accident, leaving two daughters (ages 8 and 16) who required care. In January 1965, Jack resigned his Air Force commission, left the service that he so dearly loved, and returned to Chattanooga to assume the familial responsibilities of helping to care for his mother and younger sisters. Love and duty had again called to Jack, and he responded. That was his way.

Jack returned full-time to the *Chattanooga Times*, where he served on the editorial staff. It was during this period that Jack's fourth child, Jack Michael Warren, Jr., was born. In 1968, Jack accepted an engineering position with Allied Chemical and relocated with his family to Richmond. Nancy opened a child care center and, in his spare time, Jack kept the books. This child care activity became a family business that still endures after more than twenty years.

Jack was subsequently provided an opportunity with the Seaboard Coastline Railroad, where he was manager for industrial development for the state of North Carolina. In this capacity, he sought to link the capabilities and opportunities the railroad provided with the growth requirements of the state.

Jack continued to give selflessly of his time and his talents, much as he had done as a cadet. He became the warden of the lay readers of his church, and also served on the vestry. He was head of the Indian Guides at the local YMCA, and he coached two little league teams. In addition, he served as president of the local civic association in Richmond. Jack was never too busy for others.

In 1978, Jack began what was certain to be a very successful new business venture as a consultant/analyst with a small Richmond-based company named Agrimetrics. Jack had had a heart attack in January of that year, and afterwards he felt that he had everything under control. But, while on a camping trip with his son Mike, Jack suddenly and unexpectedly suffered a second massive, and fatal, heart attack. Jack died 9 April 1978 and was buried in Richmond.

Jack was one of the brightest and the best. Friends remember him with respect, admiration, gratitude, and affection.

He is survived by his lovely wife Nancy; his three daughters, Nancy, Amy (O'Connor), Dana (Corsi); his son Mike and two grandchildren. (It is noteworthy that Amy and Dana married roommates from the USMA Class of 1986.)

Jack took his final place much too soon in the lengthening ranks of the Long Gray Line. Of Jack Michael Warren, Class of 1959, it can truly be said, "Well Done. Be Thou At Peace."

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Sammie Tipton Carr

NO. 24325 CLASS OF 1962

Died 1 December 1991 in Ruidoso, New Mexico, aged 55 years.

Interment: Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas.

SAMMIE TIPTON CARR was born on Columbus Day, 12 October 1936, in Haskell, Texas, to Madeline and Tipton Carr. When his grandfather first saw him, he said, "This child will go to West Point".

Sammie Tipton Carr

His elementary school days were spent in a one-room schoolhouse in Old Glory, Texas, where his first grade teacher also predicted that Sam would attend West Point.

When he was ten, Sammie sustained a severe cut which ran almost the length of his left thigh. When his teacher saw him, she fainted, so he walked three miles home from where he was driven thirty-five miles to the country doctor. The doctor wanted to amputate the leg, but Sam's dad said no, and the leg was saved.

During high school in Deming, New Mexico, Sammie played basketball on the team and was also active in Future Farmers of America. After graduating from Roswell High School in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1954, he worked his way through New Mexico Military Institute, where he was a champion boxer and a member of the Honor Guard. Sam received an Associate of Science Degree in 1956, immediately enlisted in the United States Army and served as a PFC at Fort Hood, Texas. Then he was transferred to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, serving as a corporal in the 82nd Airborne and received the Parachutist's Badge.

An officer suggested that Sam be tested for the Academy. He passed the test and was selected from a large number of applicants. In 1958, Sam received a congressional appointment to the Academy from Senator Joseph Montoya of New Mexico.

The following is quoted from the *Howitzer*: "Although battered by various academic departments, by Mr. Sims (who was never satisfied with the jumping records), and by other blows that West Point concocts, Sam never once lowered his head or quit raving about the 'Brown Shoe Army'. Nor did he ever take his eyes from that horizon or falter in his convictions of what duty really is. Lieutenant 1; Debate Council & Forum 1,2; French Club 3; Astronomy Club 3; Fencing Club 3; Parachute Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Treasurer 2; Vice President 1."

Sam was graduated from the Academy on 6 June 1962. In his address, President Kennedy called the cadets his "can-do class". A large number of this class gave their lives in Vietnam. Sammie always said, "the real heroes are dead".

Sammie married Elaine Huddleston at West Point right after graduation. He was then assigned

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to the 4th Mechanized, Panama Canal Zone where their son, Sammy T. Carr, II, was born on 7 October 1964.

Sam did graduate studies in languages and finance in Arlington, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Bull Simons trained Sam for Special Forces, and he served as Captain in the 8th Special Forces Group (Airborne) from 1964-1966 in the Panama Canal Zone. Sammie received news in the field that Suzanne Nicole Carr was born 13 April 1966.

From 1966-1967, Captain Carr served in the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Vietnam, where he was building camps, supervising and training over three thousand Montagnard tribesmen and others. From 1967-1968 he was on special assignment to Vietnam and other countries. During this time he served as aide to the ambassador to Vietnam.

There were many assassination attempts made on his life and a price on his head, but God brought him through. One night there was a terrible explosion next door in the Australian quarters. The Australian officer was sleeping. He was awakened by shattering glass, and his toilet came sailing across the foot of his bed. He called Sam and said, "The next time, tell those S.O.B.'s to get the right address!" Scheduled for a third tour of duty to Vietnam, Sam sadly resigned his commission in 1968 due to family concerns.

When he arrived in Los Angeles, the war protestors spat on his uniform. He never quite got over that. No hero's welcome.

After the Army, he moved his family to Fort Worth, Texas, where he began the first Century 21 real estate brokerage, and founded a building company that employed over 100 people in building homes and commercial real estate. He was active in civic affairs and loved to ride in horse shows, hunt, fish and read.

In 1977, he was diagnosed as terminal, got a divorce and suffered a major financial crisis. Through the loving community of the Episcopal Church, he rededicated his life to Jesus Christ, was healed and asked God for fifteen more years, as King Hezekiah did in the Bible. He became active in the Cursillo Movement and ministered with Ruth Carter Stapleton for two years in Denton, Texas.

In 1980, Sam returned to New Mexico and was active in mining, mud-logging, finance and teaching real estate brokers' classes. Sammie married Florence (Flee) Cobean on 21 April 1982, in Port Arthur, Texas, with her two sons in attendance.

He is survived by his wife; two stepsons, Scott Coll and Samuel Cobean; his son, Sammy T. Carr, II; his daughter Suzanne N. Carr; two grandchildren, Nicole and Joshua; two sisters, Mrs. Fred Gayle and Mrs. Robert Siesto; and one brother, Raymond Carr and many other relatives and many friends.

Sam wanted to be remembered as a man who loved God and tried to follow Him the best that he knew. His favorite scripture was, "No greater love hath a man than this than he lay down his life for his friends."

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Bruce Alden McKinley, II

NO. 25287 CLASS OF 1964

Died 27 January 1983 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, aged 41 years.

Interment: Green Lawn Cemetery, Roswell, Georgia.

Bruce Alden McKinley, II

BRUCE ALDEN McKINLEY, II was born in Georgia on 20 January 1942, the son of Bruce A. and Betty Jane McKinley. His father made his career as an officer and a civilian in the Army Corps of Engineers, but had his roots in Georgia. Those who knew Skip well, knew that, by his accent, he was, indeed, a true Georgian and proud of it. There weren't too many, with the exception of his close friends, who knew him as Skip, but that is what his father called him, and the name stuck. Many of us knew him as Bruce, as I did, both when we were cadets and when we were stationed together with the 82d Airborne Division Artillery at Fort Bragg and in the Dominican Republic. We were proud of our service with the All-American Division and were proud of the fact that we survived in spite of the fact that we were not privileged to attend the Field Artillery Basic Course at Fort Sill. Fortunately for Bruce and me, we had some super NCOs who also recognized the Army's mistake and kept us up late after work to teach us gunnery and the basics of how to "lay the battery".

Dave Winters wrote a very nice letter to Bruce's sister Lynn, reminiscing about his and Bruce's time in Beast Barracks, Company M-1 and Ranger School. He spoke fondly of the times in Roswell just before Ranger School, when he and Bruce went water skiing and, with all the exercise, were sore before beginning Ranger School. Cris Stone wrote about his and Bruce's Plebe Year as roommates. He said that there is a special bond between West Point classmates, but none more special than being roommates during Plebe Year. He wrote of Bruce's willingness to forego his own studies to help his roommate, Benny Rushing, try to get through the rigors of Plebe academics. Cris wrote that it was truly a labor of love. He mentioned that Bruce took Room Orderly because Benny was also close on demerits. As we all know, that is true dedication. There also is a story about a situation when Bruce gave the name of an Army commander which the upperclassman did not recognize. When asked what his source of information was, Bruce answered that he had called the headquarters and found out that there had been a change of command. Needless to say, Bruce got very special attention after that.

Bob Wright writes about how he and Bruce became acquainted after the switch of companies after yearling year. He and Bruce were roommates. Bob was playing football and was struggling with cow academics. Skip was always ready to help with some tutoring in Juice and Thermo. Bob also wrote about Bruce's deep affection for his family and their closeness. He has fond memories of the wedding of Bruce's younger sister Lynn in Atlanta, when we were on our First Class Trip to Ft. Benning.

Bruce served with MACV from 1966 to 1968 and received the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge. After returning from Vietnam, he was assigned to Ft. Belvoir and transferred to the Corps of Engineers. He served as an instructor after completing the Engineer Career Course. He returned to Vietnam and commanded a company in the 169th Engineer Construction Battalion. After returning from Vietnam, he resigned his commission and returned to the civilian sector. He also received a Bronze Star Medal for his service with the Engineer Battalion.

Bruce died of cancer on January 27, 1983 in Tulsa Oklahoma and was survived by his wife, Brenda; two sisters, Lynn Vicarrio and Wendy Alley; and his parents, Mr & Mrs. BA McKinley. His mother , Betty, has since passed away. Bruce's father lives in Panama City Beach, Fl. Brenda has since remarried and lives in Washington state.

Those who knew Bruce remember him as friendly and energetic, with an acute devotion to duty and an exceptional desire for an Army career. The best summation of our memory of Bruce was written by Cris Stone, who said, "I do not think we had any more burdens than West Point classes before or after us, but I am sure that the West Point Class of 1964 was, and is, stronger for the part of his life which we shared."

Rest in Peace.

Family and Classmates

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Harry Oliver Taylor

NO. 26839 CLASS OF 1967

Died 14 February 1991 in Fairfax Station, Virginia, aged 45 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York.

HARRY OLIVER TAYLOR was born at sunrise on 18 July 1945, a hot 104-degree morning, at Muroc, California, to Sergeant Smith H. Taylor and Eva W. Taylor. Harry would be called "Hots" by his friends, an appropriate nickname in view of his initials, the temperature at the time of his birth, his nearly flawless self-confidence and his ability to smile in the face of adversity. He was raised in the Fairmont, West Virginia and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania areas and grew up participating in boy scouts, church choir and little league. Twice his little league team went to the national championships at

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Harry Oliver Taylor

Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where they were runners-up; two of very few contests where "Hots" would not come up a winner.

After receipt of a congressional appointment from the 26th District of Pennsylvania, "Hots" entered West Point and quickly established his place in the Class of 1967. Quick to grasp plebe survival skills, he could produce the requisite number of "chins" while his face glowed a bright crimson. Only a slight twinkle in his piercing blue eyes suggested that he might not be totally awed by the whole process. It might be said that "Hots" had a great sense of balance. Balancing between the priorities of the Academy and his private life became more challenging after his future wife, Miki, arrived. Then it was a balance between Miki and academics, Miki and handball, Miki and bridge, weekend leave and weekends with Miki. His ability to maintain a good academic level, while playing hard and sustaining his close relationships and sense of humor, was an impressive feat.

"Hots" graduated from West Point and was commissioned on 7 June 1967 in the Corps of Engineers. He was married shortly after to the "First Lady" in his life, Miki. After completion of Ranger training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and the Engineer Officers' Basic Course at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, he was assigned to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. There they lived for the next one-and-a-half years, during which the "Second Lady" in his life, Judi, was born. It was at Fort Leonard Wood that golf and poker came to replace all previous avocations.

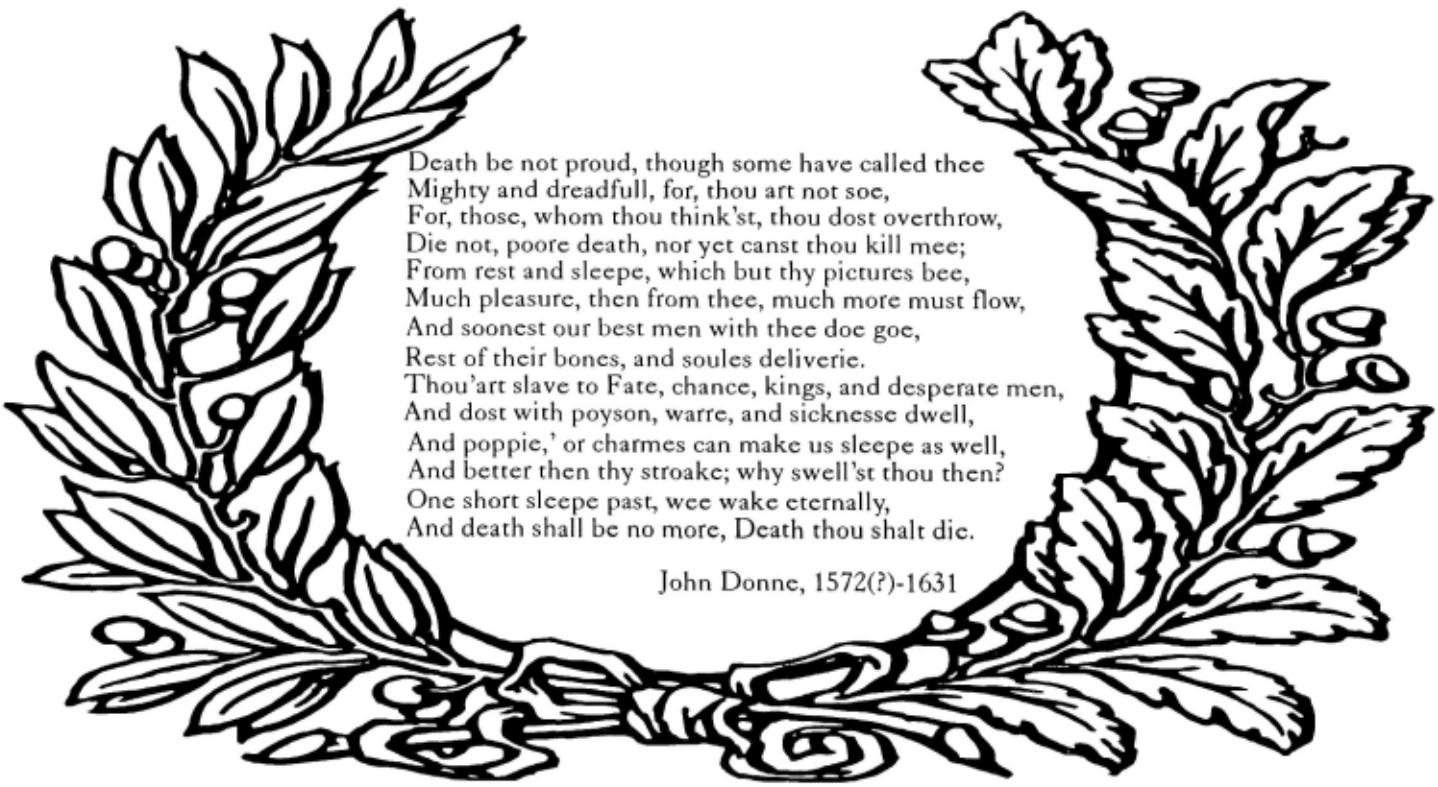
In July 1969, "Hots" was assigned to the 39th Combat Engineer Battalion, south of Chu Lai, in South Vietnam. During his one year tour, he earned the Bronze Star and Army Commendation medals. He concluded his military career by serving as an ROTC instructor at the University of Delaware.

His second career began 5 December 1971, when he joined the Mobil Corporation. Spanning nearly twenty years, his work included increasingly responsible positions from Engineering and Operations Manager to International Marketing Advisor. "Hots" was known as a man of his word; he instilled loyalty and trust in those with whom he worked and demanded honesty and simplicity from those who worked for him. He commanded the respect and devotion of his subordinates, not for reason of his position, but rather for reason of his accomplishments, and he accorded himself no special privileges. "Hots" rewarded those who assisted him in accomplishing the mission and will be remembered always as a leader who sacrificed a degree of personal fame in order to share the spotlight with his team.

However, "Hots" would be the first to admit that life in the limelight and in the fast lane rather agreed with him, though it was not without risk. For "Hots," risk was the price of improvement. Never one to accept complacency in himself, he could accept limitations in others without lowering his standards of performance. He was a leader who fostered demonstration of leadership traits in those who worked for him. His skill at taking risks was remarkable. Seldom losing a bet, he accepted loss with grace and humility. His affinity for risk periodically manifested itself in the placement of a wager or two on a game of chance. A round of golf, a raise on a poker hand, setting the spread on a Monday night football game...his uncanny ability to "pick the right horse" was consistent, and this ability to choose a winner served him well in business. Arrogantly graceful, yet humble and considerate, his only outward expression of victory was a grin, a wink and, occasionally, a cigar.

The final years of his career afforded him opportunities to travel internationally. No island or continent was too remote for the Hots traveling road show. He challenged himself to do for his new associates what he had done for those who had worked with him in the United States. After his death, these same people responded with cards and letters attesting that he had in fact inspired them with his personal management style and human kindness. They expressed their sadness at losing a close friend and respected leader. A colleague in Australia, in a letter to Miki, said it all with the words, "if ever I had a hero in life, it was your husband." He was known by everyone who had been close to him as a loving and devoted husband and father, a trusted confidant, a supportive colleague, and the dearest of friends. He is sorely missed, yet he will never be far from our thoughts. May he rest in the knowledge that he gave more than he received, that he was a contributor to all he touched. "Well Done, Harry; Be Thou At Peace!"

His roommate, Greg Mohler; his colleagues, John Zimmer and Bill Helfrich;and his bride, Mick



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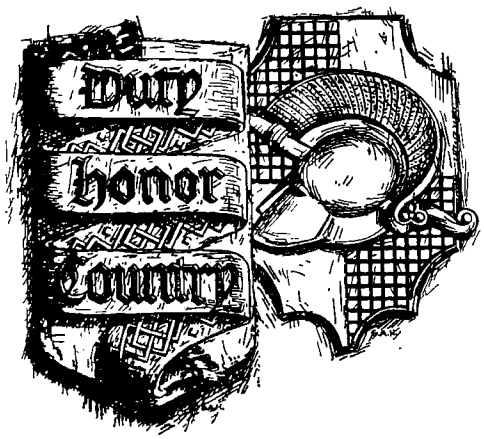

Last Roll Call

Reports of death of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the January 1993 *ASSEMBLY.*

Name	*Class*	*Date of Death*	*Place of Death*
John H. Hinds	Nov-1918	18 January 1993	Clermont, Florida
John R. Hardin	1919	6 January 1993	Easton, Maryland
Leslie E. Mabus	1920	2 October 1992	Ackerman, Mississippi
Edwin B. Howard	1923	29 January 1993	Naples, Florida
Glenn H. Palmer	1923	31 January 1993	Oakland, California
Robert M. Smith	1923	14 December 1992	La Mesa, California
Garrison H. Davidson	1927	25 December 1992	Oakland, California
William E. Thomas	1927	6 November 1992	Groton, Connecticut
Robert F. Tate	1928	17 January 1993	San Antonio, Texas
Henry R. McKenzie	1929	27 December 1992	Annapolis, Maryland
George R. Mather	1932	1 January 1993	Pinehurst, North Carolina
William H. Baynes	1935	16 December 1992	Sherman Oaks, California
Jack M. Buckler	1935	29 January 1993	Houston, Texas
Frederick B. Hall, Jr.	1935	5 January 1993	Tallahassee, Florida
Cornelis D. W. Lang	1935	12 February 1993	Apopka, Florida
John B. Morgan	1935	29 December 1992	Tucson, Arizona
John Williamson	1935	18 December 1992	Rockledge, Florida
Jay A. Abercrombie	1937	10 January 1993	Batavia, Illinois
James S. Barko	1937	3 February 1992	San Antonio, Texas
Hugh J. Turner, Jr.	1940	20 December 1992	Gainesville, Florida
Carl C. Hinkle	1942	15 November 1992	Little Rock, Arkansas
Van Cleave P. Warren	1942	13 January 1993	Summerville, South Carolina
William L. Starnes	Jan-1943	3 February 1992	San Antonio, Texas
Ronan C. Grady, Jr.	Jun-1943	30 December 1992	Albuquerque, New Mexico
LeRoy G. Russell	Jun-1943	15 November 1990	Los Angeles, California
Ralph E. Young	Jun-1943	11 January 1993	San Antonio, Texas
John L. Susott	1944	18 January 1993	Aiea, Hawaii
Earl S. Markle	1946	23 December 1992	Sun City Center, Florida
William R. Smith	1946	14 February 1993	Austin, Texas
John C. Burckart	1949	18 January 1993	Rogers, Arkansas
William B. Terrell	1949	18 November 1992	San Antonio, Texas
Norton L. Parks	1951	15 January 1993	Brookfield, New York
George L. Monahan, Jr.	1955	4 February 1993	San Jose, California
Ola R. Nelson	1958	31 December 1992	Boston, Massachusetts
Robert F. Bowers	1959	25 January 1993	Washington, D.C.
Richard B. Johnson	1959	23 December 1992	Mobile, Alabama
Lyle G. Robey	1963	1 December 1992	Lexington, Kentucky

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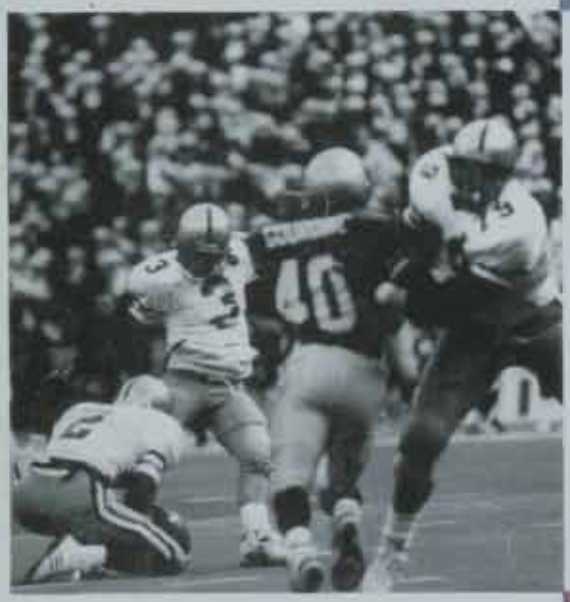

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