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1958 CLASS NOTES

'58 Authors

1/25/2014

When I agreed to be the new class scribe, taking over from **George Sibert**, I very quickly got an e-mail from **Hal Lyon** about his new book. George had asked at one of our reunions about authors and a lot of hands went up, so I decided to ask about it myself and I've gotten enough responses for a column. I'll add new titles as I hear about them. These are largely in the order that I heard of them.

Many of these books are available on Amazon.

Hal Lyon is at the Universities of Massachusetts and Munich where he currently teaches physicians to be more effective teachers. He received the Gold Medal in the 32nd International Film & TV Festival of New York, a CINDY Award, and the Blue Ribbon in the American Film & Video Festival. He's the author of seven books and over 150 articles on eclectic subjects including military strategy, leadership, education, multimedia, psychology, research, hunting, and fishing. He's a speaker in the "Humanities On The Go" Program. His book, *Angling in the Smile of the Great Spirit* (deepwaterspress.com) won the New England Outdoor Writers Association "Best Book of the Year Award" and the Silver Medal in the National eLit eBook Awards

http://www.osegsportsmens.com/html/dr_harold_c_lyon.html His new book is *On Becoming an Effective Teacher -- Person-centered Teaching, Psychology, Philosophy, and Dialogues with Carl R. Rogers and Harold Lyon*. "The book presents the largest research studies ever done on effective teaching in 42 States and 7 countries which show that teachers with these three traits: Empathy, Caring, and Genuineness, result in students with higher achievement scores, less violence, more creativity, less absenteeism, better self-images, and more motivation ("grit," as I call it) to raise their grade-levels."

http://www.routledge.com/education/articles/routledge_education_author_of_the_month_october_2013_hal_lyon/

Hal says, "20% off friends of the author on-line discount code: IRK69".

Paul Bons wrote, "my second wife, **Kitty deRuyter-Bons**, has written a book that has been reprinted four times since it was first published by Covenant Communications in 1994. The title of the book is, *As I Have Loved You*. It describes the experiences of her mother and her three daughters and a newborn baby boy while in a Japanese prison camp on the island of Java in Indonesia (then called the Dutch East Indies) during WWII."

Paul was Editor-in-Chief of the text published by the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership at USMA and authored several chapters in that text. The text, entitled **Leadership In Organizations** was published in 1988 by Avery Publishing Group, Inc. and was used by the department for several years as well as by ROTC units nationwide.” He “also authored or co-authored more than two dozen scientific papers on the subjects of leadership and organizations.” Paul produced a limited distribution book on his life with his first wife, **Elaine**, who suffered from multiple sclerosis for more than 25 years and died in December, 2000. The 525-page book is appropriately entitled, *Paul and Elaine, Our Time Together on Earth (1934 - 2000)*.

Ringed in Steel: Armored Cavalry, Vietnam 1967- 68. Presidio Press, 1986; Jove War Books, 1987; Military History Book Club, 1987 by **Mike Mahler** is based on his personal experience with the 3rd Battalion, 5th Armored Cav, 9th Div, in Viet Nam.

Bill Tuttle wrote *Defense Logistics for the 21st Century*, published by the Naval Institute in 2005. As the Army’s Senior logistician, General William G. T. Tuttle, Jr., USA, (Ret.) led 100,000 soldiers and civilians of the U.S. army materiel command from 1989 until his retirement early in 1992, a period encompassing Operation Just Cause in Panama and Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Chuck Cabell has written six books, *A Fresh Look at God*, *A Man of Intelligence* (his Dad’s memoirs), *Fly Fishing from a Belly Boat* (with Bob Carr), *Quartermaster General* (his great-grandfather’s (BG CSA; WP '1850) memoirs), *Chordially Yours* (music theory, with Dale Miller) and *Continuing the Tradition* (his own memoirs). He also formed IMPAVIDE Publications (IMPAVIDE.com) about 12 years ago to publish his own books and books of others.

Alan Salisbury wrote *The Legend of Ranger*, *The Reindeer Who Couldn’t Fly*. His words and Roberta Baird’s whimsical artwork create the magic of the Christmas season with the tale of a young reindeer named Ranger who has a big dream—to be part of the reindeer team that pulls Santa’s big sleigh. It’s inspirational and Ranger learned to believe in himself. It was published by Jaberwocky Books, Minneapolis, www.thelegendofranger.com He also published a computer design reference text in '76, *Microprogrammable Computer Architectures*, Elsevier-North Holland, NY.

Bob Moscatelli opened a book store that became a tourist attraction in his town, Frisco, Colorado. Named Bob’s One-Book Bookstore. It sold only his book, *Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart* on financial management. The Quote Manual is a collection of inspirational quotes that he gives away when inspired to do that.

Chuck Toftoy has written three mystery/thrillers, the last two about an Alpha Team, and has now turned to inspirational topics. His new book, *AMAZING FIRESIDE TALKS...Intriguing Thoughts To Awaken You*, is

dedicated to the Wounded Warrior Project and the Disabled American Veterans organization. A portion of the profits will be donated to both organizations. Chuck's web site is <http://www.charlestoftoy.com/>

Chuck's wife, **Patty**, has written eight books. Seven are on travel, one is for children. Look for Patricia Toftoy on the internet. You'll find them.

Tom Claffey has been a prolific writer. Look at his web site, www.tomclaffey.com. He used his knowledge of New Mexico and Indian culture in writing *Morgan Bluestone*. A native Navajo veterinarian bridges two cultures in her life and her practice. *Bloomfield to Baghdad*, *Searching for C.W. McCall* and *Hoot N' Holler* are some of his other books.

George "Stoney" Hall wrote *The Fifth Star*, about high command in global war. It's about the ten Americans who achieved five-star rank and how they kept in balance the demands they faced. Stoney has done ten other books a well.

Tom Taylor has seven books by major publishers, three novels and four non-fiction. His latest book is *The Simple Sounds of Freedom* (Random House), which is also in paperback titled *Behind Hitler's Lines*. Tom met and interviewed Joseph Beyrle, the first American paratrooper to land in Normandy and the only soldier to fight for both the United States and the Soviet Union against Nazi Germany. It is a story of battle, followed by a succession of captures, escapes, recaptures, and re-escapes, then battle once more, in the final months of fighting on the Eastern Front. In *Where The Orange Blooms*, Tom tells the story of Ben Cai Lam, a South Vietnamese officer Tom knew when he was with the 101st Airborne. It's the story of five years in a death camp following the war, four years on the run looking for a way to get out with his family, and finally a daring escape and settlement in Montana.

Herb Puscheck has written two books. *Virgin Voyage*, is about a four-month trip around the world he took. *Why Be Normal?*, is about being curious.

Will Merrill's book, *9/11- Ordinary People: Extraordinary Heroes- The First Battle in the War against Terror!* was Book of the Year for Militarywriters.com and the Florida Writer's Association. He has another in the works.

Rich Gell's wife, **Penny**, wrote *Fingernail Moon* under the pen name J. Laura Chandler.

Pete Bahnsen is writing a series on constitutional reform, *Arts of Reform and Rebellion*, under the pen name, Peter F. Hagar. You can get the first two books on your Kindle; the third part is coming.

Walt Patterson wrote *Iterative Methods for the Solution of a Linear Operator Equation in Hilbert Space*, Springer Verlag, Berlin, 1974, still in use by math students.

Bibs Reynard has just up-dated and reprinted her 30-page booklet, *The Once Over..lightly*, which presents

basic military social protocol, customs and traditions in a practical, plain language manner. It's now in the 17th edition with over 25,000 copies sold.

Milt Wofford published *My Life On the Fly* last year about fly fishing on the Tuckasee River in North Carolina where he lived.

Jim Weis wrote *The Not-So-Grim Folk Tales*, under the pen name A.A. King. It is fantasy, folklore-action "for the 12 to 18 year old audience, but some of the names and play on words only adults would catch." He also has two books looking for a publisher.

Jack Crandall wrote a children's book called *Popeye, the Little Tree Frog's Big Adventure*, the true story of a tree frog found in a bag of spinach and liberated to live in a school.

John Bradley has done five books and has two in the works. *Remind Me to Tell You* is the story of Major Harry Fleeger who fought in the Philippines, was captured, survived the Bataan Death March and died when his prison ship, the Arisan Maru, was torpedoed. Fleeger was a West Pointer whose son, class of '56, lives near John. The book is based on his pre-war letters and POW diaries. The book is about the impact of it all on Fleeger and others with him. *Wind at Our Backs, Leading During the Cold War* is about a Cold War naval pilot and Carrier captain. *West Point and the Hudson Highlands During the American Revolution* is given to Plebes at West Point. He did 9 of 10 chapters of *The Second World War, Asia and the Pacific*, a Military Art text used at West Point for ten years. There is an accompanying atlas. John also wrote one memoir of a friend in a limited edition that isn't available.

We have several books in the works and I wonder if I simply don't know of some class authors or wives who have published. **Tom Leo** is a book critic if you are looking for one, and **Palmer McGrew** wishes someone would write about the experiences "of the Ladies who come up in June". Additions to this list will be made as I hear about them.

Pete Penczer

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Oelke

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Prompted by my last column, **Karl Oelke** wrote, "*I published a book too, Ways of Writing to Learn, rev. ed. 1987 (long out of print)*".

From Bangkok

3/15/2014



Bob Caron '56 called to tell me that he and his wife, Khana, visited **Pete & Vimol Kullavanijaya** recently in Bangkok. Pete is a member of the King's Privy Council. They talked about Pete's visit to Europe hosted by **Crosbie "Butch" Saint** when he was CinC USAREUR . Butch showed Pete the East/West border and they visited several military installations and units. *Photo: (standing) Bob and Khana Caron '56, (seated) Pete and Vimol Kullavanijaya.*

Army Wives Reunion

3/15/2014



In September **Mel & Kay Farrar** visited **Lynne & mein** Fairfield, CT, from Quakerstown, PA. Mel is now a retired minister, serving, when requested, as pastor for his church. He also does the administrative work for the presbytery, an organization of 14 churches

in the Presbyterian Church in America. He is also the Board President for a local Crisis Pregnancy Center. Their youngest grandson is at Ramstein AFB in Germany. **Brenda Shea** was also visiting us from Colorado. Kay, Brenda and Lynne were new Army wives of classmates together in Schweinfurt in 1959. They had a wonderful time catching up, their first time all together in 50 years. *Photo: Pete Penczer, Lynne Penczer, Brenda Shea, Kay Farrar, Mel Farrar.*

Penczers Return to Germany

3/15/2014

At the end of September **Lynne & I** went to Vienna and then on to Munich for Oktoberfest, 2013, where we met the daughter of our first landlord in Sennfeld bei Schweinfurt, her husband, and their family. We had a wonderful time full of old memories from 1959-60. The last U.S. Army units will leave Schweinfurt this year.

Brintnall Reports

3/15/2014

Pete Brintnall sent me this about the Washington, D.C. contingent and the Army-Navy Game: "DC '58ers took part once again in the Army-Navy game tailgate party hosted by **Florence and Alan Salisbury**. Everyone enjoyed the pot luck supper with the opportunity to socialize in their beautifully decorated home. Those gathering included **Andy and Artie Andreson, Jack and Henriette Gordon, John and Sally Herren, Dale and Dodie Hruby, Paula Johnson, George Lawton, Palmer McGrew, Lee Miller, George and Gail Robertson** -- and son Russell and wife Susan, **Bill and Edna May Sercheck** and daughter Bridgette, **Tony and Bonnie Smith, Audrey Webb, Branch and Nancy Worsham, and Pete and Janice Brintnall**. If the atmosphere was a little less festive by the end of the afternoon, it was not through the fault of the **Salisburys** and their splendid hospitality. Two days earlier we gathered at the Army Navy Country Club for the annual Army-Navy '58 lunch organized by **Jack Gordon**. **Brad Johnson** painted a painfully accurate picture of what was going to happen during the game and why. We wish the **Supes** well in the search for a new coach."

Brinsons and Hulsmans

3/15/2014

John & Alice Brinson retired and moved from Allentown, PA, to St. Augustine Beach, Florida, They love their new home, especially the bicycling they can do there. As soon as they were settled, they went to San Diego to visit their daughter and met **Norbert & Ginny Hulsmans** there for lunch. All are doing very well. Norbert and Ginnie have an on-line clothing marketing company.

Waskowicz Creates Class Overview

3/15/2014

Frank Waskowicz has put together an overview of our class that includes some very interesting pictures. Pete Trainor has put it on our website. You can see it at <http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958/special/Class%20overview%20v3.pdf> Among the interesting pictures in it is one of **Paul Ciasullo** roasting **Sam Benjamin** when he was Congressman from Indiana.

The Schonbergers and Morgans

3/15/2014



Dick Schonberger is on his way to Antarctica. He has done a lot of very interesting travel to places like Japan, the Silk Road, and Turkey to name a few. He has written up his experiences and would like to share them with others. I'm considering a special column on travel that will focus on that kind of exchange. In September, Dick & his wife, **Sylvia**, went with **Tom & Grace Morgan** to Bhutan and Nepal. They had a beautiful view of Mount Everest from the air and enjoyed temples and tea in Bhutan as well the World Heritage Sites in Kathmandu Valley. *Photo: Dick Schonberger and Tom Morgan in Bhutan.*

Downing Checks In

3/15/2014

I got this from **Jack Downing**: *"I volunteer to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) to a small very diverse group of people from all over the world. They are desperate to learn good English and are a joy to teach. I also teach ESL to parents at the local elementary school and tutor the young kids. It's rewarding and great fun. Give it a try."*

Hutton

3/15/2014

Church Hutton wrote, *"Evelyn & I have four wonderful boys, all doing good things, and w/soon have four grand-kids. I attach a family picture of May 2013. One boy is SEN McCain's Asst. for Mil. Legislation. One is a CPT at GW getting a History MA to teach at USMA in 2015. One is a businessman in SC. One is an environmental scientist who w/save the world. I am still working with very interesting Pentagon responsibilities. I believe **Van Fleet** and I may be two of the last still to be working."*

Shedd

3/15/2014

Claradell Shedd maintains the G-2 company website. It's well done. In a page on **Fred Easley** she has included a couple of his vocal performances. Other companies have websites that you can go to easily by starting at <http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958/companywebs.htm>

The Merrills

3/15/2014

Will Merrill wrote that, *"Barbara & I are very happy to be able to say that our granddaughter, Jeanell, returned from Afghanistan last month. Her fiancé, Peyton Hurley, WP '08- our 50 year anniversary class,*

also returned from Afghanistan last month. They will be married at West Point on Labor Day weekend."

Grohs in Florida

3/15/2014

Pete & Carol Groh wrote from southern Florida, Boynton Beach, that they are there every year from 1 January to the middle of April and would like to find out about other classmates who are in the area in the winter.

Hruby Family Service

3/15/2014

Dale & Dodie Hruby's grandson, Nate, is playing lacrosse, midfield, for the Air Force Academy and another grandson, Christian McKenrick, is on Army Team Handball. They'll be seeing both of them play this month.

The Matthews

3/15/2014

Ed & Linda Matthews' daughter, Ashley, *"was married almost 2 years ago, in Egypt right in the middle of Egypt's revolution against Mubarek. Typical of many foreign countries, it was a "civil ceremony" performed only 100 feet from the square where anti-Mubarek protestors were quite active..."* Her husband, Ahmed, graduated from the Egyptian Merchant Marine Academy in Alexandria and is now working on his visa to come to this country and on his certificate to be a captain of a large container ship. They're experiencing the enormous difficulties involved in the visa process. Ashley is working for "a company that performs background investigative work before new hires for both national and international companies." Linda has retired from education and is now involved in a number of community activities and has seriously taken up ceramics as a hobby. Ed retired last year after 26 years in Ogelthorpe University's Chemistry Department and is now renovating a rental property. He added, *"For the past 8 years I've been very active on the board of Les Marmitons, Atlanta Chapter, an international gentlemen's gourmet culinary club. [Www.lesmarmitons.org](http://www.lesmarmitons.org) has more details, — The past 8 years I've rewritten recipes our guest chefs gave me, and put their notes into a simpler form that our members can use. Sometimes it's a big challenge!"*

Densford Checks In

3/15/2014

I heard from **Chuck Densford**. *"I sold my airport (Kittie Hill Airport, Leander, TX) on 16 December 2013. Patsy and I soon after went to Williamsburg for Christmas, then on a 15 Day cruise through the Panama Canal. Now we are back in Texas where it is warm one day, then cold the next, then it warms up again. I am now faced with moving 20 years of accumulated "stuff" out of the airport property and into three rented storage spaces and an airplane hangar at Georgetown. All of these are full, and my airplane sits outside. Life is good! "*

West Point Cemetery

3/15/2014



At the end of June last year **Lynne & I** met **Lois Pensiero** at the Thayer for lunch and then went to the West Point Cemetery to visit **Alex's** grave. Tony, their son, was with Lois taking her to a family reunion not far from West Point. Tony had joined the Army just before he became too old to do so, and went to Iraq for action. The Army found out he could repair computers, so that's what they had him do. Lois is doing well, helping with and enjoying her five grandchildren.

The next day I went back to West Point for **Vic Gongola's** funeral. **John and Alice Brinson** were there, as were **Frank and Linda Waskowicz**, **Gerry and Maria Mitchell** and **John Evans**. **Carol** and Vic's granddaughter, **Caroline**, helped organize a memorable event. Besides the Brinsons, an earlier ceremony in York, PA, was attended by **Joe and Kathy Schwar**, **Alex and Charlene Johnston**, and **Bill Kelley**.

Photos: (left) Pete and Lynne Penczer Center) with Tony and Lois Pensiero; (right) Lois Pensiero surrounded by her five grandchildren.

Hansults, Nuns, and Smith

3/15/2014

Back in August **Chuck & Celia Hansult** drove up from Charleston, S.C., for a visit with **John & Mimi Nun** on Frye Island on Lake Sebago in Maine. The island can only be reached by ferry and is entirely closed down in the winter. They stopped here and we went to the First Class Club turnover event at West Point. I wasn't expecting to be scribe then, so my notes and pictures are not helpful. **Tony Smith** officiated and the new class eagerly took it over.

Photos: (left) John Nun, Mimi Nun, Chuck Hansult, Celia Kramer; (right) Celia Kramer, John Nun, Mimi Nun.



1958 Class Notes

[From the West Coast](#)

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 10:56 AM

Bill & Betty Harrison '58 are living in southern Oregon but spend winters in Arizona. Bill gives leadership seminars regularly in Portland and Seattle, but is thinking of giving that up. The golf course calls.

[More West Coast](#)

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 10:53 AM



Tom & Grace Morgan '58 wrote that they played host to **Tony & Bonnie Smith '58** as they were touring the National Parks in the Pacific Northwest. The photo of Tony Smith and Tom in front of a statue of SGT John Ordway of the Lewis and Clark Expedition was taken at the Lewis Memorial Park on Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM). "Grace and I hosted Tony and Bonnie for a couple of days as they visited National Parks in the state of Washington. After the picture, we did a "windshield tour" of JBLM looking at all of the new construction on Base and then drove up to Mount Rainier for lunch, etc. That evening we had dinner with them and **Don & Ellie Wilson '58**, and **Tom & Betty Maliska '58** at a seafood restaurant on the waterfront in Tacoma."

[To the Philippines](#)

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 10:49 AM

Dick Schonberger '58 and **Tom Morgan '58** are organizing a WWII battlefield tour to the Philippines from 12-22 Feb next year. It will be a visit the historic sites of Manila, Corregidor, Bataan, the "WWII Death March, Cabantuan POW Camp, and Clark Field.

It looks like a very interesting tour 12-21 February, 2015. Anyone interested can contact Tom for an e-mailed brochure. tmorgan58@hotmail.com

George Sibert '58 wrote that both "my grandfather and father served there in WWII. My granddad commanded 6th Infantry Div and then the Xth Corps."

[Discovery in Alaska](#)

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 10:42 AM



During World War II **Jerry Hoblit's '58** father was lost in a plane crash in Alaska. The plane and all aboard were lost in snow on a glacier. But recent glacial melting has turned up the airplane. The search is on for those lost in it. There were recent articles about the crash and the discovery. **John Schroeder '58** brought one to my attention. Jerry is now hoping for closure with a burial of his father. He says that work on the wreckage is being done very professionally. Here's one article: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2013/09/24/texas-vet-hopes-to-bury-father-lost-for-decades-in-alaska/>

From the Air Force Academy

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 10:38 AM

Dale Hruby '58 wrote that *"Dodie and I have just experienced the joy of seeing our second grandson sworn in at the Air Force Academy, joining his older brother who will graduate next May! They will both be on the lacrosse team!"*

Settling Down

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 10:37 AM

John Schroeder '58 wrote that *"after my wife, Libby, passed away in 2008, I spent a lot of time flying an airplane that a friend and I had built, around the lower 48, Alaska and Canada. Fittingly the N number was 58WP, a number that I had reserved with the FAA for many years. That led to meeting a lovely lady from Georgia and many hour-and-a-half flights down to Peachtree City, GA to see her. We were married a couple of years ago and have spent a lot of the time moving my center of gravity from the Air Park near Charlotte, NC closer to the Atlanta area. I bought a condo in the NC mountain community of Highlands, while Patty sold her house south of Atlanta and moved to Deaton Creek - a Del Webb community a few miles NE of Atlanta. I still have not been able to sell my house on the Air Park, so I get back there from time to time to do maintenance and check on it. At the moment, we are beating the heat of the flat-lands in the cool of the mountains."* John did add that the airplane has been sold and he's given up flying.

In Connecticut

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 10:33 AM

Lynne & I (Pete Penczer '58) met **Mel & Kay Farrar '58** for lunch during a brief trip they made to Connecticut. Kay is originally from around here. They'll be back before long for a family reunion and we'll see them again then. Mel is retired from his second career as a minister, as I had reported earlier, but continues with a good load of volunteer work.

From Mongolia

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 9:22 AM



Dick Schonberger '58, our intrepid traveler to exotic places, has just returned from a trip to Mongolia. He has a very good "after action report" on his trip, full of good pictures on his Dropbox website. One shows Dick in front of a 45 meter statue of Genghis Khan. E-mail Dick and he'll help you look into Dropbox and his write-ups on this trip, the very recent one to Cuba I told about not long ago and his trip to Antarctica earlier this year, as well as much more. richard_58@verizon.net

The pictures show the monument to Genghis Khan and Dick in front of it

Racing Restored Racecars

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 8:34 AM



Orley Hill '58 told me about **Bob D'Amore's '58** race car restorations and his extraordinary racing prowess. I decided I just had to put this in as I got it from Bob.

"My racing is amateur but I'd like to think that our hill climb competition probably includes the fastest race cars and drivers in the world. I really enjoy this activity immensely as I discovered I am not only

quite competitive but this type of unlimited (no rules on car design) racing provides a marvelous laboratory for my obsession with things technical. I also road race vintage cars and when I can find one, restore historically significant cars.



My favorite mount is a 1968 Formula 5000 McKee Mk8 that I restored and modified into a machine which is, despite its putative obsolescence capable of competing with just about anything on the planet up a paved hill. I primarily race with the Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association (PHA) utilizing closed public 2 lane roads in PA, MD and WV. The close proximity of boulders, trees, cliffs and utility poles adds to the excitement, to say nothing of ratcheting up the pucker factor. Speeds range up to 160+ MPH depending on the course. My McKee's power to weight ratio is one HP for each kilogram of car weight. It will accelerate out of a tight turn at 55 MPH and attain 135 MPH up a 22% grade in less than 6 seconds. The car does everything at one G or better. Acceleration peaks at 1.6 G's and stays above a G until 130 MPH, while cornering and braking approach 2 G's. While some dragsters can accelerate quicker, they are not doing it on bumpy, untreated, twisting 2 lane blacktops where the so-called 'soft' fences are pine trees and the safety barriers are solid granite.

The McKee is so loud and violent that the event organizers rate it a fan favorite - particularly when the fans learn how old I am. I believe I am the oldest driver to ever win a PHA hill climb. I also placed second at the 100th Anniversary Mt. Washington Hill Climb at the age of 69, averaging 68 MPH up the auto toll road in my street legal [1959 Kellison J3R roadster](#). Unguarded 1800 ft vertical drops and dozens of blind curves add the spice to this event. One of my biggest kicks is to exceed by ten times the legal 15 MPH speed limit on North Hampton St in Laurel Run, PA. where Giant's Despair hill climb is run.

I also acquired the [last Cooper race car](#) ever built. It was a dusty barn find right down to the resident rodents, etc. After a 3 year restoration it took second place at last year's Lime Rock Concours in the Park. It was beat out by the Ferrari Testa Rosa that won LeMans in 1961 - a rare exotic worth an estimated \$35 -40 million.

I am also building a traditional 1932 Ford roadster. It sports a supercharged Chevrolet V8 with close to 1000 HP. With it I hope to go on record with Orly as my official crew chief when it attempts to break into the 200 MPH club at Loring AFB in northern Maine. Ill health slowed me down for a while but I am now nearing 100% and I'm gearing up to go out and once again play with the big boys."

Photo Right: 2011 giants, Bob in the pits: Me and McKee just before making run up the hill. Engine is Chevrolet V8 with Hilborn mechanical injection and homemade exhaust headers.

Photo Left: Giant's 2011 entering turn 1: McKee hits 121 MPH before braking for first turn. Start is under banner. Placed 2nd out of 116 entries.

There is a good in-car video of the McKee at Giant's Despair here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PYSWiV73M4> and one from Polish Mountain at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBVXfWchts>.

[Antique Cars](#)

Saturday, June 28, 2014 8:00 AM

When **Bob Tallgren** '58 read about **Jerry Prochaska** '58's Bugatti and his book about the trials and tribulations of restoring it, he called Jerry to tell him about his *"interest in unique cars began back in the '70s after I left the military. My first acquisition was an Alfa Romeo, then a second one, and then my first Ferrari. I joined the Ferrari Club of America (FCA) back in 1982 and organized my first ever car show (all Ferrari) at the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club outside of Philly. I became "hooked" on Ferraris and organizing events. After chairing a number of Ferrari National Concours I moved to Florida and started a show in my home town of Mount Dora, FL. It blossomed into a larger show and was picked up by the city of Winter Park in 2002. Now in its 13th year, the Winter Park show is a multi-marque event comprised of 150-165 show cars attended by crowds exceeding 70,000 people.*

"Please see our web site at: www.winterparkconcours.com

"When I was on the Board of the Ferrari Club of America I published a document, "Guidelines for Planning a National Meet" which includes some advice on how to plan for and direct a large (100 - 150 car) judged car show.

"Jerry sold his Bugatti at auction last August in Carmel, CA, and I sold my last Ferrari back in 2005, but we're both avid car enthusiasts!"

[Out of Cuba](#)

Saturday, June 28, 2014 7:58 AM

Dick Schonberger '58 has been on the road again, this time to Cuba, where, among many other things, he saw the endless number of well-preserved pre-'58 cars it's known, among some circles, for.

Dick went with Insight Travel and had a surprisingly good reception and left with obviously and surprisingly good impressions of Cuba and its people.

Dick has a really good write-up on his trip that he would love to share with anyone thinking of going there. He's included a lot of pictures. He makes it sound easy and enjoyable to go there.

[The Walker Award](#)

Saturday, June 28, 2014 7:57 AM

Tom Carpenter '58 represented the Class at the Graduation Awards Ceremony on Memorial Day presenting the George Walker Award for debate excellence to Cadet Robert Hurd '14. Robert will be in the infantry and is looking forward to his first assignment at Fort Campbell. Tom did have the opportunity to meet Robert's family after the ceremony.

[From a Wounded Warrior Mentor](#)

Saturday, June 28, 2014 7:55 AM

Chuck Toftoy '58 wrote me that he's *"on my 6th Wounded Warrior now, an E-5 who lost both legs. He has a supportive wife and 4 year old son. We meet monthly and use telephone & e-mails in between meetings. I try to make sure he gets what VA and other benefits are due to him. Ultimately I'll get him to write a business plan to start his own business as CEO. One of my approaches is to be a good listener. What is his main interest; what does he love to do?"*

[Pebble Beach, California](#)

Saturday, June 28, 2014 7:50 AM



Jody LeTowt '58's historic house renovation project is winding up. We hope to be finished by mid- July. It has 3 bedroom, 3 bath, and a full kitchen, in a romantic setting, unbelievable, fantastic ocean views. It will rent for \$800 - \$1000 per night, 3-night minimum stay. I gave everyone a lot of information on this fascinating project in an earlier note. You can start by contacting Jody or looking at the web site http://www.delmonteforestconservancy.org/stories/gingerbread_house_1013.pdf

Class Overview Report

Saturday, June 28, 2014 7:47 AM

Bill Serchak '58 and others have been commenting on **Frank Waskowicz** '58's Class Overview Report that is now found on our class website. It's very well done and as Bill said, "*it is an important, polished update to the 50th Reunion Book and the '58 is Great Class History Video.*"

Class Grandkids; Grandpops

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Earlier I had reported on the Class Grandchildren graduating this year. **Tony Smith** '58 had sent me the press release on the ceremony. **Ed "Jack" Downing** '58 presented "engraved plates to Chris Herberger '14, grandson of **Ken Herberger** '58; Grant Peterson '14, grandson of **Bud Moentmann** '58; and Jake Link '14, grandson of **Pat Donovan** '14. The presentation took place in the First Class Club with 47 members from all three families."

The '58 classmates and wives in attendance were—**Jack & Margie Downing, Bud & Holly Moentmann, Chris & Sherry Herberger**, and **Garry Roosma**.

We have a picture, from left to right—Bud Moentmann, Grant Peterson (Bud's); Ken Herber, Chris Herberger; Jake Link (Pat's); me, Gary Roosma.

Ramsden Award

Saturday, June 28, 2014 7:40 AM



Ed "Jack" Downing '58 made the annual Ramsden Award "in Chemistry to Cadet **Kaoru Wong '14**. He is going on to medical school. He was born in the US but his mother is Korean. He speaks 5 languages and attended a military high school in Beijing China before entering West Point.

The tall officer on the left is Col Leon Robert, head of the Department of Chemistry and Life Sciences.

TYPE 44 BUGATI

Saturday, June 14, 2014 9:04 PM

Jerry Prochaska '58 "just published a book on Amazon titled "A Bugatti Odyssey: Reclaiming a Type 44", and while it seems perfect for a niche market, it tells of 53 years restoring a car and all the family trials that entailed. Many others have read it, and it has sparked interest in cars, military life, and dedication to a difficult task. It is available as a soft cover and ebook, and will soon be on Kindle. I use Jerry Prochaska as the author, and this is all the info needed if anyone wants to get it on-line." Amazon says, Jerry "bought a very sad example of a Type 44 from Jean De Dobbeleer of Brussels, and for the next half century dragged it all over the U.S. The story he tells is worthy of "Ripley's Believe it or Not". He had been warned by others of the potential obstacles that lay ahead, but was so mesmerized by the marque that he plunged ahead into a world of frustration. He takes you on a long ride to meet the interesting people he met along the way, and to share in the joy and heartbreak of trying to resurrect his dream Bugatti. It's one heck of a ride!

SERCHAK FROM KOREA

Saturday, June 14, 2014 9:03 PM

This had to be fun. **Bill Serchak '58** wrote that "My son, Bill and I just returned last evening from a 10 day visit to South Korea. The trip was an 80th Birthday Present from our three kids. We flew to Seoul on the 21st of May, celebrated my birthday on the 27th at a very unusual venue in Seoul, stayed at a splendid little Korean Hotel in the heart of Seoul (Myeondong), completed all the items on our 'must see' and 'nice to see' lists including Korea House and the Kukkiwon (World Taekwondo Headquarters and Training Center), looked across the border into North Korea at the DMZ and actually took a step into NK inside the conference room where the endless (60+ years) of negotiations are conducted. It was a perfect 10 days that I will never forget.

THE CAPELLE MEMORIAL TROPHY

Saturday, June 14, 2014 9:01 PM



Hugh and Ann Trumbull '58 represented our class at the Capelle Memorial Award Ceremony at the West Point Prep School this year. The Capelle Memorial Trophy was awarded to Charlie Company at the Prep School, which is now at West Point, for the '13-'14 school year. The Award was accepted by CC Richelle Radcliff, Company First Sergeant. Richelle also received the COL Frank G. Davis Award for excellence in physical aptitude. She did well academically and is certainly prepared to join the Corps along with over 200 of her USMAPS classmates. Indoors due to the weather, the Awards Ceremony recognized outstanding achievement by an obviously outstanding group of CCs. The Pizza Party that '58 sponsors, along with the trophy, was held at Delafield Pond on the Sunday before graduation. CPT Stewart, the Company Tac, gave rave reviews about the Award and Pizza Party, and went out of his way to express thanks to '58.

Jerry Capelle's '58 uniforms and memorabilia are on display at the local historical museum in Fond du Lac, WI. We have a picture of the display.

GENERAL PATRICIA FROST

Saturday, June 14, 2014 8:58 PM

Lincoln Jones '58 daughter, Patricia A. Frost, was promoted to Brigadier General on May 8th at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington. Her brother, Peter Jones '85, was promoted to Brigadier General last summer and her husband, Malcolm Frost '88 is also already a Brigadier General. **Will Merrill '58** alerted me to the ceremony and **Tony Smith '58** attended it and got back to me about it.. BG Peter Jones, now Dep CG, 24th Inf Div at Ft Stewart, just came out on orders to Afghanistan.

CLASS GRANDKIDS

Saturday, June 14, 2014 8:51 PM

Jack Downing '58 did the honors this year in presenting gifts on behalf of the class to (a record) three class grandsons. Here is his report forwarded by **Tony Smith '58**:

On May 26, after the Graduation Parade for the class of 2014, Jack Downing, representing the class of 1958, presented engraved plates to Chris Herberger '14, grandson of **Ken Herberger '58**; Grant Peterson '14, grandson of **Bud Moentmann '58**; and Jake Link '14, grandson of **Pat Donovan '58**. The presentation took place in the First Class Club with 47 members from all three families.

Chris is going Armor with a first assignment in the Stryker Brigade at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska. He has already spent three weeks with troops and attended the Air Assault School. He will soon attend the Airborne, Stryker Leaders School Recon School and the Basic course. His most significant experience at West Point was learning to tell the important from the unimportant.

Grant Peterson is going Quartermaster with a first assignment to the 173d Airborne at Vicenza, Italy, the unit that many in '58 served with in the 2/503d on Okinawa. . He will attend the Airborne, QM, and Riggers Schools before joining. His best experience at West Point was as a member of the Beast Barracks Cadre. His worst was going through Beast Barracks. Grant is the second grandson of

Bud to graduate—the other was Tom '10 who graduated in 2010.

Jake Link had family in attendance but unfortunately Pat died in 2002 and **Betty's** health kept her at home. Jake's best experience at West Point was in the program for high school students interested in attending the Academy. His worst experience was the second semester of Chemistry. (Since I taught Chemistry this hit home.) I reminded him that his grandfather Pat taught in the Ordnance Compound which is now the First Class Club where we were. He is going Infantry and will attend a Pre-Ranger school before Ranger, Airborne, and the Stryker Leader Course. He will give up this 60-day leave in order to sooner get to his unit, the Stryker Cav Regt in Germany.

THE MALONE TROPHY

Saturday, June 14, 2014 8:42 PM

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OUR WOUNDED WARRIOR MENTOR PROGRAM

Saturday, June 14, 2014 8:30 PM

Our class started the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program that has been doing wonderful work helping to rehabilitate seriously wounded veterans of our recent conflicts. Apparently enough of us have been confused about the difference between our project, run without fund raising or overhead, with another unrelated organization that seems to be profiting from sympathy.

I asked for an explanation of what our program is doing and got back this from **Lee Miller '58**. The Wounded Warrior Mentor Program (WWMP) website is: www.WWMP.US.com. The organization often confused with our program is called the Wounded Warrior Project.



The Wounded Warrior Project is a totally different organization. The Wounded Warrior Project has problems and you are reading about them, not the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program.

- Initiated by Lee Miller '58, **Pete Brintnall** '58, **John Herren** '58 and **Bob Tredway** '58 in November, 2004
- Has assisted transition of 700+ Wounded Warriors and Spouses; Currently mentoring 250+ at Walter Reed NMMC and Ft Belvoir.
- Totally devoted to soldier wellbeing — no overhead
- Assisted outreach programs at Brook NMC, Ft Gordon, Ft Eustis, VA Poly Trauma Center, and Balboa Naval Hospital

The Wounded Warrior Mentor Program was founded at the old Walter Reed in 2004 by John Herren, Pete Brintnall, Bob Tredway (Deceased) and myself. We are a 501c(3) Not-for-Profit, all volunteer with no one on the payroll, virtual offices and a budget of zero for the first eight years as we paid for everything out of our own pockets. In 2011 we began accepting donations from classmates and others. We now have \$12,000 in the budget and will use about \$2,000 per year for printing binders for new mentors. We are an activity under the CI of 1958 but not under the control of the EXCOM. We saw a deficit gap in the healing of Wounded Warriors in 2004 that everyone was doing good deeds for WW's like picnics, ski trips, golf and golf clubs, theater, world series tickets but no one was getting to think about and get them on a path to provide for themselves, a wife and two children while going through the 12 to 18 month healing process prior to discharge and then working with the VA

Our mission is to mentor Wounded Warriors and their spouses to a new productive life and profession with a time frame of three to five years. Our pillars are education, internships leading to jobs and jobs. All we provide is our own human capital and our experiences in two careers or more. Our mentors are all services, normally combat veterans as the WW's like to talk combat, all ranks and genders. Our Wounded Warriors are all services, ranks and genders. We recruit mentors, train them and then recruit Wounded Warriors, conduct a one hour interview with the Warrior and spouse, then match them up based on something they have in common. A mentor is assigned to work with the WW (family) on a one on one basis. We have a list of 100 plus volunteer subject matter experts who are available for the mentors on just about every subject from cyber security, music, criminal justice, resume writing and translations to assist the mentors as they mentor the WW's. The mentor works with the WW to discharge using the desires of the WW and our guidance to get them there. If they want a follow-on mentor after discharge, we have a Follow-On Mentor Program to provide a follow-on mentor anywhere in the US or Puerto. The follow-on mentor assists the WW in dealing with VA problems and keep the WW on track to achieve the goals set back at the healing facility.

We operate with a functionally organized Executive Committee of 15 persons with the undersigned as the Program Director. We are a Boots on the Ground Program and have had considerable success over our ten years of our existence. To date we have successfully transitioned over 800 Wounded Warriors to success in getting them in college from Harvard to Junior Colleges all over the US to internships leading to jobs in the 17 US Government Intelligence Agencies and the 24 US Government Agencies. We have mentored an E-4 to a GS 13 in four years. We have had a WW get two master's degree while at Walter Reed healing. CPL Kyle Carpenter, one of the Marines we mentored for three years is now going to the University of S. Carolina and will be awarded the Medal of Honor. We presently have 250 mentors mentoring 250 Wounded Warriors at Walter Reed and Ft Belvoir. Based on requests from other military organizations to emulate our program, we have assisted others in establishing WWMP Programs at Ft Gordon, Brook Army Medical Center, Ft Eustis and Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego. Right now the Number of Wounded Warriors has fallen off which is a good thing. However, the total number of Wounded Warriors plus Ill and Injured Soldiers, Marines and Seaman remain the same and we deal with them all the same. Walter Reed has been declared the DoD Center of Excellence for Oncology which means we will be getting all military Cancer Patients. We are already seeing and mentoring some of these. We are accustomed to mentoring single, double, triple and quadruple amputees with TBI and PTSD and Blind WW's but cancer patients are different.

As to an example vignette with a specific WW and how we mentor, at present we only have some written success stories I could forward, However this past week, we have recruited an Army CPT SOF type who spent 5 years on LTG McCrystal's Staff in Afghanistan. He is an expert photographer and wants to do vignette success stories for us. We will put one or two on the class website.

I think this explains very well the differences between the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program and the Wounded Warrior Project. I hope we all now have an understanding on what the WWMP is all about.

G&EnE Award Ceremonies

Saturday, June 14, 2014 3:59 PM

The Geography program recognized three cadets for excellence in Geography. James "Jake" Link'14 received the "Duke" Winters Memorial Award for Excellence in Military Geography and the Excellence in Geographic Research Award. This was in the AOG's First Call, the AOG's on-line newsletter. Jake is **Pat and Betty Donovan's**'58 grandson. **Tony Smith**'58 saw it and passed it on.

Retiring from Cattle Farming

Monday, April 28, 2014 10:20 PM

Judy Bullis wrote me that "**Larry** '58 retired as Headmaster of the Bullis School in 1991 and he and Judy bought a lovely old stone, Civil War home in Gettysburg, PA on 43 acres. From his early days on his father's farm in Maryland, he was always interested in beef cattle and began raising Simmental cattle on his Gettysburg property. For the last 22 years, Larry has enjoyed his cattle, learned a lot about this breed and over the years become very active in the organizations involving Simmental cattle. He was a Director and served as President of the PA Simmental Association. He was a member of the PA Cattlemen's Assoc, served on the PA Farm Show Committee, the PA Expo Committee, and served with PA Ag Secretary, Sam Hayes, on the building committee for the Livestock Evaluation Center located near State College, PA. He has thoroughly enjoyed his cattle business, but it is a business/hobby for a younger man. This past year, Larry has been traveling to cattle sales in Pennsylvania as well as Virginia and North Carolina, selling his cattle, and after a sale this weekend in Harrisonburg, VA, we will only have 4 cows left which he will sell off the farm. It is time to move on.

We are going to build a "senior-friendly" home just about a mile from our current home here in Gettysburg. While saying "goodbye" to his bovine friends has been very hard on Larry, he is excited

about building our new home and getting settled once again in a friendly neighborhood. He continues enjoying his music hobby which began with the West Point Glee Club when he was a cadet. After singing 40 years with various Barbershop choruses, he now sings in the Gettysburg Civic Chorus and the choir at the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church."

Continuing to Farm

Monday, April 28, 2014 10:17 PM

Jack Bradshaw '58, on the other hand, wrote me to tell me that "Hobby Farmer" describes him well. I have heard from others that Jack does it quite seriously, but he says he's the groundskeeper while **Lynne** takes care of the horses and flower gardens at their farm 50 miles south of Indianapolis. Groundskeeper understates it.

A Merrill Wedding

Monday, April 28, 2014 10:16 PM

Will & Barbara Merrill's '58 grand daughter, Jeanell, returned from Afghanistan in January. Her fiancé, Peyton Hurley '08 (our fifty year class) also returned from Afghanistan about the same time. (They were stationed at different bases.) Jeanell had previously served a tour in Iraq, the second half of that tour she was stationed at the same base as her father, Will G. Merrill III '83. She is now at Ft. Drum, N.Y. where she is the Company Commander of HHC, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade. Jeanell and Peyton will be married at West Point on Labor Day weekend. Jeanell served as an intern to Pres. G.W. Bush in the White House while in U. of Missouri as did her younger sister.

Class Lunch and Conspirator's Trial Room Tour

Monday, April 28, 2014 10:13 PM

On March 29, we had our annual Civil War event put on by **Jack Downing** '58 and **Herb Puscheck** '58. This year it was in conjunction with the class monthly social event run by **Jack Gordon** '58. A group of 12 classmates from '58 was joined by Ed Soyster '57 and Hank Hatch '57. The group enjoyed a luncheon at the Ft McNair Officers Club and then walked to Bldg 20 that contains the room where the trial of the Lincoln assassination conspirators was held. Ms Susan Lemke, Special Collection Librarian for the NDU Library gave a talk on the trial and the conspirators and led a discussion of that topic. Hank Hatch '57 also told the story of the ghost of a conspirator that appeared in his Quarters #9 on the post. There may be an opening of the museum in May to the public with an Open House and an invitation to the D.C. Class group.

A Tour of Duty

Monday, April 28, 2014 10:10 PM

Jack Crandall '58 wrote, *"I am just finishing up a 'tour of duty' with Norhrop Grumman's team of contractors at Ft. Bragg. I've been here nearly two weeks, working with a team of analysts developing the after action report for the 16th Engineer Brigade out of Ohio. Next month I will go to Ft Stewart, GA for yet another exercise. Last December, I spent two weeks at Yongsan, Seoul, Korea for an exercise involving elements of 2ID. The opportunity to work with the army is exhilarating to say the least. I have been working with a member of the class of 2001, one from 1995, and one from 1997. It's the best job in the world for an old guy like me (us)!"*

An Easter Timberlake Wedding

Monday, April 28, 2014 10:08 PM

I heard from **Sally Timberlake** that **Edward J Timberlake III** '58 (Ted-Co. E-2) oldest grandchild, Emily Timberlake, would be married in San Francisco Easter weekend. The three living Edward J. Timberlake's will be there, Ted's son, grandson and great grandson, the 6th. Sally added that *"I will be there naturally too."*

[From Jacksonville, Florida](#)

Monday, April 28, 2014 10:06 PM

Jack May'58 let me know that **Will Merrill**'58 is giving a talk about his book, "9/11- Ordinary People: Extraordinary Heroes- NYC- The first Battle in the War against Terror!" at the Wallclimbers a Jacksonville service academy networking organization. Will's next book will be on Afghanistan and Iraq. He says he has interviewed about 20 veterans by now and has a lot more to go. Among those interviewed were LTG Hagenbeck'71, CG of Operation Anaconda in Afghanistan and, of course, later the Supe, and Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth, who, as a pilot in Iraq, lost both of her legs.

[From the Slopes](#)

Monday, April 28, 2014 10:03 PM

The '58 Ski group met at Snowmass Mountain, CO, Sunday 23 Feb-Saturday 1 Mar. The group included **Chuck & Celia Hansult**'58, **Palmer McGrew**'58, **Bob Foster**'58, **Ben Franklin**'58, **Tony & Gabrielle Nadal**'58, **Bill Shepard**'58, **Jim & Sally Tilley**'58, and two of Jim's fellow PSIA people from PA, and Karl Oelke'58, of course, who provided my information. Great snow, with 3" fresh powder on Friday.

Jody LeTowt '58 is usually with the ski group but for the last two years it has overlapped with his annual heli-ski trip to Canada where you get "skiing in knee deep powder down a glacier then through the trees for 3000 to 5000 vertical. Then climbing into the chopper, going up & doing it again, no crowds, no lines, no lifts, no waiting."

[Pebble Beach Restoration](#)

Monday, April 28, 2014 9:55 PM

Jody LeTowt'58 told me about restoring an historic house in Pebble Beach, California, where Jody lives.



"It's a small cottage sitting on top of the sand dunes along the ocean at the edge of the Del Monte Forest (aka Pebble Beach). It was built in 1941 by Pedro de Lemos and his wife Leta. Pedro was an artist, publisher, raconteur, and instructor at Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA. and the California Institute of Art in the 1920's and 1930's, now known as UC Berkeley."

"Pedro was a frequent visitor to Carmel and Pebble Beach in the 1930's and became friends with Samuel FB Morse, founder and father of Pebble Beach. Morse was a buddy of the hotel and railroad barons, Leland Stanford, Chas Crocker (Crocker bank), Mark Hopkins, Huntington, Harriman (Union Pacific RR). Pedro also became friends with a well-loved local architect and builder named Hugh Comstock, who built several dozen of Carmel's famous, whimsical Fairy Tale Houses. (I own one of them...the Tuck Box)"

"The cottage was intended to be a guest house or servants quarters for a much larger home next to it.

Pedro had already built the huge concrete foundation for his dream house when WWII started. Unable to get materials or labor during the war, he and his wife lived in the cottage during the duration. After the war, Pedro's health began to fail. He died in the early 1950's and never finished his dream house. His heirs sold the property back to SFB Morse (Pebble Beach Company) in the mid 1960's. PBCo owned the property until 1993 when it was donated to the Del Monte Forest Foundation, of which I am a director. About the same time, 20 acres of property around the cottage was put into a conservation easement by PBCo," in return for some development rights from the California Coastal Commission.

"The cottage was occupied by a tenant until 2003 when it was determined to uninhabitable. Unable to bulldoze the structure because it had been placed on a list of historical buildings, Del Monte Forest Foundation (DMFF) then set about to restore the cottage and surrounding grounds. Although the Grant Deed and Conservation Easement documents pretty much prescribed the conditions for restoration, County and Coastal Commission officials insisted that DMFF apply for a Coastal Development Permit (CDP). ...It took five years of working through the bureaucracy to get the required permits. It was about that time I was asked to be a director of DMFF. My first assignment was to restore the cottage and grounds."

"I started the project in spring of 2012. With the danger of having the hard won Coastal Development Permit expire in a few months, I convinced my Board of Directors that some work needed to start immediately so we became vested. Construction started in August, 2012. We soon discovered the horrendous amount of work before of us. The structure had been deteriorating for 71 years. If the termites had stopped holding hands, the building would have collapsed. The adventure of reconstruction as we approach the two year mark is another whole story. " You can see what Jody's doing on the web site.

Look at "Del Monte Forest Conservancy" on the web. There's a page on the house.

http://www.delmonteforestconservancy.org/stories/gingerbread_house_1013.pdf

Travel

Monday, April 28, 2014 9:44 PM

George Lawton'58 heard from **Nick Carlson**'58 that "Currently I am enjoying some fine company in Punta Cana for a week or so. Off to Europe in early May for a short visit with friends in Paris/environs and thence to London with possible connection there."

Airport Sold and Going

Monday, April 28, 2014 9:42 PM

Chuck Densford'58 says that "after 21 years of owning and operating a small airport, I have sold it, and am no longer a slave to the demands of tenants. I will miss the airport, the work, the bar-b-ques, and the income, but not the restrictions it has placed on me concerning working on my bucket list. **Patsy** and I intend to travel wherever and whenever an opportunity presents."

Oil Painting

Monday, April 28, 2014 9:39 PM



I asked what we're doing for hobbies. **Rich Gell**'58 has taken up oil painting and sent along a picture of one done from a photo taken of him during Cow Year.

[Again from Jacksonville](#)

Monday, April 28, 2014 9:37 PM



I asked **Jack May**'58 what he was doing and he answered "*I have been reading some books on WWI (while referencing our USMA Map Atlas), and was inspired to listen to the Sambre et Meuse March. Go online and listen, and it will take you back to an afternoon on P-rade at West Point.*" I note that this is the hundredth anniversary of the start of that war.

Jack sent along reminiscences he wrote for the Gainesville Sun of being in a restaurant with his family and hearing the announcement of the Doolittle raid on April 18, 1942 along with a picture of himself taken that day.

[Back to Travel](#)

Monday, April 28, 2014 9:30 PM



Dick Schonberger'58 is just back from a trip to Antarctica, summer there, but looking a lot like what we had here in Connecticut all this last winter. He said he was taking his bathing suit in case of a chance for a "polar plunge" but we don't know if he got that chance.

Dick & **Sylvia** have done quite a bit of interesting travel to unusual places. In my last column you saw Dick and **Tom Morgan**'58 on their trip to Nepal and the Himalayas. What's interesting is that Dick does a good write-up on his trips after he gets home. Dick was a professional tour guide to Southeast Asia for twelve years.

In May, 2011, Dick & Sylvia went to Japan for a very interesting and adventurous trip. I read his write-up partly because I had gone to Japan some years ago with my karate teacher and good friend. It's really very well done. Dick is more than happy to share his write-ups and experience with anyone. Besides Japan, Dick has done others on places like Turkey, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Galapagos, Antarctica and the Silk Road of Central Asia. If you are thinking of going to any of these places you would do well to include what he offers in your pre-trip reading and planning or contact him because he also has lots of material about other places he's been in Southeast Asia, Scandinavia, China, Australia and New Zealand.

Peter A. Penczer, Scribe '58

[Please Visit Class Notes Archives](#)

Friday, April 18, 2014 2:22 PM

Any Class Notes submitted prior to April 18, 2014 have been moved to the Archives. If you have a contribution for this Class Notes page, please contact the Scribe listed above.

1958 Class Notes

Corregidor and Bataan

Tuesday, October 07, 2014 8:49 AM

Tom Morgan '58 and Dick Schonberger '58 have organized and are running a fascinating looking trip to see where it all happened in the Philippines during World War II. Tom described it this way. "Go with us back to Corregidor and Bataan for the 70th Anniversary of the airborne/amphibious assault on Japanese-held Corregidor Island on 16 February 2015. After visiting sites in Manila, we will go out to Corregidor to visit the famous "Rock" recaptured by airborne assault by the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regimental Combat Team and amphibious assault by the 3rd Bn, 34th Infantry Regiment. About 3000 US soldiers attacked 6000 Japanese on Corregidor and after two weeks of heavy fighting returned Fortress Corregidor to US control when General MacArthur directed the US flag to be raised over the island once again.

After visiting Manila, we will be spending a couple of nights on Corregidor, and then we will visit the site of the "Death March" on the Bataan Peninsula, Subic Bay, Clark Field, and the infamous Cabanatuan POW Camp. Don't miss this special "Back to Bataan" tour scheduled for 12-21 February 2015. We were too young in '42 to experience the Disaster, but not too old yet in '15 to help share the Triumph! If you are interested in taking this tour, let me know and I will email a brochure to you with all of the details.

This tour is being run by Valor Tours, a leader in military historical battlefield tours. The POCs are Tom Morgan '58 and Dick Schonberger '58. The cost is \$3750/person, twin share with air fare from San Francisco or Los Angeles to Manila and return included and with expert guide services and most meals included. You can sign up directly with Valor Tours, but please let me know when you do." You can call Tom at 253-983-8903 or e-mail him at tmorgan58@hotmail.com

The Forum

Tuesday, October 07, 2014 8:47 AM

Here's a pitch for the Forum, although I'm not on it. When Larry Sutherland was looking for a source for replacing handcrafted trays he had gotten in Guam while stationed there, he went to the Forum with his question and got a quick and useful response. Someone knew where to get them.

Out of Africa

Tuesday, October 07, 2014 8:37 AM



In the high veldt of Zimbabwe, Africa Jack May'58 and Iris McWilliams have been on safari. After five tedious and wearying days, over 250 bone-jarring miles in a Land Cruiser, and more than 25 miles afoot, they successfully downed on the great white plains of Matetse a trophy cape buffalo with one shot. Here's Jack and Iris.

[From the South Pacific](#)

Tuesday, October 07, 2014 8:35 AM

Nat Crow'58 wrote to me while en route from Tahiti to Fiji.

"I have called Hawaii home for more than 40 years -- and love it as much today as in 1957 when **Bud Davenport'58** and I came here space-A for a few days. But you gotta get away once in a while, and I do. A lot. My world globe holds well over 120 pins representing countries I visited. Right now, as I write this, I'm on a ship in Samoan waters enroute from Fiji to Tahiti with many stops along the way. Early this year found me on a cruise from Valpariso to Papeete via Easter Island, Pitcairn, Bora Bora, and others. Several months later I defied all those who said I was nuts and probably wouldn't survive the journey and travelled to Iran, plus Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. And I have lots of plans for future travel adventures. Some classmates collect stamps and grandkids. I collect miles and pins in the map."

In 2011 it was Indonesia and in 2013, Melanesia.

[Wedding at West Point](#)

Tuesday, October 07, 2014 8:32 AM

Will & Barbara Merrill'58 won the dance contest at the wedding reception for their granddaughter, Jeanell, as the longest married couple on the dance floor. The wedding was at West Point on August 30th. Jeanell and her new husband, **Peyton Hurley'08** are both Captains back from Afghanistan in January.

[New Book Benefits Wounded Warrior Mentor Program](#)

Monday, September 22, 2014 8:58 AM



Chuck Toftoy's '58 new book, *Amazing Fireside*

Tales, was published last week. Chuck wrote this, "My new book, "AMAZING FIRESIDE TALKS...Intriguing Thoughts To Awaken You", is dedicated to the Wounded Warrior Project and the Disabled American Veterans organization. A portion of the profits will be donated to both organizations. The purpose is to inspire everyone: older, young, youths, men, women."

Chuck's editor wrote in part,

"A very compelling book; a must read for everyone...young, old, men, women, youths. The author's extensive research and study took over two years. This included personal one-on-one live interviews, live small group discussions with people of diverse backgrounds, books, journal articles, internet articles and posts, and email correspondence.

Dr. Toftoy took a risk by changing genres from mystery/thriller to inspirational. He tackles many important life issues...all in one book. Using the same four characters of his Alpha Team from his previous two novels, it is written as though you are present at their weekly Alpha Team Fireside Talks; as if you are a part of the discussion."

More proceeds go to the WOUNDED WARRIOR MENTOR PROGRAM and the DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, by ordering the book from the publisher at <https://www.createspace.com/4954706>

You can read about Chuck's other books in my first column on authors. You can read about the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program and our class involvement in the Notes I posted in June.

[Murphy Orchards, Niagara County, NY](#)

Tuesday, September 09, 2014 2:28 PM

Bill Murphy '58 is enjoying working with his children and grandchildren at the farm he started 47 years ago. Check it out at murphyorchards.com Pictures tell the story. It is an 1850, 7400 sq. ft. mansion on 68 acres in Niagara county New York.

We are now starting another revenue center, salmon smoking.. Lake Ontario is a well-known salmon fishery. We have apple wood chips, the flavorings in our jam and jelly store and even an original 1850's smoke house (right next to our ice house).

The house is on the underground railway tour; under the barn there is a room runaway slaves stayed in while waiting to cross Lake Ontario to Canada.

Cape Cod Marsh Restoration

Tuesday, September 09, 2014 2:27 PM

Lynne & I (Pete Penczer '58) visited **Don Palladino '58** for coffee at his home in Wellfleet, Cape Cod, MA, while on a short trip making the rounds of some friends. It's beautiful out there. The Cape used to be just a summer vacation place but Don is part of the growing full time resident crowd. Don became very involved in a huge marsh restoration project out there and is in the board of directors of the organization doing it. Check it out at <http://www.friendsofherringriver.org/default.htm>

Eagles Return to Alaska

Tuesday, September 09, 2014 2:25 PM

Paul Ruud '58 wrote "**Patty** and I just returned from a quick 8 day family cruise to Alaska. We did the Inside Passage and stopped at Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway on our way up and caught Victoria, BC, on the way back to Seattle. Patty's daughter and son each with their three child families kept spirits, enjoyment and noise levels relatively high. An observation – we traveled this same route some 21 years ago and on that trip, I remember seeing one bald eagle. It was in a distant tree and looked like a vanilla ice cream cone without binoculars. This time there were eagles everywhere – what a joyous sight! I typically don't lose much sleep over endangered species issues, but the joy for me of seeing the recovery that eagles have made was indescribable. I also just had my 80th birthday – could there possibly be a correlation?

Viet Nam and the October Mini

Tuesday, September 09, 2014 2:23 PM

At our reunion in October, **Tony Nadal '58** will have just returned from a two-week tour of Viet Nam with a group of college students from the College of the Ozarks. The purpose of the tour is to educate students about American Military history by touring historically important sites of the war and discussing the battles and issues. Tony's tour will take him from Can Tho, in the southern part of Viet Nam to Khe Sahn and on to Hanoi. The plan is to visit various battlefields along the way, visiting all four Corps Tactical Zones, to include the Ia Drang Valley, Bon Son, Cu Chi, as well as Ho Chi Minh city and Hanoi. Tony will share his observations from this tour with any interest classmates on Monday, 20 October at 1000 in the lounge area of the hotel.

The Marchback

Tuesday, September 09, 2014 2:07 PM

Ed Weckel '58 reported that our class was well represented at the annual Plebe March back this year, the 60th Anniversary of our original march back. Besides Ed, **John Brinson '58, Bill Morrison '58, George Klotzbach '58, George Lawton '58, Will Collett '58, and Wally Ward '58** were there and did it.

They had a very interesting time, little sleep, and lots of good food. They met a lot of very interesting people, heard the Com, and, it seems, would do it again.



Dave Gerard '68, his class scribe, wrote me, and sent me the picture, of his classmate, **Greg Camp '68** and **George Lawton '58** "taken after the Class of 2018 march back lunch in Ike Hall. When I met George prior to the march back in the parking lot at Buffalo Soldier Field, he mentioned that he had been Greg's TAC and would like to see him again. When I found Greg on the trail, I mentioned that George was looking for him and he went pail -- his TAC was looking for him after over 46 years -- talk about a flash-back! As you can see, it turned out OK -- Greg found a couple of other of my classmates who had been in their company and a good time was had by all."

[Class Grandchild's Wedding](#)

Tuesday, September 09, 2014 1:56 PM

John & Carol Devens '58 will be attending the wedding of their son, **Michael Devens '13 & Alaina**, soon to be **Alaina Devens '13** at the Catholic Chapel this weekend, August 30th. Michael is assigned to a separate signal company at Ft Hood, Texas. He also is a recipient of the class plate presented by Tony Smith at our FCC before graduation in May 2013.

[A Cruise ship's Mural](#)

Tuesday, September 09, 2014 1:55 PM

Roger & Laurelei Waddell '58 sent pictures to West Point Museum Director "from a cruise my wife and I took last April on Royal Caribbean's Monarch of the Seas. I always walk the decks and stairwells to look at the art. The pictures I am attaching are of a large mural on one stairwell landing "View of West Point in 1843". It is not easy for an amateur to get a good picture on a stairwell. It was presented to RCCL by the shipbuilder when Monarch was delivered. I don't know how they decided on that specific piece of art. That would be interesting to know. I took a picture of the plaque describing it, but it had a couple of words that were unreadable. Monarch is being taken out of service for RCCL and I was told, when I asked if someone on the ship could tell me the missing words, that all the art had been removed. But after several email exchanges I got a good picture from RCCL of the plaque. The unreadable last line on the plaque is 15-10-1991. removed. But after several email exchanges I got a good picture from RCCL of the plaque. The unreadable last line on the plaque is 15-10-1991.

The Director knew of the mural and was quite appreciative of the information as they like to know the whereabouts of those things.

They "are taking an AOG Mediterranean cruise in June. We were married at the Cadet Chapel on graduation day, 4 June 1958, and will be spending our 55th wedding anniversary in Rome.

Korea

Tuesday, September 09, 2014 1:50 PM



Bill Serchak '58 and his son celebrated Bill's 80th

birthday by taking a very interesting trip to Korea. He sent along some fascinating pictures. I'm limited in how many I can get published. He wrote "This sequence was taken the night of 27 May when Mr. Nak Choe invited Bill and I to dinner at his favorite restaurant that he described as a 'hole in the wall'... Well, we found that to be an apt description as it was located in a back alley, had only 3 tables for diners and was run by two Korean ladies who welcomed Choe and us warmly and served us with great élan - defined as "vigor and enthusiasm combined with self-confidence and style"...

Mr. Choe met us at the door of our hotel and we walked several blocks to an alley down which was a quite non-descript door that opened into the very small, intimate restaurant. The ladies appeared to know Nak Choe very well and we were seated at a round table with a charcoal brazier deep set in the center. After introductions and a round of Korean brews, the owner set out the usual array of small dishes and bowls of kimchi and vegetables and proceeded to place large pieces of meat that she cut with a pair of shears on to the charcoal brazier. The lamb that she cooked for us was heavily laced with fat and did not appear all that appealing. However, the fatty portions quickly cooked away and the resulting pieces of lamb were tender & delicious.



Nak Choe took time to introduce us to the method of eating Korean style - first picking up a piece of the lamb from the brazier with our chopsticks, wrapping it in a large green leaf from one of the bowls on the table, then dipping it using the chopsticks in a sauce in another bowl before biting into the wrap. Bill and I got the hang of it and the three of us enjoyed the variety of dishes along with a steady supply of beer.

At one point, Choe announced to the ladies and to 4 gentlemen at another table that this evening was in celebration of my 80th birthday. Well, that immediately produced a round of well-wishes and exchange of drinks with the 4 gentlemen. Apparently, reaching age 80 is a big deal here and called for all the congratulations I now received. After a bit, a birthday cake was brought to our table by the two ladies and an enthusiastic rendering of "Happy Birthday" in Korean and English followed. The cake was a beautiful selection of fresh fruit embedded in a very rich, creamy base. It was no trouble to accept seconds on this delicious dessert.

A round of pictures including one with the two ladies followed. We all left the restaurant after the most unusual and memorable birthday celebration ever, I can honestly state. Upon returning to our room at the Grand Hotel, Bill and I discovered another surprise: a bottle of wine with glasses, and a tray of sweet treats on our night table. Obviously, Mr. Choe also took time to inform the hotel staff of the event and arranged for the special night-capping treat..."

[Pebble Beach Car Show](#)

Tuesday, September 09, 2014 1:31 PM

Jody LeTowt '58 tells me that the annual Pebble Beach Car Show is the biggest in the world. Living nearby, he's there for it every year and used to meet Bob Tallgren '58 there regularly for the show. Jody wrote "Lots going on out there with cars. BMW had three vehicles to show off at Pebble Beach: the i8 Concours d'Élégance Edition, the Vision Future Luxury concept. I drooled over this car, played with the gull winged doors, sat in it, took many pictures of it. I didn't stay for the bidding. This car is a hybrid with a 3 cyl engine generator in the rear and four electric motors, one at each wheel. (I think). It will probably go from 0 to 60 in about 4 seconds.

[Here in Fairfield, CT](#)

Tuesday, September 09, 2014 1:26 PM

Mel & Kay Farrar '58 were on a family trip to Connecticut. They and their daughter, Denise, stayed overnight with us. We had a very nice visit. Mel & Kay had spent a month in Boulder, Colorado, for two grandchild graduations in June. Mel continues a full load of volunteer work for his church.

My brother and sister-in-law, **Rudy & Doreen '62**, were here this weekend to celebrate his 75th birthday and non-landmark birthdays for Doreen and my sister, Ellen. We had almost the entire family here and had a great time. It was the fourth large backyard picnic for us this year. We had the International Institute (refugee and trafficking victim resettlement) board and staff, the Mt. Holyoke Club, and the Rotary Club picnics. It was a lot of work but also a lot of fun.