

1958 CLASS NOTES

Can You Identify?

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anyone in the picture? Joe Guenther sent it to George Lawton some time ago. I just got it from George.

M, T & G Class

From McLean, VA

6/11/2020

Lee and Betty Miller saw **Mike and Marcia York** in Grand Cayman in February where they had a very nice and relaxing time visiting. It's a wonderful place to go for long walks and for snorkeling. You could also enjoy a lot of nice local restaurants with really good seafood options.

Lee sent me a long letter with an accompanying roster of all of his A-1 company mates with lots of good notes on their status and in some cases their next of kin. I won't try to go through all of this, but it's apparent that Lee is doing a great and diligent job as CCQ for his company, A-1. He has everybody.

Lee, as you probably know, is very much involved running our Wounded Warrior Mentor Program at Walter Reed Hospital. **Jack and Henriette**

Gordon live in nearby in Falls Church. Jack has all of their documents printed and assembles them in binders for the vets. He and **John Herron** also participate in the Walter Reed Interview Team.

From Warrenton Virginia

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Lee Miller, with

a number of our other classmates, went to the memorial service, with reception afterwards, for **Fred Goodenough**. I received a very nice group picture taken at the reception from Joan and their daughter, Kathleen Geneva.

*Photo Left: In the back row, from left to right, are **Richard Benfer**'54, Joan's brother-in-law, and **Lee Miller**,*



George

Lawton, Frank Franks, Stew Willis, Joe Guenther, John Harte'70. In the front row are Josine Hitchcock, Walt Hitchcock holding up Joan Goodenough and the flag, Becky Harte and Jeanneane Benfer (Joan's sister).

Photo Right: In this picture the ladies have stepped aside. The men remain, all in their same relative position.

Class Graduated Grandchildren

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Jack Dowling suggested the class might be interested in what has become of the many grandchildren of our classmates who have also graduated from West Point. I find it very interesting, although Lynne and I have no grandchildren ourselves. Jack is responsible for our class project of giving each grandchild graduating a souvenir platter memorializing the occasion. Today we're telling about two of them.

Autumn Shea '20

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Autumn Ashley Shea'20 is the granddaughter of **Joseph M Shea '59 (ex '58)**. She was a Navy brat who grew up in Virginia Beach, VA - Coronado, CA and Greer, SC. She graduated with Academic Honors from Riverside High School in Greer. During her senior year she was selected All American in LaCross.

Autumn attended Summer Leadership Experience during the summer of 2016. It convinced her to compete for entrance. Additionally, she was encouraged by **Brianna Bernstadt '15**. Brianna received The Granddaughter's Gift in 2016. Autumn and Brianna are DNA Irish relatives dating back 400 years. Both were Cadet Captains. Brianna is the granddaughter of **Mike Daley**.

Autumn spent her first two years on The Army Crew Team and her last two on The Army Marathon Team. She hopes to return to USMA someday in The Department of Athletics.

Autumn branch selected Aviation and hopes to fly attack helicopters.

Joe presented the Class Grandchild Tray to Autumn on her way back to West Point for graduation and her father, Joe's son, Thom, a Navy Seal, who was awarded a Silver Star, commissioned her. Joe's daughter, Amy, and her

husband, BG Victor Petrenko, were there for the visit and ceremony.

Michael Hill '07

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MAJ Michael J. Hill

'07 is the grandson of **Paul Bons**. He would have been commissioned in an earlier class but he chose to take a 2-year “sabbatical” after his Yearling Year to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Since his graduation from West Point 13 years ago he has had a very exciting and interesting career. Mike initially chose Army Aviation branch and served two tours in Afghanistan, first as a platoon leader of OH-58D Kiowa Warrior Platoon in the 2-17 Cavalry Regiment, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, and second as company commander of a MQ-1C Gray Eagle Company of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR). After his second tour Mike was assigned to the Foreign Language Department at USMA where he taught Portuguese for two years (Paul thinks he may have been the first grandson to return to West Point as a professor). In addition to being fluent in Portuguese he is also fluent in Spanish, French and Russian. In 2013, the US Army assigned Mike as a Latin American Foreign Area Officer with assignment in Brasilia,

Brazil. At present he is assigned as Military Attaché in N'Djamena, Chad (see picture). Mike is married to the former Elisângela da Silva Araujo from Brazil and they have three children: Elizabeth-Jane “Lizzy” (10), William (7) and Sandy Leah (3). Needless-to-say, the family is very proud of Mike and the career he has chosen.

From Carmel, CA

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Jack May and Iris go to Carmel each year for a couple of months at the end of the summer to get away from Florida heat. They rent the same house every year overlooking the ocean. They say they have plenty of room and invite classmates to visit.

Each year they are there in Carmel & Pebble Beach for the world-famous Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, the biggest classic car show in the world. As we know, Jack is a car enthusiast.

Jody LeTowt lives nearby, as we know from the two class mini reunions Jody has sponsored and run there, both wonderful events. Here we see Jack and Jody during the most recent visit.

Pete Penczer 6/6/2020, 62 years and 2 days after graduation