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## 1958 CLASS NOTES

### OKINAWA 1962

5/13/2021

When I sent out the last Class Notes Column, it included a picture, attached, taken in Okinawa at the Officer's Club at the Founder's Day celebration. The group is apparently all from our class. Paul Wagner sent it to me.

Quite a few weren't identified in my column, but I have received information from several classmates tentatively identifying most.

So, here's where we stand at the moment.

Paul had identified all but the first one on the left in the front row, then comes from left to right, Paul Wagner, Robert Lindquist, Fred Stritzinger and Ron Olson.

There are 10 in the back row, L-R. 1 may be Dale Cackle; 3 is Palmer McGrew; 6 may be Dave Kyle; 8 is John Schaefer.

The fellow on the right of the next-to-last row in a white mess jacket is Jack Bujalski - Air Force file.

Jerry Lewis wrote, In the second row I am pretty sure it is Larry Bullis and Dave Depew, going L to R In the third row it appears to be John George (now deceased), after Dave and the short fellow in the 2nd row.

Dave's wife, Sue, confirmed the Dave Depew identification.

Roger Waddell wrote, I will make some guesses. I did not go back over old mail to see if these might have been identified already.



Standing-far left looking up-Tony Evans, D-1; #2-Larry Bullis?; #5-John George, A-1; 3rd from right John Schaefer, C-1 (already identified?) Front row-#3- Lindquist.

Perhaps some of you all out there can fill this in a little more.

I could use some material for Class Notes. I tried a "Tell a story to hear a story" gambit, telling a little about myself, but that generated nothing.

Perhaps I'll try including some comment on some of the e-mail traffic that comes and goes for other purposes. I'll call it "Traffic".

Pete Penczer, Scribe

Update

Ken Clark identified himself in the picture, back row, fourth from right, tow over to the left from Jack Bujalski.

Judy Bullis wrote, "The classmate on the upper left in the picture looking up is Paul Makowski. Paul and his wife, Jocelyn, were good friends of ours in Okinawa. He was the Aide to General Hightower, Deputy Commander IX Corps. Larry was the interim military Aide to General Paul Caraway, High Commissioner of the Ryukyu Islands. Larry and Paul saw a lot of each other. Most of the young men in that picture were with the 2nd Airborne Battle Group, 503rd Infantry, which was Larry's permanent assignment as well. Larry doesn't even recall Tony Evans being in Okinawa at this time. Just so you know, that is Larry standing in front of Paul Makowski, and just in back of him on the other side is Palmer McGrew."

Bob Hayden says that John George is to Ken Clark's right.

Margie Downing thinks that front row left could be Ben Crosby.

Jack May thinks that the back row center person in the mess jacket is Hugh Fisher,

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### From Alexandria, Virginia

4/1/2021



**Frank Waskowicz** sent me a very good picture of the gathering of our classmates at the Arlington National Cemetery with our class flag for **Hal Lyon's** funeral there. Hal's son, Eric, had sent the picture to Frank.

Frank wrote "From left to right are **Linda and me, Patti and Chuck Toftoy**, Hal's son Eric, **Florence and Alan**

**Salisbury, John Herren, Bonnie Smith**

**(Tony's wife)** and Hal's other son (retired Marine Corps Lt Col) Gregg. Not in the picture are **Phil Pryor** and **Jack and Margi Downing** who were at the service but not at the grave site. Also not in the picture but in attendance were **Herb and Betty Puschek** and Hal's wife **Karin**.

It was a wonderful ceremony. It began in the Old Post Chapel. With social distancing the Alumni Glee Club was not able to be present, but Alan Salisbury played two songs electronically: Mansions of the Lord at the beginning of the service, and the Alma Mater at the conclusion of the service.

Hal's son, Eric, gave a touching eulogy at the service — recounting how his dad died, and how he was incredibly active in hunting and fishing right up to the end. There was not the usual marching band and platoon of soldiers; perhaps due to social distancing regs. But there was a firing squad, bugler, and other members of the Old Guard to accompany Hal's and his family to the grave site, and to conduct the flag ceremony. Hal's ashes are buried in the same plot as his Dad. At the grave site there were remarks by the military chaplain and a family minister. Phil Pryor retold some old stories about Hal and his many exploits as a cadet and after. I read the write-up Hal wrote for the 50 year book — a good summary in his own words of the highlight of his life. His wife Karin was here from Germany. Coming here was a challenge, involving being quarantined upon entry to the US.

She will return to the US periodically — for family functions at the lake in New Hampshire, and hopefully to attend our 65th reunion.”

## From Arlington, Virginia

3/30/2021

**Chuck Toftoy** sent me a picture of his father, Holger Toftoy '26 with a car he built when he was still 15 years old and in Wisconsin before going to West Point. General Toftoy supervised the development and delivery of the Redstone first stage for Explorer One, the first successful U.S. satellite. It's always interesting to see a forerunner of something like that.



## Class Grandchild: Coffee

3/30/2021



**Jack Downing** sent me a note about Sean Coffey '13, grandson of **Ray Coffey**:

Sean commissioned into the Infantry in 2013 as a second lieutenant. He was sent to Fort Benning, GA, for training where he completed Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course, the Army Air Assault course, and served as a Platoon Trainer for Officer Candidate School.

Sean's next assignment sent him to Fort

Drum, NY, where he served in the 2-22 Light Infantry Battalion as part of the Army's 10th Mountain Division. During his time at Fort Drum Sean served as an Assault Platoon Leader, a Light Infantry Company Executive Officer, and, following his promotion to Captain, a summer training rotation OIC. Following his time at Fort Drum Sean transitioned to the Cyber Warfare branch, and was sent to Fort Gordon, GA for training. After completing his branch specific training, Sean was sent to the 18th Field Artillery Brigade at Fort Bragg, NC, where he served as the Brigade Cyber and Electromagnetic Activities (CEMA) officer for four months, before deploying to Camp Redleg, UAE,

as part of Task Force Spartan. Sean was re-assigned while downrange, moving to the Baghdad Diplomatic Support Center, Iraq, to take up the role of lead Cyber Effects Planner for Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF-OIR) for the rest of the deployment. Since his return from deployment Sean has served as the Deputy CEMA Chief for XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, NC. Sean is currently preparing for his next assignment, where he will attend graduate school for two years before transitioning to his next role as a research scientist for the Army Cyber Institute at West Point, NY.

*Photo: Sean with father, David*

## From St. Petersburg, Florida

3/30/2021

I heard from **John and Jill Holecek** who wrote:. I am forwarding a picture of our group dinner that we held in St Petersburg in May 2019. During our micro reunion before anyone ever heard of the virus.

Around the table left front

clockwise: **John Holecek, John Bradley, Dennis (Buzz) Bruzina, Pat Bruzina, Georgia Conner, Jill Holecek, Mimi Nun, Ann Bradley, Patsy Densford, Chuck Densford, John Nun, and Nelson Conner.**

**Bill and Sara Cooper** also attended the rest of the reunion but missed dinner because of a family member college graduation.



## From Bethesda, Maryland

3/30/2021



also heard from **John & Sally Herren** who are either rummaging in old stuff or cleaning up stuff. Anyway, John sent along a newspaper clipping with pictures from 1958 of the D.C. area grads.

## From Las Vegas, Nevada

3/30/2021



**Paul Wagner** sent me a picture taken at Founders Day gathering in the Officers' Club on Okinawa on March 16, 1962. The front row is '58. The first one on the left we need to identify still. Then comes from left to right, **Paul Wagner, Robert Lindquist, Fred Stritzinger and Ron Olson.**

## From McLean, Virginia

3/30/2021

I received a copy of the A-1 newsletter from **Lee Miller**. It's an update on everyone in A-1. Lee does a very thorough job of collecting all that information from his clearly helpful company mates. For those interested, I suggest contacting Lee directly. I'm sure he would send you a copy. I also have it here.

## From Rockville, Maryland

3/30/2021

I hear regularly from **Bill Serchak** as I'm on a list he maintains providing a lot of interesting commentary on a variety of subjects, including things about his own career and places he's been. He's also got some philosophy and humor in it. He's very prolific.

## From Fairfield, Connecticut

3/30/2021

Yes, that's us, **Pete and Lynne Penczer**. I had told myself I would write a little about myself in the notes on the theory that you have to tell a story to hear one, especially if you aren't getting enough stories.

Lynne and I have now received our second Moderna vaccine shot and more than two weeks has passed. We've started gingerly stepping out, going a couple of times to dine-in at restaurants, a trip to the zoo, one live show at a theater (streamed for the rest of the audience). We've visited friends and friends have visited. Slowly we're moving back to the world we lost. We are very happy that before the world shut down we had a ten day trip in November, 2019, to Budapest for music, museums and food. Our elder son, Peer, and Anne Marie, visited for Christmas, 2019. We visited the York's in Grand Cayman in January, 2020, and our younger son in way northern California in February, 2020.

We had lunch on March 1st with two other couples in a restaurant and talked about a coming event we would be at. It was going to be at the end of March but by that time everything was "zoom meetings" and cancellations.

Zoom has allowed me to remain active on three community boards of directors, one a theater, one a refugee resettlement organization and one a big brownfields redevelopment project, all of which I find interesting.



I enjoy my orchids, our garden (daffodils are blooming), reading, etc., and even a little exercise. Class Notes are fun too.

Almost every year since the late '70's I've cooked an octopus, usually for Christmas Eve dinner.

This one is nine pounds. I started after having octopus when invited to a Portuguese friend's home for Christmas Eve dinner then. Lynne was busy studying the local Portuguese immigrant community for her Ph.D. dissertation at Yale. We've maintained friendships and contact with the community since.

So, there you go. Let's hear a story.



