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1958 CLASS NOTES

From Bozeman, Montana

3/11/2022

Mike Mahler published a new book, *Tales from the Cold War*, based largely on his time in Germany, ten and a half years of his career. I bought a copy from Amazon and couldn't put it down. The first half of the book was from his experience from graduation to mid '62 when he finished his first tour there in Armored Cav. While the details were different, as I was an Engineer Company Commander on border duty with the Cav and he was elsewhere on border duty too, the flavor of it all, which was very well conveyed, caused me to buy two more copies for my sons, telling them to read it to see what one part of my life was like.

Mike provided AOG with a copy of the cover and a little information which they posted, and you can see that elsewhere in these notes.

Mike also said: "Here is a picture of me and some friends. I have been out here for almost 30 years now and I am still keeping horses and raising hay for sale, which keeps me active. My family recently acquired the ground adjacent to my original acreage and my grandson and his wife are now living there, which helps when I need more than two hands."

It also turned out that a good friend, **Doug Hoon '72**, had Mike for Plebe English and really sang his praises as a teacher.

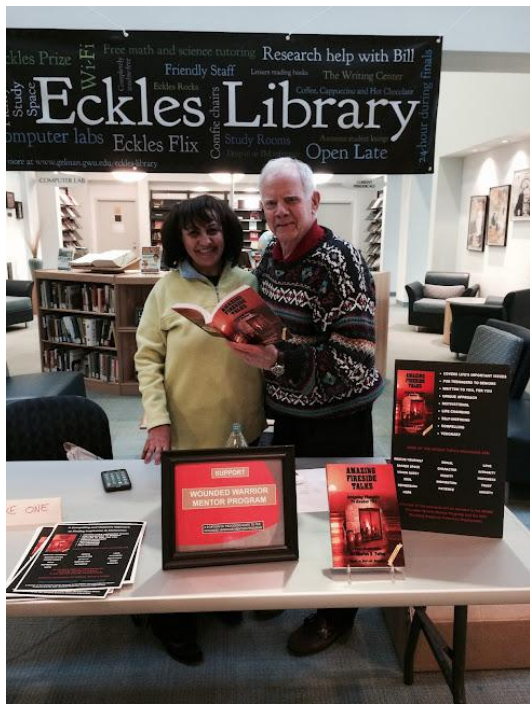


From Arlington, Virginia

3/11/2022

Speaking of books, **Chuck Toftoy** sent a picture of himself taken at a book signing for his last book, *Amazing Fireside Tales*. Chuck has three books available now on Amazon. Take a look. *Blunnders* was his latest.

Chuck continues to send us his Tips for better living, health, etc. They are well done. I find myself reading them as they come.



From Land O'Lakes, Wisconsin

3/11/2022



Ann and Bill Shely sent a snowmobiling picture from Land O'Lakes, on the Michigan upper peninsula border. Someone is inside where it's warm, but it isn't Bill.

He also sent along a great picture that looks like Santa has upgraded or modernized his transportation, but it's his son-in-law driving a razor with Ann and Bill's daughter, three granddaughters and four great grandchildren.

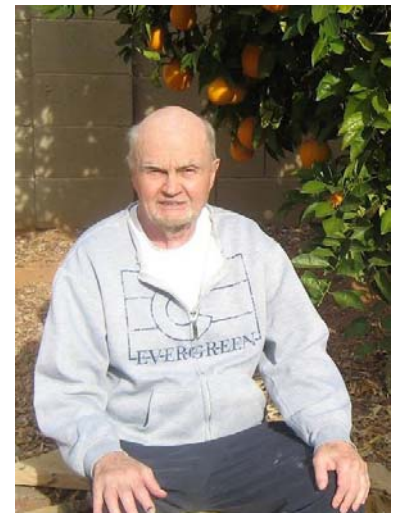


From Saddlebrook, Arizona

3/11/2022

Carma and Herb Johnson have moved to the Saddlebrooke retirement community and are enjoying life there immensely. They sent me Christmas and New Year's greetings which I'm late in passing on.

Herb wrote, "This last year was a year of Stay at Home, No traveling, No visiting places with lots of people. We were surprised to learn that so many of you got out traveled, had a fun life like there was no pandemic. Bless you all.



Living here at the Saddlebrooke retirement community has many relations to what you would expect on a cruise ship...only we can do more. We have dinners, shows, recreational activities, clubs and great neighbors. We love it here. Carma likes it so much that she sings in the kitchen and goes to Stitching with girl friends on Saturdays and Mondays. Herb sits on his butt, watches TV, uses his computer and then goes for a 2.2 mile walk on Mon, Wed, and Friday.

And both of us review what Saddlebrooke has to offer and add some fun experiences of Saddlebrooke and Tucson to our life!

Herb also sends out a regular flow of links to things he finds fascinating on the internet. I'm surprised he has time for all the other stuff. Herb included pictures.

From Marlton, New Jersey

3/11/2022

I, **Pete Penczer**, was looking at the last issue of the West Point magazine and glanced through the Authors pages, when I encountered two books by **Chuck Miller**. I asked Chuck about them, and he answered: "I took up writing as a 3d career - hobby actually- (Army and Finance the first two).

Vicar is based on personal experience that my attorney advised to fictionalize for obvious reasons. I formed a publishing company to self-publish the book. An agent liked it and agreed to represent me with a publishing company that wanted to publish *Duplicity*. The principal female character, Kay Moore is based on the real-life story of a Hollywood star who had a child by Clark Gable. She secretly gave birth under an assumed name and gave the

child up for adoption. She later adopted her biological daughter and Kay does the same. Later learns her daughter is in line for \$100 million inheritance and she is next should the daughter die before age 25. Her plot to kill her daughter is foiled by the hero.

Then I completed two more books for them. *Dig Two Graves* should be published within the next six weeks. I'll try to attach the subtitle and back cover summary. I have completed a sequel to *Duplicity*. Don't know what the title will be. Thinking about *SEQUEL* or *DUPLICITY II*.

Having fun."

Traffic

3/11/2022

I haven't done what I had expected to do in the way of keeping track of some of the correspondence I've had or seen over the last couple of months, but I will say there is quite a bit and you all do get to see all that goes through the regular class list. I'm not on the Forum, so I can't say much about that.

During the holidays I did hear from or about most of my C-2 crowd, and you all have your CCQ's to keep you abreast of company happenings. There's a lot of death notices lately and **Terry Connell** covers that in a very nice and dignified manner. **John Brinson** did some statistical work and left us with the impression that some of us will be around for a while. I get regular interesting e-mails from **Bill Serchak**. I don't know how he gets the time. **Tom Sands** let us know about the Mini Reunion. **Andy Anderson** keeps us informed on class matters. Andy just sent out copies of letters expressing continued thanks for our part in the First-Class Club **Palmer McGrew** lets us know about happenings in the D.C. area which others could get involved in if they find themselves going there. He also sent everyone an interesting comment on the Russian military based on his experiences running the Moscow-D.C. hotline.

I got a note a couple of days ago from **Mike and Marcia York**. They are doing fine, getting out for lunches at restaurants and the like, but not returning yet to Grand Cayman. But Marcia did say they have finished Spring cleanup in their yard. They have a very nice shade garden yard. We haven't started ours yet. We do hope to visit them sometime this Spring on our way to see our elder son in Arlington.

I got a call from **Mel and Kay Farrar** from Quakertown, Pa. They are doing fine and called to say "Hello". They were both on the phone and we had a nice chat. They had been to Colorado at Christmas time and enjoyed the visit with family and friends.

There's been other correspondence, and it's appreciated, so I'll work on a better system for keeping track of it.

From Fairfield, Connecticut

3/11/2022

Lynne and I (Pete Penczer) did go to California for Christmas to see our younger son, John, and his girlfriend. They live in Arcata, which would be about a six-hour drive north on the coast from San Francisco. It's redwood country, but they also have a wonderful dune area by the shore and a restored marsh with good walking paths. The trip out and back went well.

Over Christmas I heard from **Jack Vickers '57**, who lives in Rhode Island but who grew up on the street behind mine in Fairfield. Famously, Jack was the one who visited me after his Plebe Year and before mine. He told me that no one could really describe Plebe Year. But the one thing I should hope and pray for was that I not find myself in C-2, which turned out to be my fate, but which turned out, in retrospect, to have been quite good. He told me about visiting **Jim Pocock '57** and **Archie Barrett '57**, both of whom you all may remember and who are doing fine. We plan to meet later in the Spring for lunch.

There's a picture of Lynne and me taken by a friend at a small house party around Thanksgiving time so I would have it for our Christmas card.



From Albuquerque, New Mexico

3/11/2022

Jim Chapman wrote me about a very nicely done obituary for **Jerry Hoblit** that's in a current edition of The RATNET Digest, a publication for fighter pilots that I wasn't familiar with. I sent the link on to **Terry Connell**. It's clear that Jerry was highly respected as a fighter pilot.

From Austin, Texas

3/11/2022

I heard from **Stan and Jill Bacon**. Stan, like all of us, was an admirer of **George Sibert** and all he did for the class. He sent along to me a couple of Sibert Aphorisms:

Occasionally, when a classmate died and another referred to him as having joined the Long Gray Line, George would admonish him with “We all joined the Long Gray Line July 1954. At death we join the Ghostly Assemblage.”

In contemplating our mortality in later years George would say “We are all in the primary zone for the Ghostly Assemblage.” He was a huge supporter of the PC Support Group, providing the moderator with articles on prostate cancer and subscriptions to Harvard Medical School publications.

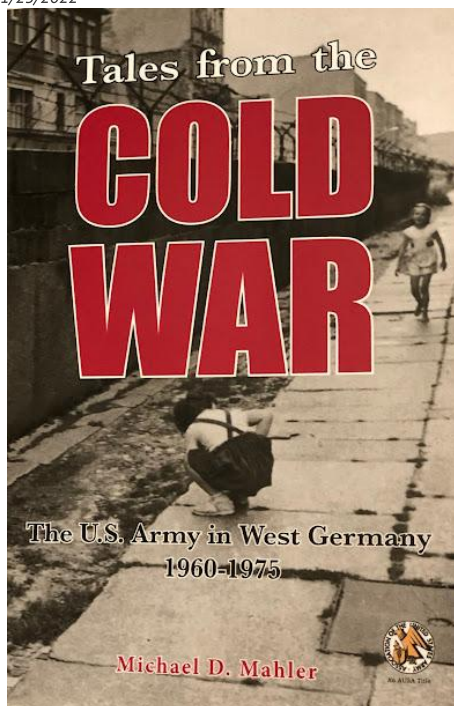
From Gainesville, Florida

3/11/2022

Breaking news passed on to all of us by **Andy Andreson** from **Jack May**. It’s an invitation to go to a Class of 1958 luncheon at the Cosmos Club on April 8th. The invitation went out to all, and I see there is a pretty good response already. My son, Peter, has been to events at the Cosmos Club and tells me how nice it is. Everyone should have a very good time there.

Mike Mahler Releases “Tales From the Cold War”

1/25/2022



Tales From the Cold War by **Mike Mahler** is the story of life in the 190,000-man army stationed in West Germany during the Cold War years. It tells about the focus on training and the ability to move quickly to a war footing before The Wall went up from the some 150 small posts where it lived, the little-known background for the movement of a battle group down the Berlin Corridor to Berlin; and the near disastrous impact of the Vietnam years.

Alan Salisbury Receives Lifetime Distinguished Service Achievement Award

11/10/2021

MG(R) Alan Salisbury has received the Lifetime Distinguished Service Achievement Award from the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce. General Salisbury is the Co-Founder and Chairman Emeritus of the Code of Support Foundation. This award honors those who have made meaningful contributions to help Veterans and veteran-owned businesses in the Greater Washington business community succeed. General Salisbury was also the keynote speaker for the event.



From Fairfield, CT

10/29/2021