

## 1958 CLASS NOTES

### From Arlington, VA

9/16/2022

While I usually leave reporting on deaths to the well structured and functioning system that **Terry Connell** runs, I do want to say that **Frank Waskowicz** died a short time ago. Frank was our first Class Scribe and he did 33 columns over a little more than eight years. In those days there was a quarterly deadline for a print edition in a magazine published by AOG. Sometimes I think I could use that discipline. Later Frank was very instrumental in getting out the class publications done for some reunions like our thirtieth and our fiftieth and as Secretary of the Class Executive Committee, producing its Minutes. I hope you all read Terry's notice and obituary with much more in it.

### From Fairfield, Connecticut

9/16/2022

Here in Fairfield **Lynne and I, Pete Penczer**, are having a quiet summer, although in June we had two picnics here in our backyard, one for the staff and board members of an organization I've been involved with, as a board member and past president, for the last 20 or more years, and the other Lynne organized for the local Mount Holyoke club. Other than that, it's gardening, going out to eat, going to a few events and trying to stay cool. I procrastinated over doing my notes a little bit waiting for something to happen or come in but decided to send these along. **Chuck and Celia Hansult** did visit in August, but more on that later.

### From Marlton, New Jersey

9/16/2022

**Chuck Miller** has just published a new book, *Dig Two Graves*. You can find it on Amazon. There's more than one book with the same title, and his comes up using C. A. Miller. It's available in paperback or on Kindle. It sounds interesting. Chuck provided the storyline.

"Storyline: Mary Beth Malone, a prominent museum expert and sponsor of the Williamstown Summer Theater is murdered in Israel by a suicide bomber. Her husband Chris a language professor at Williams College was wounded in the same attack.

When he learns that Israel and the U.S. do not plan a vigorous response, he plots to assassinate four ambassadors of the terror sponsoring nation in 100 days. The first hit scrambles the intelligence services of numerous countries trying to avoid war. Their focus on each other can't imagine a lone wolf shooter.

A female TV reporter from Boston, doing a series on the subject of terror, suspects the professor she profiled after the Israel attack may be involved. Her boss with a close political connection to the White gets her hooked up with a near retirement CIA officer with the Irish disease and Mid East experience. Despite a contentious working relationship, they solve the problem -but may be too late as three of the four hits have already taken place and the war drums are sounding."

### From Charleston, S.C.

9/16/2022

**Chuck and Celia Hansult** wrote after returning to Charleston after a long car trip that wended its way through Hummelstown, PA, where they visited **Jim Tilley**, a fellow ski group member. Relatives and friends were visited and the trip, which took them to Maine, included a visit here with us for a couple of days in Fairfield. Chuck told me that he planned to go to the Class luncheon in Arlington that took place at the Army/navy Country Club on August 18th on their way home...

A feature of the luncheon was a presentation by **Bill Serchak** about the Astronomy Club that he founded at West Point while we were there after discovering an unused observatory there. He has recently established an annual W.E.Serchak Astronomy Award. I understand that there will be an opportunity to hear Bill's

presentation and see the observatory during our coming 65th Reunion at West Point.

Chuck passed on from Bill a note he had sent to **Hugh Trumbull**, "We had almost 50 classmates & wives at the luncheon. Several came a distance including **Tom & Barbara Sands**, **Pete Trainor** & the **Hansults**. I added a few more slides including a new one listing all the endowments and gifts that '58 has contributed to WP over the years and that was favorably commented on. I was asked to send it to **Garry Roosma** for inclusion somewhere in the program in May. The presentation was applauded, and several came up to comment on & compliment



the presentation. **Bridget** handled the projector & laptop and told me that several people came up to her and delivered compliments, as well. It timed out at about 35 minutes with a few questions afterward. I'll streamline the presentation to stay under 30 minutes.



I'll refine the presentation based on how I perceived the reception of a few slides by adding more personal comments and perhaps shortening the ones where I read in a lot of detailed information. BTW I also received a confirmation message from **Dr. Paula Fekete**. She will meet our group at **Bartlett Hall** after lunch on Saturday 2 May and deliver an orientation on the **Cadet Astronomy Club** and take us up into the observatory to see the hardware. She info'd **Garry Roosma** and he will integrate that into

the program.. Probably will need a headcount as the space inside the dome will not accommodate a large group all at once.

So, all in all, it went well. I think the group was a bit surprised to learn that astronomy had a much bigger role with three observatories on Post in the 1800's, fell into disuse, but now has come back into prominence. The new observatory has added a crown jewel to the whole new **Space Physics** major and **Astronomy** minor curricula. Clearly, everything is coming together with the remarkable successes of both the **Hubbell** and **Webb** scopes in orbits, the creation of and high level of interest in the **Space Force**, and the number of astronaut graduates. I like to think that the **Cadet Astronomy Club** which had very humble beginnings has grown along with the **Space Physics** & **Astronomy** curricula as we enter a new **Golden Age of Astronomy**. All of which makes our decision to endow an **Astronomy Award** all the timelier."

Bill also put together a list of some of our class contributions to our school:

Gerald C. Capelle Award

George Walker Debate Award

Jim Ramsden Chemistry Award

Larry Malone Georgetown Award

Ring Melt-Ron Turner

Dick Groves Golf Center

Butch Saint Equestrian Center  
 First Class Club  
 Class Endowment Fund-Ed Weckel  
 Wounded Warrior Mentor Program  
 W. E. Serchak Astronomy Award

Chuck also sent along a list of those attending the luncheon.

- **Jack and Margie Downing**
- **Bill Serchak and daughter Bridget**
- **Phil and Rosa Gibbs**
- **Angela Ganey**
- **George and Mary Jane Lawton**
- **Chuck and Celia Hansult (Charleston, SC)**
- **Jerry and Maria Mitchell**
- **Chuck and Patty Toftoy**
- **Brad and Carol Johnson**
- **Tom and Barbara Sands (New Orleans, LA)**
- **Lee and Betty Miller**
- **Andy and Artie Andreson**
- **Jack and Henriette Gordon**
- **Alan and Diane Chase**
- **Tony Bauer**
- **Joe and Peggy Luman**
- **Audrey Webb**
- **Herb and Betty Puscheck**
- **John and Laura Schaffer**
- **Phil and Isolde DiMauro**
- **Church and Evelyn Hutton**
- **Pete Trainor (Williamsburg, VA)**
- **Dick and Sylvia Schonberger**
- **Dick and Bibs Reynard**

### **From East Berlin, PA.**

9/16/2022

I heard from **Joe and Kathy Schwar** following **Bill Graf's** funeral. "Bill Graf's Inurnment service was held at the West Point Cemetery on Friday June 3d. The AOG, ably assisted by **Mike Daley**, did a great job in organizing and conducting the service. In addition to Bill's widow Vilda, many family members, friends from the Carlisle area, and a handful of classmates and wives (**Brad and Carol Johnson, Bill and Carol Kelly, Gary and Jill Roosma, Mike Daley, and Kathy and I**) gave Bill the sendoff he deserved. The only downside was that two of Bill's daughters were stranded in the Dallas airport due to flight cancelations and did not make it to the service. The weather cooperated, unlike on May 7th when a Celebration of Life Service was help in Carlisle and the weather was cold and rainy all day"

### **From Herndon, VA**

9/16/2022

I heard from **George and Mary Jane Lawton** who sent along a note from Valerie Coffey, **Ray Coffey's** daughter and our Perpetual Fund Secretary:

"Hi George, **Colette Coffey '26** is a Plebe and doing well. She was voted the best cadet in her beast company.

She is joining her two brothers **Sean '13 and Greg '21**. Sean will be at the Cyber center at WP soon and Greg graduated ranger school last Friday.

Jackson Coffey just finished AIT and is in airborne school, heading to Bragg to be a SF medic.

So proud of these youngsters.

Lindsey Coffey Greene is in labor with #2 and stationed with her hubby Zach Greene at Campbell. Both are CPTs. Zach's brother is '13 and in SF.

My daughter in law is at Benning, JAG officer, also pregnant with her first.

Just sharing because I am so proud and want to make sure Colette is accounted for by '58".

## From Springfield, VA

9/16/2022



I heard from **Dick and Sylvia Schonberger** who sent a picture their daughter, Chris, created, a "Free Drinks" T-shirt for 101st Airborne vets.

## From Fairfield, CT

9/16/2022

I heard from **Clark Bailey's widow, Phylis**, who is doing quite well in Boca Raton.

I also heard from **Chuck Densford and Dale Hruby and Glenn Hall** about the current Notes edition as well as from **Pete Trainor** with good suggestions.

**Sammy Sookmark's** son, Pitchya, tells me that he prints out the class notes for Sammy, who reads them immediately. Sammy is doing well, exercising regularly. Pitchya sent along his own contact information.

And I heard from **Bruce Hamilton** in Eagle Point, Oregon **Wally Ward** and his 33 volunteers placed 1500 flags to commemorate Memorial Day this year. **Branch Worsham, Andy Andreson, Bill Serchak and Dave Swanson** sent nice messages about the Notes. There was other traffic from **Terry Connell** about Memorial Day and Iwo Jima, **Jim Seltzer** about the Cadet drug problem at Spring Break, **Norm Monson** on Facebook remembering graduation and **Ken Herberger** about the setting of reunion dates.

## From Lafayette, CO

9/16/2022

I heard from **Dave and Valerie Turner**, who used to live here in Fairfield but are now long-term Colorado residents. But we did exchange notes about an old mutual friend here who died recently, and they sent along a copy of their Christmas letter, a part of which I'll pass along.

"The beginning of 2021 found us still under the Covid 19 umbrella. We got used to staying at home and enjoyed Zoom and Facetime interactions with our family and friends. We both received our first shots in late January and booster shots in September. For our age we have a few aches and pains but are generally healthy, but it still seems like there are a lot of visits to the dentist, dermatologist, and eye doctor. We had a short trip to CA during the Summer and two more in the Fall. We are blessed with a good life in CO and a loving family."



### From Georgetown, MA

9/15/2022

**Lenny and Carol McCormack** wrote early in May ( I'm embarrassed to say ), "all good here in Georgetown Ma - boosted twice, dining out, careful and trying to enjoy the warmer weather- hope all have a nice MD weekend" The McCormacks will be visiting **Mike and Marcia York** in Maryland when they all go down to Virginia for **Frank Waskowicz'** funeral.

### From Foxboro, MA

9/15/2022

I heard from **Paul and Evelyn Ciasullo** who are doing OK but did get the covid virus in spite of vaccination and caution. They point out that it wasn't good, and the effects lasted a month after they had gotten over it.

### From St. Augustine Beach, Florida

9/15/2022

I got an "All is well" note from **John and Alice Brinson**.

### From Arlington, VA

9/15/2022

**Chuck and Patty Toftoy** are in Arlington, VA, and we do hear regularly from Chuck passing along his tips for a healthy life, which I find quite interesting even if I don't follow enough of them.

Chuck also wrote the eulogy for **John Sewall**, which I won't repeat as it was long and interesting but already distributed to all of you.

### From Fairfield CT

9/15/2022

A lot more is happening among all of us. As you see I went three months ( that was the interval when you got the print version only in the old days ) to accumulate this and you can see the dearth of pictures. I apologize for all that I missed. I did get through the hot summer worrying about the Notes though. It is now after Labor Day and Fall is coming on us. We did have a bump in classmate loss a short time ago and **Terry Connell** did a wonderful job of getting the word out with very well-done notices and obituaries which you all also received.

I did reserve a room at the Park Ridge Marriott for our 65th Reunion and hope to get there. It's now scheduled for 3-7 May 2023. According to **Andy Andreson**, **Garry Roosma** is once again working hard on arrangements and schedule.

### From Williamsburg, Virginia

5/27/2022

I just got a note from **Ramon "Tony" Nadal**, who wrote, " I have never sent a class note, so I'll first say that I live in Williamsburg with four other classmates. **Dale Hruby, Ron Bellows, Phil Pryor and Pete Trainor**.

Dale, Ron, I, and our spouses live at Patriots Colony, as well as Jan Price, the widow of **Dick Price** who passed last year. Pete and Phil are in Ford's Colony, a nice community where I used to live. Patriots Colony is a nice CCRC that caters to retired military officers and civilian former government employees of equivalent grade. It is an active, friendly place in a good locale with access to both military facilities (Fort Eustis) and educational ones (William and Mary).

My latest activity, which occurred 10 days ago, was an invitation to address officers at FT Benning. I presented two lectures, one on small unit combat leadership and the other on the battle of LZ XRay. The first lecture was to about one hundred Lieutenants graduating from the Infantry Officer Basic Course and the other to an amalgam of about 600 NCOs and Officers ranging from E-5 to the BG that now heads the Infantry School. Both lectures were very well received, and I was re-invited to come back and do it again.

As Gay often says to me, "Whenever you are with soldiers you come home all charged up. That's because you've been with your tribe."

For the past forty years or so I have organized reunions of the soldiers from 1/7 Cavalry that fought at LZ Xray. That has been one of my most important and enjoyable activities. We have truly become a family, as spouses and children attend our meetings and we have gotten to know each other.

Gary Owen!

### From St. Augustine Beach, Florida

5/27/2022



I heard from **John and Alice Brinson** about their trip to Greece in April. It sounded great and took them all around the country. I got a wonderful picture of them taken in Greece. They are clearly doing well and enjoying life.

### From Virginia

5/27/2022

A gathering of Classmates, mostly from the D.C. area, took place this last weekend at the Army Navy Country Club for a luncheon. Afterwards a small delegation went to the Viet Nam Memorial Wall o place roes in memory of our 13 classmates and 2 relatives killed in Viet Nam. It was to be shared with us by Zoom, but at the last moment **Alan Salisbury** had a problem that prevented that. A lot of information about the event was circulated to the class just before.

### From Auburn, California

5/27/2022

**Paul and Patty Ruud** did a Southern Charms trip that took them to Charleston, S.C., among other stops.

There they got to have dinner with **Chuck and Celia Hansult** at their very nicely refurbished home there. As

you can see from the picture, left to right, Chuck, Celia, Patty and Paul, it's an enjoyable visit.



### From Gainesville, Florida, and Washington, D.C.

5/27/2022



**Jack May** organized and invited the class to a clearly wonderful mini reunion at the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C. The Cosmos Club is a really great venue for a gathering as I have heard from my son who has been there for events. It was dinner and social hours before and after. The invitation did go out to the class with a full description of the event which took place on April 8th. Aside from the host, the list of guests that I got were - **Chuck and Patty Toftoy, Phil and Lynn Pryor, Bill Giallourakis, Joe and Peggy Luman, Phil and Rosa Gibbs, Alan and Florence Salisbury, Herb and Betty Puscheck, John and Mimi Nun, Andy and Artie Andreson.**

There's a very nice picture of the group of classmates attending and it looks like my list isn't complete. Also, I don't have identifying information for who's in the picture, but most will probably know everyone.

### From Gainesville, Virginia

5/27/2022

### Resident Spotlight

Wally Ward of Heritage Valley Way and his 33 volunteers are responsible for putting up 2000 flags on mailboxes throughout Heritage Hunt (HH). Other personnel put up an additional 800 flags on HH mailboxes. Wally's wife, Jo Ward, assists him in providing flags on certain streets in HH. This count includes flags placed on flower beds and along three tree areas starting from the flag poles at the front gate. Wally started this project in 2008. At that time, the flags only covered his street. However, neighbors requested flags be placed on their mailboxes. The flags cover the major holidays such as: Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, and Veterans Day. Anyone who walks or drives in HH during the Holiday periods when the flags are displayed gets to enjoy the beauty of flags waving in all areas of our beautiful neighborhood. Wally has been featured in *The Heritage Horn* several times, with most recently in January 2020 with an article from MOAA magazine. Thank you Wally for all you do for the community's patriotic spirit!

Bill Alsbrooks



Wally and Jo Ward

**Wally Ward** sent me an article from *The Heritage Horn*, the periodic news publication from the residential community where **he and Jo** reside talking about one of Wally's projects. It has a good picture of them with it.

I asked Wally what he is doing besides flags projects like this and he said that he lifts weights and runs four miles a day except Sundays. I believe Wally is the oldest member of our class.

### From Portland, Oregon, and Carmel, California

5/27/2022



**Terry and Harriett Connell** made a recent trip to Carmel where Terry and his son, Evan, visited with **Jody LeTowt**. Terry wrote, "Son, Evan, and I had a great visit with Jody LeTowt during a recent visit to Harriett's sister's in the Carmel area in May. Evan had a mission to scatter some of his father-in-law's ashes on the Pebble Beach Golf Course; and Jody gave us a cook's tour of the entire area, sharing great time and stories with us. Of special interest was an on-going project Jody had undertaken on

behalf of the Del Monte Forest Conservancy, for which Jody is currently serving as President. The conservancy owns and protects several parcels totaling over 200-acres inside Pebble Beach, with the purpose of maintaining them in perpetuity for the public good. Jody's special interest for several years has been to restore and to protect for all future time this iconic seaside "cottage" pictured, designed and constructed about a century ago by an adventuresome artist who later donated it to the Conservancy. The years and weather had accomplished their damage, and there were questions as to the efficacy of restoring and sustaining the home.

Of particular interest, and critical maintenance need..., was the exceptional artistic roof pictured, which was made with various colored rectangles of placed 'thin-concrete' roofing. Jody provided hands-on leadership and management in carefully recording the dimensions and coloration of each rectangle for accurate historic recreation, using also thin-set concrete and modern technology practices, assuring it exactly replicated the original. He also provided active 'jungle-clearing' of the wild growth surrounding the cottage, and historic upgrade of the insides. The cottage is now returned to full usage and is rented as a revenue stream to facilitate other conservancy support purposes. Of classmate interest was Jody's sharing and admitting that he



finally put to constructive use the surveying skills he learned as a cadet, I believe surprising himself of his able skills, and of their importance to such projects. I assured him we'd make him an Honorary Engineer. All of us from the Class who were able to share and enjoy Jody's second Mini in 2016 wish to express again our thanks and appreciation for a superb occasion. And Evan expresses his thanks for 'mission-accomplished' with the ashes..."



There's picture of Jody's project and a plaque memorializing his involvement. You can see Terry and Jody in the picture.

### From Hoschton, Georgia

5/27/2022

As you may know, **Jack Vickers '57** grew up on the street next to mine in Fairfield, CT. I heard from Jack about his visit with **Archie Barrett '57** and in the course of correspondence from me to Archie, I heard from **John Schroeder**, "Thought you would be interested in Archie Barrett's note back to me. I forwarded your email about Jack Vickers' advice to you. Arch and I have been dear friends for many years. I met him for the first time at the AF Academy. We were in the Poly Sci department. Later, we rejoined the formation in DC. He had just retired and had a job for a Member of the House and I was in AF Legislative Liaison and later with Sikorsky. We met almost every Friday for lunch when the Goldwater - Nichols bill was in process. He was in the House Armed Services Committee at the time and in my opinion, had more influence in the details of that law than almost anyone but Bill Nichols. He helped Goldwater's staff stave off a heavy lobbying effort by the Navy and Marine Corps to get the bill passed. The success of our military in the First Gulf War vindicated all of the efforts to implement the Law. It truly became an effective a joint forces operation."

### From McLean, Virginia, and Charles Town, West Virginia

5/27/2022



**Alan Salisbury** sent me a note with a picture of **Jerry Prochaska** giving the oldest grad talk at the Charles Town, West Virginia, Founders Day dinner. That's great and something I would probably try to avoid doing. I did the youngest grad talk at Ft. Benning in 1959 and that was enough.

### From East Berlin, Pennsylvania

5/27/2022

But, with that I also heard from **Joe Schwar**. He and **Mike Daley** went to the recent Central Pennsylvania West Point Society Founders Day Dinner. Joe wrote me that, he and Mike "were recognized as representatives of the oldest class attending the Dinner. Gasp!!!! In typical fashion Daley classmated me by

refusing to accept the title of 'oldest graduate in attendance' and appointed me to cut the cake. This brought back memories for me of Founder's Day 1959 in Heidelberg when I gave the talk as the 'Youngest Graduate' in attendance."

### From Fairfield, Connecticut

5/27/2022

**Lynne and I, Pete Penczer**, your scribe, recently took a short driving trip to Arlington, VA, to visit our son, Peter, and his girlfriend, and on the way down had lunch with **Kay and Mel Farrar** in Quakertown, PA, where Mel is now retired from his second career as a minister there in a church he built up to be quite big and which he really seems to have been the primary organizer of. From there we went to Phoenixville, PA, to visit with and stay overnight with my brother, **Rudy Penczer '62** and Doreen. The next day we stopped in Gaithersburg, MD, to have lunch with **Mike and Marcia York**. We got to see their gardens that will be shade gardens and very pretty, but the leaves weren't fully out so the gardens get a good sunny start. They too seem well and busy.



**Bill Shely** wrote me with a request that I try to get classmates to send in something about what they are doing and how they are living, hopefully with pictures as our class is very much spread out all over the country. There's desert, mountain and beach and everything else. We've enjoyed seeing Bill with his snowmobile in northern Minnesota.

So, I thought I should put in little more about what I do in the hope that "tell a story, get a story" actually works.

The picture is of Lynne and me taken at the opening of the Images Exhibit at our local Museum. It's a juried photography exhibit of amateur and professional categories with a special exhibit by a professional. I was on the board for about ten years but no longer am. I do still participate in three

community boards. I also enjoy my greenhouse with its orchids and my coffee tree. They're in the process of moving outside for the summer. I'll continue this next time.

### The Class

5/27/2022

You get a lot of information about the class and our members from a steady stream of e-mails coming out of the Class Executive Committee. A very large amount of work is done by the group. It's reflected in the minutes of the quarterly meetings which you can see on our class web site. **Andy Andreson** runs things and **Frank Waskowicz** turns out remarkable minutes. And, there's everyone else. Besides that we hear all too frequently from **Terry Connell** who lets us know when one of us has died, and then, there's **Pete Trainor** keeping track of the rosters and web site.

Planning is now under way for the 65th Reunion at West Point. **Gary Roosma** seems to be in the middle of that.

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