

## Class Notes

### 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion

We are about to have our 65<sup>th</sup> reunion. I decided to clear the decks and send out a probably brief set of Class Notes and perhaps look forward to being able to send out another edition not long after the reunion. **Lynne and I (Pete Penczer)** will not be going to the reunion and look forward to hearing about it.

### From St. Charles, Illinois

**Bill and Ann Shely** sent this picture of from the Cubs opening day.



### From Savannah, Georgia

**Roger Waddell** sent me a very interesting few paragraphs about what he and Laurelei have been doing since retirement. One thing he has done is to stay in touch with his Plebe Squad Leaders. The picture below is of Roger with one of them, **Ivar W. Rundgren, Jr. '56**.

I decided to tell about his retirement in my next edition. I had spent quite a bit of my plebe year at the brigade table. It was a very interesting, but daunting, place to be. I found out from Roger that he had also spent a period at the brigade table. I always wondered what the criteria for being assigned there were. We speculated a little.

Roger also reminisced on helping to organize the mini reunion in Savannah which he did working with **Jae and Annie Stanton**. Lynne and I did go to that mini reunion and had a wonderful, memorable, time.



### **From New Orleans, Louisiana**

**Jack May and Iris** sent me a picture taken when they went to lunch with **Tom and Barbara Sands** there in New Orleans at the time of the recent mini there.



## From Fairfax city, Virginia

**The Class Executive Committee** works with a number of others to keep our class and its many activities together and functioning. The minutes of the meetings are published on the class website and are well worth looking at to see what's going on. <https://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958/> Pete Trainor has taken on the enormous task of maintaining the webpage. There is a lot of other interesting information there. For example, class notes deep into the history of it are there. So, I urge you to look at the webpage but won't repeat the class executive committee minutes here. I do note that there is much in those minutes about our coming 65<sup>th</sup> reunion.

## From Arlington, Virginia

**Chuck Toftoy** was in the northern Virginia Senior Olympics last September and took a gold medal in men's pickle ball and a silver in mixed doubles.



## From Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Jim and Gail Chapman** are retired in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they went after retiring from the Air Force. Jim flew for an airline and ended up as director of operations.

## From Naples, Florida

I did also get a nice note from **George and Mary Jane Lawton** telling me about their activities over the recent years which I have also decided to save for my next edition. I will say that they are clearly having an interesting, enjoyable time.

## From Arlington, Virginia

**Phil and Lynn Pryor** drove up to Alexandria from Williamsburg to meet **Chuck and Patty Toftoy** for lunch at Le Refuge to celebrate Janet Pryor's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Chuck is Janet's godfather.



## From Rockville, Maryland

**Bill Serchak** posted an interesting older picture taken 14 years ago just after the Kosciusko conference at West Point where he encountered **Walt Patterson** who was there for the burial of his wife, Susan. **Wally & Jo Ward** and **Otto & Shirley Thamasett** were also there and he ended up with these two very good pictures from the time.



## From Lafayette, Colorado

I heard from **Dave and Valerie Turner**. All is well with them. More later.

## Again from Rockville, Maryland

**Bill Serchak** has established the **W.E. Serchak Astronomy Award** which will be presented to **Cadet Jacob Willis'23**, who will be the first recipient of the award. It will be given annually to a cadet selected by faculty. Jacob Willis' record and resume are very remarkable. When we were cadets, Bill founded the astronomy club. There is a working observatory again at West Point and Bill has arranged for anyone at the 65<sup>th</sup> reunion to be able to go on a tour of it. I don't believe it had been in operation before Bill and the astronomy club got it going. Interestingly, however, my copy of a tourist

guidebook to West Point that was copyright 1900 says that the observatory was near Fort Putnam and that first Classmen were required to take astronomy.

### **From Fairfield, Connecticut**

**Lynne and I, Pete Penczer**, it decided to go to the memorial service for **George Sibert** at Fort Myers and at the National Cemetery. We had planned to visit our son, Peter, and his partner, Anne-Marie, in Arlington at the same time but at the last minute found out that Anne-Marie had unfortunately come down with the Covid virus, so we had to change our plans. We did visit **Mel and Kay Farrar** in Quakertown, PA,, and lunch with them in a very nice restaurant, McCoole's, and then went on to visit my brother and sister-in-law, **Doreen and Rudy Penczer'62** in Phoenixville, PA, and from there went down to Gaithersburg, MD, to visit **Mike York's widow, Marcia**. We had lunch at the Olney restaurant Gaithersburg, Maryland, which was quite nice..

### **From Fairfield Connecticut**

**I'm sure I'm missing some things. I'm sorry about that. Keep the stuff coming.**