

Class Notes -- 25 January 2014: '58 Authors

When I agreed to be the new class scribe, taking over from **George Sibert**, I very quickly got an e-mail from **Hal Lyon** about his new book. George had asked at one of our reunions about authors and a lot of hands went up, so I decided to ask about it myself and I've gotten enough responses for a column. I'll add new titles as I hear about them. These are largely in the order that I heard of them.

Many of these books are available on Amazon.

Hal Lyon is at the Universities of Massachusetts and Munich where he currently teaches physicians to be more effective teachers. He received the Gold Medal in the 32nd International Film & TV Festival of New York, a CINDY Award, and the Blue Ribbon in the American Film & Video Festival. He's the author of seven books and over 150 articles on eclectic subjects including military strategy, leadership, education, multimedia, psychology, research, hunting, and fishing. He's a speaker in the "Humanities On The Go" Program. His book, *Angling in the Smile of the Great Spirit* (deepwaterspress.com) won the New England Outdoor Writers Association "Best Book of the Year Award" and the Silver Medal in the National eLit eBook Awards http://www.osegsportsmens.com/html/dr_harold_c_lyon.html His new book is *On Becoming an Effective Teacher -- Person-centered Teaching, Psychology, Philosophy, and Dialogues with Carl R. Rogers and Harold Lyon*. "The book presents the largest research studies ever done on effective teaching in 42 States and 7 countries which show that teachers with these three traits: Empathy, Caring, and Genuineness, result in students with higher achievement scores, less violence, more creativity, less absenteeism, better self-images, and more motivation ("grit," as I call it) to raise their grade-levels." http://www.routledge.com/education/articles/routledge_education_author_of_the_month_october_2013_hal_lyon/ Hal says, "20% off friends of the author on-line discount code: IRK69".

Paul Bons wrote, "my second wife, **Kitty deRuyter-Bons**, has written a book that has been reprinted four times since it was first published by Covenant Communications in 1994. The title of the book is, *As I Have Loved You*. It describes the experiences of her mother and her three daughters and a newborn baby boy while in a Japanese prison camp on the island of Java in Indonesia (then called the Dutch East Indies) during WWII."

Paul was Editor-in-Chief of the text published by the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership at USMA and authored several chapters in that text. The text, entitled **Leadership In Organizations** was published in 1988 by Avery Publishing Group, Inc. and was used by the department for several years as well as by ROTC units nationwide." He "also authored or co-authored more than two dozen scientific papers on the subjects of leadership and organizations." Paul produced a limited distribution book on his life with his first wife, **Elaine**, who suffered from multiple sclerosis for more than 25 years and died in December, 2000. The 525-page book is appropriately entitled, *Paul and Elaine, Our Time Together on Earth (1934 - 2000)*.

Ringed in Steel: Armored Cavalry, Vietnam 1967- 68. Presidio Press, 1986; Jove War Books, 1987; Military History Book Club, 1987 by **Mike Mahler** is based on his personal experience with the 3rd Battalion, 5th Armored Cav, 9th Div, in Viet Nam.

Bill Tuttle wrote *Defense Logistics for the 21st Century*, published by the Naval Institute in 2005. As the Army's Senior logistician, General William G. T. Tuttle, Jr., USA, (Ret.) led 100,000 soldiers and civilians of the U.S. army materiel command from 1989 until his retirement early in 1992, a period encompassing Operation Just Cause in Panama and Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Chuck Cabell has written six books, *A Fresh Look at God*, *A Man of Intelligence* (his Dad's memoirs), *Fly Fishing from a Belly Boat* (with Bob Carr), *Quartermaster General* (his great-grandfather's (BG CSA; WP '1850) memoirs), *Chordially Yours* (music theory, with Dale Miller) and *Continuing the Tradition* (his own memoirs). He also formed IMPAVIDE Publications (IMPAVIDE.com) about 12 years ago to publish his own

books and books of others.

Alan Salisbury wrote *The Legend of Ranger, The Reindeer Who Couldn't Fly*. His words and Roberta Baird's whimsical artwork create the magic of the Christmas season with the tale of a young reindeer named Ranger who has a big dream—to be part of the reindeer team that pulls Santa's big sleigh. It's inspirational and Ranger learned to believe in himself. It was published by Jaberwocky Books, Minneapolis, www.thelegendofranger.com He also published a computer design reference text in '76, *Microprogrammable Computer Architectures*, Elsevier-North Holland, NY.

Bob Moscatelli opened a book store that became a tourist attraction in his town, Frisco, Colorado. Named Bob's One-Book Bookstore. It sold only his book, *Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart* on financial management. The Quote Manual is a collection of inspirational quotes that he gives away when inspired to do that.

Chuck Toftoy has written three mystery/thrillers, the last two about an Alpha Team, and has now turned to inspirational topics. His new book, *AMAZING FIRESIDE TALKS...Intriguing Thoughts To Awaken You*, is dedicated to the Wounded Warrior Project and the Disabled American Veterans organization. A portion of the profits will be donated to both organizations. Chuck's web site is <http://www.charlestoftoy.com/>

Chuck's wife, **Patty**, has written eight books. Seven are on travel, one is for children. Look for Patricia Toftoy on the internet. You'll find them.

Tom Claffey has been a prolific writer. Look at his web site, www.tomclaffey.com. He used his knowledge of New Mexico and Indian culture in writing *Morgan Bluestone*. A native Navajo veterinarian bridges two cultures in her life and her practice. *Bloomfield to Baghdad, Searching for C.W. McCall* and *Hoot N' Holler* are some of his other books.

George "Stoney" Hall wrote *The Fifth Star*, about high command in global war. It's about the ten Americans who achieved five-star rank and how they kept in balance the demands they faced. Stoney has done ten other books as well.

Tom Taylor has seven books by major publishers, three novels and four non-fiction. His latest book is *The Simple Sounds of Freedom* (Random House), which is also in paperback titled *Behind Hitler's Lines*. Tom met and interviewed Joseph Beyrle, the first American paratrooper to land in Normandy and the only soldier to fight for both the United States and the Soviet Union against Nazi Germany. It is a story of battle, followed by a succession of captures, escapes, recaptures, and re-escapes, then battle once more, in the final months of fighting on the Eastern Front. In *Where The Orange Blooms*, Tom tells the story of Ben Cai Lam, a South Vietnamese officer Tom knew when he was with the 101st Airborne. It's the story of five years in a death camp following the war, four years on the run looking for a way to get out with his family, and finally a daring escape and settlement in Montana.

Herb Puscheck has written two books. *Virgin Voyage*, is about a four-month trip around the world he took. *Why Be Normal?*, is about being curious.

Will Merrill's book, *9/11- Ordinary People: Extraordinary Heroes- The First Battle in the War against Terror!* was Book of the Year for Militarywriters.com and the Florida Writer's Association. He has another in the works.

Rich Gell's wife, **Penny**, wrote *Fingernail Moon* under the pen name J. Laura Chandler.

Pete Bahnsen is writing a series on constitutional reform, *Arts of Reform and Rebellion*, under the pen name, Peter F. Hagar. You can get the first two books on your Kindle; the third part is coming.

Walt Patterson wrote *Iterative Methods for the Solution of a Linear Operator Equation in Hilbert Space*, Springer Verlag, Berlin, 1974, still in use by math students.

Bibs Reynard has just up-dated and reprinted her 30-page booklet, *The Once Over..lightly*, which presents basic military social protocol, customs and traditions in a practical, plain language manner. It's now in the 17th edition with over 25,000 copies sold.

Milt Wofford published *My Life On the Fly* last year about fly fishing on the Tuckaseigee River in North Carolina where he lived.

Jim Weis wrote *The Not-So-Grim Folk Tales*, under the pen name A.A. King. It is fantasy, folklore-action "for the 12 to 18 year old audience, but some of the names and play on words only adults would catch." He also has two books looking for a publisher.

Jack Crandall wrote a children's book called *Popeye, the Little Tree Frog's Big Adventure*, the true story of a tree frog found in a bag of spinach and liberated to live in a school.

John Bradley has done five books and has two in the works. *Remind Me to Tell You* is the story of Major Harry Fleeger who fought in the Philippines, was captured, survived the Bataan Death March and died when his prison ship, the Arisan Maru, was torpedoed. Fleeger was a West Pointer whose son, class of '56, lives near John. The book is based on his pre-war letters and POW diaries. The book is about the impact of it all on Fleeger and others with him. *Wind at Our Backs, Leading During the Cold War* is about a Cold War naval pilot and Carrier captain. *West Point and the Hudson Highlands During the American Revolution* is given to Plebes at West Point. He did 9 of 10 chapters of *The Second World War, Asia and the Pacific*, a Military Art text used at West Point for ten years. There is an accompanying atlas. John also wrote one memoir of a friend in a limited edition that isn't available.

We have several books in the works and I wonder if I simply don't know of some class authors or wives who have published. **Tom Leo** is a book critic if you are looking for one, and **Palmer McGrew** wishes someone would write about the experiences "of the Ladies who come up in June". Additions to this list will be made as I hear about them.

Pete Penczer