



1963—Karl Schwartz II '87, Derek R. Schwartz '13, and Karl Schwarz '63 at the March Back.

The Academy also presented a tremendous opportunity to the Class of '63 to interact with the Class of '13 at West Point. "Specifically, the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic, which is responsible for the moral-ethical development of the Corps of Cadets, invited the Class of '63 to begin interacting with the Class of '13 in company based, small-group discussions that will help these newest members of the Long Gray Line to reflect on their established values and to redefine and reaffirm their personal identities as professionals and future officers of the U.S. Army." The success of this program depends on class participation. Contact **Rudy Ehrenberg** for more details at <rehrenberg@cox.net> or 703-280-1082.

I recently spoke with **Dick & Barbara Cole**. Barbara, who is a longtime counselor, now works with the Army, counseling families of soldiers deployed overseas. She says it is much needed and one of the most personally rewarding things she has ever done. Thank: You, Barbara for your service!

Also talked to **Jim & Edna Burke**, who now live in Murfreesboro, TN. They love their new digs and especially the change in weather from Rochester, NY. Both love taking courses at Middle Tennessee State Univ. We are talking about two brilliant minds here, folks. Jim now is teaching his Spanish instructor tennis.

The class lost **Joanie Lafond**, suddenly, in July. Joanie was a gourmet cook, a superb hostess and an avid gardener. She will be missed! **Dewey** still is working with the Army Missile Program Office in WDC.

You will probably figure out that ASSEMBLY now is back to quarterly from bi-monthly, so news may be even more dated by the time you get it.

Until next time!

—Dick

# 1964

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Well, my informal survey of attendees at our 45th Reunion garnered the unanimous response that it was the best reunion ever. Not because of the program, or the food or the lodging, but because of the interaction. Can't explain it, but the reoccurring comment was that for some reason we were able to interact with more people and in a more meaningful fashion than ever before. I felt the same.

And were we eager to get it on! Monday, prior to the reunion, 16 of us gathered for a "warm up" at the West Point Golf Course, and 29 showed up that evening for dinner at a restaurant in Highland Falls. The Tuesday prior to the reunion, 22 or so participated in the first, again at the West Point course, of three **Bob Magruder** and **Harvey Fraser** arranged golf events. That evening, more than 50 of the early arrivals were hosted by **Norm & Janine Anderson** at their home in Cornwall (this was way above and beyond, inasmuch as the Andersons were moving to Tucson within the month). The numbers kept growing, and more than 30 or so played Harvey's home course the next day, with close to 100 dining that evening at the Culinary Institute of America, an event that got rave reviews. The "pre-reunion" activities for the golfers finished off Thursday morning, across the river, with close to 50 players at the mountainous and humbling Garrison Golf Course with its magnificent views of West Point. Lest you think it was all about golf, trips to New York City and around the Hudson Valley were set up by **Joy Hudgins** and **Cynthia Evans** for those either disinclined or uninitiated to the pleasures of chasing a little white ball across the countryside.

The scheduled reunion activities themselves were modest in scope and number, and those that took place pretty much followed the standard course of past reunions, the Supe's talk, the class meeting, the memorial service, lunch in the mess hall and the football game. There was plenty of time to do things on your own, with all three of the evening functions held at the Thayer. Liberal cocktail hours preceded (and followed) each event

and undoubtedly contributed to the aforementioned high level of social intercourse. I think I managed to make it to bed by midnight at least once. Music two of the evenings was provided by our own **Sal Colosi**, vocals; **Bill Robertson** on guitar; and **Dick Knight** on drums.

**Dan Evans** and his reunion crew, **Marty Michlick**, **Skip Roberts**, **Al Carver**, **Karl Robinson** did a great job.

Always, the most moving



1964—Tonto and Nip at the Andersons.



1964—Stapleton, Kelly, and the D'Alessandros closing the Thayer at Oh-dark thirty!



1964—Golf at Garrison with West Point in the background.



1964—Survivors at West Point Golf Course.



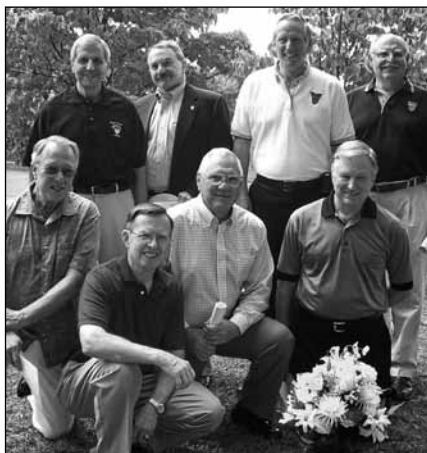
1964—And yes, there was a football game.



1963—'63 proudly displays our banner at the end of the March Back.

aspect of the reunion is the memorial service held at the Old Cadet Chapel in the West Point Cemetery. The service was conducted by classmate clergymen, **Art Mack**, **Lanny Fly**, and **Sam Lamback**; the Corps and Alma Mater sung by members of our joint glee clubs and choirs (a video of which can be found on Youtube); and all followed by graveside visits.

Memorials were not limited to West Point. As we do prior each reunion, a large ceremony was also held at Arlington, and classmates fanned out over the country to visit the graves of our deceased brethren. These were coordinated by **Mark Brennan**, **John Murray**, and **Bill Jackman**. One such gathering was in Atlanta, where eight area classmates and their wives visited **Bruce McKinley's** grave to pay their respects. **Jim Stapleton** described the scene: "After we placed flowers on the grave, we shared recollections of Bruce, and then Jim Stapleton read the names of our 24 classmates who fell in battle. We took turns reading the lines from scripture, and then all sang "Benny Havens" and the "Alma Mater." Although we all sung heartily, it was obvious that none of us had been in the Glee Club. After the ceremony, we all went to lunch at a local restaurant." Classmates attending were **Jim Stapleton**, **Steve Draper**, **Brink Miller**, **George Smith**. Front row: **John Farnsworth**, **Bill Robertson**, **Jan Hughey**, and **Bob Ballagh**.



1964—Classmates at Bruce McKinley's gravesite.

In other news, **Randy Kunkel** completed his 50th ascent of Pikes Peak, pictured here with members of the Sioux City Morningside College football team. Every summer, a number of college athletic teams come to Colorado Springs for Randy's Leadership and Team Performance Program, and, through the years, he has taken over 850 athletes, coaches and business executives up the mountain. Randy says it's quite the scene and extends an invitation to

classmates to visit Colorado Springs, "and we'll summit the Peak together."

In other hiking news, over four days in August, seven '64 hikers met in Maine for their third annual gathering: **Fred Taylor**, **Bill Hoover**, **Ken Kvam**, **George Domas**, **Steve Weisel**, **Mont Hubbard**, and **Ben Huneycutt**. They linked up at The Cabin in Maine, a hostel for people seeking out-of-doors activity, and tested themselves on day-hikes from rigorous to pleasant. Not unsurprisingly, The Cabin was the situs of much reminiscing, stories and jokes. Fred Taylor did a terrific job as coordinator, and all already have enthusiastically agreed to another outing next year. If you want to see more of pictures taken by Steve Weisel, they are on Picassa at <<http://picasaweb.google.com/weisest/USMA64HikersAug-09MEandNH>>.

On a personal note, to let you know there is other than golf and fishing in my life, I just returned from a very interesting experience gator hunting in the swamps northwest of Naples, FL. It was on my "bucket list." Tried to no avail to get hold of **Paul Rennie** and **Mike Conway**, both of whom winter in Naples, to see if they wanted to go along.

We are becoming a very prolific class of authors, as was evident at the "book signing tables" at the reunion. Yet another has surfaced. **Bill Robertson**, revealing that his talents extend beyond the musical, recently published a book entitled *Some of the Best*, available online at Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.com. This is a time-capsule history all can relate to, from West Point to Ft. Campbell in 1965, and the 101st Airborne in 1968. A very personal story but also a unit history and a selective history of the Viet Nam War from the first deployment of U.S. troops to the end. Check it out.

You will recall I mentioned that the **Andersons** were departing their home of more than 20 years in the Hudson Highlands for the warmer climes of Arizona. They did so the weekend of 10 October. Before they left, however, they were feted by area classmates and wives (**Seth & Joy Hudgins**, **Geoff & Patt Louis**, **Harvey & Kitty Fraser**, **Gene & Bonnie Markowski**, **Ron & Delores Salvatore**, and **Dan Banovic**) for their many contributions to the class, the Academy, and Highland Falls HS, where Norm



1964—Hikers and Friend.



1964—Markowski, Anderson, Banovic, and Louis.



1964—Norm & Janine with Joy Hudgins.

taught math and at the latter coached hockey and tennis.

Once again it is my sad duty to close the column with news of the death of a classmate. I regret to inform you of the death of **William (Bill) Luckie** of a heart attack at his home on 30 Jun 09. Interment with military honors was at St. Johns Cemetery in Norwalk, CT. His widow **Alexandra** may be reached at 89 Middle Ridge Rd, New Canaan, CT 06840; phone: 203-966-5921.

—George



1964—Kunkel's 50th.