

might want to get involved. The memories the day brought back were significant, and many great stories were told at each site. Donna took photos of all 12 sites. I selected one. I'll bet Al never thought he would make the ASSEMBLY after he was gone.

Bob Lewsen sent a note from New England. He and **Jack Chase** wended

their way to a small cemetery in East Westmoreland, NH, to visit **Walt Goodnow's** gravesite. As luck would have it, Bob ran into Walt's mom's brother-in-law and his son cleaning up the family sites. Walt and Jack



1963—Jack Chase in New Hampshire.

were on the ski team together. Bob also said it was a great day.

Sadly, **Dick Eckert** has joined the Long Gray Line. His eulogy says everything about his successful and dedicated life. His legacy as a family man, soldier, physician, athlete and scholar is unparalleled. The class will always remember Dick as our quarterback, our first captain, and our friend. **Gordon Arbogast** emailed, "In attendance from the class were **Lloyd Asbury, Gordon Arbogast, Ned Banks, Joe Blackgrove, Bette Rose Bowers** (representing Mike who was in court), **Dick Cole, George DeGraff, Bill Hawkins, Dick Scharf, and Tim Young.** Lloyd, Gordon, and Ned delivered personal remembrances and tributes. **Jane, David** and the family wanted to convey thanks for sending letters and pictures of Dick which were prominently displayed in the viewing room."



1963—Dick Buckner, Tom Blanda, and Dick Eckert in Vietna.

Until next time!

—Dick

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This is being written at the end of June for fall publication, just as I depart for Interhash 2010, the 17th bi-annual gathering in Borneo of the Hash House Harriers. Will let you know how it turns out.

By now you all should know that **Barry McCaffrey** was honored as one of this year's Distinguished Graduates. A number of classmates, including your scribe, gathered at the alumni luncheon during what used to be June Week to witness the award presentation. We were joined by **Jill McCaffery** and son **Sean McCaffery**, both there and at a cocktail party hosted by Barry at what used to be the O Club. It was a nice event, and we can be proud of Barry's accomplishments. Photos were taken, but I haven't received any.

I went up early for the ceremony and stayed with **Harvey & Kitty (Fischer) Fraser** at their digs in Ridgefield, CT. They were nice to offer their lodgings, aware that my usual hosts in the West Point environs, **Norm & Janine Anderson**, were no longer available. I have to admit that the accommodations were superb and the attention to their guest could not have been better. Not surprisingly, Harvey and I found time to venture out on the West Point Golf Course and an equally challenging venue in Connecticut. We were joined by **Dan Evans**, who has developed into quite a golfer, and

Dan Banovic. Geoff Louis, who was on the sick list, joined us one day to kibitz and hawk balls. That evening, **Geoff & Patt** hosted the group for dinner, and we were joined by **Dick Nowak**.

On 17 April, a graveside visitation at West Point was held to honor **Bob Serio**. Bob's father was in attendance, as were six present and former classmates: **Evans, Fraser, Hartman, Hudgins, Louis, and Howie Cytryn**. In addition, three from Bob Jr.'s high school, Mt. St. Michael Academy in the Bronx, were present, as were **MG (Ret.) & Mrs. Russell Todd**. General Todd was Bob's and **Bill Jackman's** battalion commander at Ft. Riley and escorted Bob's body back to West Point for burial. Mr. Serio spoke briefly, Harvey Fraser read an excerpt from *Fallen Warriors*, and several of those present added anecdotes. Following the graveside sequence, the group adjourned to The Thayer Hotel for lunch.

Jack & Judy Grubbs, who always will miss New Orleans, have found North Carolina to be a great state, plenty of mountains and plenty of beaches. Jack continues to write murder mysteries and do a little speaking here and there. Jack also has found semi-retirement so difficult that he had to go out and buy a cheap set of golf clubs and take lessons. This may be OBE by the time this ASSEMBLY hits the street, but Jack, along with **John Raymond, Dick Puckett, Barry Hartman, and Bruce Sinclair**, comprise a reunion committee for the USMAPS Class of '60 being held at Ft. Monmouth on 27–29 October. The response has been great so far, with well over half of them not having attended USMA. Any prepster who has not been contacted, or who has questions, contact John Raymond at <USMAPS60Raymond@aol.com>.



1964—Serio assembly.



1964—Hartle and Giordano.

Tony & Karen Hartle made a western swing, driving and stopping in Sacramento to see **Bill & Connie Hoover**, then **Frank & Judi Giordano** near Monterey, and then on to **Norm & Janine Anderson** in Marana, AZ, near Tuscon. They toured the wine country with Bill & Connie and checked out Big Sur with Frank & Judi. Tony says imposing on classmates is fantastic and something that he is going to continue to do.

I actually received two letters this time. Guess the computer age has not reached everyone. **John Tate** wrote that, after many years of trying, he finally got his name drawn in the national lottery for Masters practice round tickets. Building on that success, he scored tickets for the opening round and spent the day at greenside on the 16th. As a birthday present, he took **Rich Stanko**, who you will recall is joined to Tate at the hip (or was that **Tom Kerns**?).



1964—Tate and Stanko at the Masters.

The other letter came from **Tom Butler**, who attended **Dick Chilcoat's** memorial service at College Station, TX. Other classmates there were **Mel Case**, **Hugh Boyd**, and **Mike Griffith**. Ashley Chilcoat, Dick & Dixie's daughter, represented the family and spoke with humor about growing up in the Chilcoat military family. Mel spoke, representing the class, about cadet and military days and Chil's fanaticism about golf. Finally, George H.W. Bush spoke, praising Dick's character and efforts with the Bush School of International Studies.

Tom also attended the "Spring Fling" put on in the Carolinas by **Bob Bolen**, and his praise for the event echoed what I have heard from others. Bob intends to do it again next year. **Jim McCormack**, **Al Russo**, and **Ed Haydash** all came in for various digs from Tom, as did **Jim Brown**, who apparently showed up for his first class event in over 40 years! The team of **Butler**, **Russo**, **Bolen**, and **Holeman** were the big winners and wrung the cash from the disbelieving hands of the group treasurer, **Dan Banovic**.

It is with great sadness that I once again have to report the deaths of two classmates. **Bob Michela** passed away on 22 Apr 10, after a long and courageous five-year battle with colon cancer. Bob lived his life with passion and good humor until the end. Bob, among his many personal attributes, also will be remembered as a driving force behind the '64 Ski Group. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery. **Cathy Michela** can be reached at 47589 Griffith Place, Patomac Falls, VA.

We also just recently learned of the death of **Gary Page** on 30 Sep 05, in San Diego, CA. No further info at this time.

—Hork

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Greetings once again from Chicago! Hope all is well at your end of the Long Gray Line!



1965—The Kulbackis, Koletty, and Elaine Nichols.

The 45th Reunion will be upon us just about the time that you receive this copy of ASSEMBLY. The only last-minute reminder that **Ken Yoshitani** and his great Com-

mittee want you to know is that if you, for any reason, still want to attend the 45th and have not signed up yet, contact Ken at 630-960-0965 or at <KenIzumi65@aol.com> and they will do their best to get you in. The attendance should far eclipse any previous reunion, so it will be a great opportunity to re-new old friendships while we are all still able to "stop and smell the flowers!" From my vantage point, Ken and his exec, **Tom Kovach**, ably assisted by dozens of other classmates, have worked long and hard to make this reunion the best yet. I'll bet you will agree after you have experienced it with us. The count still looks to be at/near 600—amazing!

I promised that I would include pix of the WPS of DC Founders Day in

March. Photos include: (1) **Koletty** with the **Kulbackis** and **Elaine Nichols**. (2) Our Pres **Clair Gill** (who almost always manages to avoid pictures) and his child bride. (3) Our own **Jim Ferguson**, the soloist singing (quite magnificently, I might add) for the assembled masses. Other '65 attendees: **Joe & Lynne DeFrancisco** (WPS of DC Pres), **Cathy & I** (along with my son Brian and his wife Carolina), **Terry Ryan** and **Peter Lynn** (part of the singing group), **Steve & Mary Jo Ammon**, **Bill & Martha Birdseye**, **Eric Berdy** (Mike's nephew), **Harry & Kay Dermody**, **Karen (Jim) Ferguson**, **Roger & Pat Griffin**, **Bob & Mary Harter**, **Skip & Mary O'Donnell**, **Nancy (Terry) Ryan**, **Linda (Peter Linn) Loch**, and the **Gills**.

Now to finish up the Newsletters from earlier this year. Neat pic (not re-printable, unfortunately) and note from **Bob & Mary**

Frank standing on The Great Wall. Mary remains very active on the links as well as evaluating various golf courses in addition to her work with hospice. Bob seems to play golf and travel all the time. Speaking of exotic places, **Bob & Pauline de Laar** visited Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands as well as Egypt and Jordan.

Ron Walter retired from ISIS and still is in Scottsdale. Great



1965—WPS of DC Founders Day: Gills.



1965—WPS of DC Founders Day: Ferguson sings.