

and Dee & I. Tom & Sue are happy to be back in the lower 48 after all those years in Alaska. They said they can get used to Florida living. **John Byrnes** is busier than ever in Texas. He recently spent time at his brother's ranch helping to bring in the cotton crop. **Bob & Susan** are enjoying retirement on the cape in Massachusetts playing golf and digging for clams. **Dick & Connie Roberts** and in North Carolina, both still working full-time. The good news there is that Dick found his old roommate after all these years—**Mike Miller**. Mike lives in South Plainfield, NJ, and is reportedly healthy and happy. Dick & Connie met with him after the reunion and had lunch together. Dick said he is the same old Mike, just a little older like the rest of us. His - is <mikeduptoo@gmail.com>.

**Walt Downey** was also at the reunion. Wife **Sue** had commitments with the kids and could not attend. Their triplets (Finn, Conor, and Caroline) are now 10. They live in south Florida, but spend the summers in Maine. Walt says that with the hauling of kids to soccer, lacrosse, choral group, and many of school activities. Sue and I are more tired than when we worked. He says, "We enjoy life and we manage. Sue does her exercise classes and I fish, golf and seem to forever be working on some project around the house." Walt's older three kids are all successful professionals and doing very well.

**Lloyd Roberts** sent a photo of several of us that attended prep school at Ft. Belvoir. It was good to see Lloyd & **Gwen** at the reunion. Lloyd went to West Point with us but left the Academy early. He went on to graduate from the University of Memphis and taught school in Murphysboro, IL, until his retirement in 2003. Wife **Gwen** is still a guidance counselor in the local high school.

**Kathy & Joe Jaworowski** attended as well. Joe is out of the beer business. It turns out that living up to the second half of his business motto "We sell what we can and drink the rest" was just too tough. Living just outside of Philadelphia, Joe now teaches history and Chinese at a suburban catholic high school.

Kathy is a "domestic diva". They travel quite a bit and enjoy their eleven grandchildren. Last summer they spent two weeks in Italy, and then Joe went to China



1963—Mike & Elaine Moorman, and Kathy & Joe Jaworowski.

for two weeks to teach conversational English to Chinese elementary school teachers. They go to a lot of Phillies games. Joe said he'd retire when he gets old.

**Al & Shirley Scott** were married on 17 October on a hill overlooking the Hoover Dam. Al said it was a great event. Between the two of them they have 12 children. Shirley is an instructor in dental hygiene. Four of her five children practice dentistry or are soon to be practicing. The fifth one did not get the memo in time! He is a psychiatrist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Three of Al's seven children are still at home finishing school. Al teaches the Bible in Sabbath School each week and preaches once a month. **Dee & I** met Shirley at the reunion. What a terrific lady! That's a match truly made in heaven.

I was talking to **Jack O'Donnell** at the reunion. He is doing great, by the way. We must have talked about golf, because when I returned from the cruise, there was a great big box of golf balls on my doorstep. On Jack's evening strolls around the golf course he picks up lost balls, and since he doesn't play, he thought of me first! What a gift. They are mostly titleists that I'm now enjoying, several of which have already found new hiding places. Thanks, Jack!

**Dee & I** attended the wedding of Ashley Cole, daughter of **Dick & Barbara Cole** in South Carolina. It was really a terrific affair! Ashley, an Iraq war veteran, captain, attorney, has recently left the Army and joined the South Carolina National Guard where she will continue military duties, and work as an attorney for the guard. Husband **David** is a Clemson graduate and a physicist working for an engineering firm.

**Dave Cole** sent a photo of those at-



1963—M-I Gathering: Bill Baucum, Ken O'Sullivan, Allen Clark, Barne Wheeler, Ed Greybeck, Bill Coomer, Noel Brown, and Charlie Nahlik.

tending **Dan Demchuk's** funeral. He was buried at West Point. Classmates attending were Dan & Ruthie Struble, West & Linda Stewart, Bob & Mary Lou Brown, and David Cole. Many of his friends from Cape May, NJ, made their way to West Point to say goodbye to the person they knew and loved as Doctor Dan. It was a beautiful ceremony and a fitting farewell to a great friend and classmate. Rest in peace, Dan!

**Dave & Connie Cole** live in Oakton, VA, where they settled after leaving the military in 1991. Dave continues to work full time at AOL where he has for the past ten years. Connie still works full-time as a dental assistant in Falls Church, which she has done for the past 20 years. Daughters **Staci & Tiffani**, and two grandkids **Megan** and **Katie** live near them.

Classmates, wives, and friends numbering more than two dozen went on a cruise together after the reunion. Sailing out of Brooklyn, we traveled north for a week. What a great time. It is a blessing to be able to sit with classmates off and on for a week



1964—Lamberts and McLaughlin.

and visit with no time restrictions. I'll provide more details in the next column.

Until next time!

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**Subscribers:**

It is with great sadness I report yet another death of a Classmate. **Dave Binney** passed away unexpectedly on 4 Oct 08 at his home in Mount Pleasant, SC. I had the pleasure along with **Chet Kempinski** of "rooming" with **Dave & Carolyn** at the class ski trip in Vail last February and it was a wonderful experience. He will be missed as are all our departed classmates. A memorial service for Dave was held in Mount Pleasant on 8 October. Funeral services were held on 14 October, in the Old Cadet Chapel with burial in the West Point Cemetery. Carolyn can

be contacted at 1304 Old Brickyard Rd., Mount Pleasant, SC 29466.

The Fall Brawl 2008 was held at Southern Pines NC 8-11 October over three different courses. There were 14 classmates/players and three wives in attendance. The event commenced with a dinner hosted by local residents **George & Stephanie Hilliard**, the highlight of which for me at least, the excellent dinner fare notwithstanding, was seeing George's "race car," a replica of a 1967 Lotus Super Seven, which he exercises on tracks throughout the Southeast.

Herewith is an edited version of our sponsor's, (**Howie Bachman**) after-action report. Tuesday morning we played Foxfire West which was a good course for all. We had a skins game for \$10 apiece. The big winners were **McCormack** and **Bachman**. Other winners included **Banovic**, **Bolen**, **Jacunski**, and **Magruder**. If I missed anyone I am sorry but the napkin that the results were written on got wet and were hard to read. Wednesday morning in a pouring rain 12 hardy souls attempted to play



1964—Ken turns 70!

wives had a good time and all agreed that we get to know folks better in these smaller settings. [Scribe note. Photos of this event are linked to the class website.] I thought event was a success and we learned some things that will help in the future. In 2010 I am looking at a location with more city life available like Charleston, SC. No Fall Brawl 2009 as we will all be at the reunion playing in with **Magruder's** pre-reunion golfing event.

Speaking of which, this from **Bob Magruder** on that subject. We will be scheduling three days of reunion golf on



1964—The Sunday brunch group.

at Hyland Hills. **Banovic** and **Haydash** went to the pottery shops instead. I called off the competition after nine holes. Two groups finished and the third took a break to dry out and then proceeded to finish the event. **Magruder**, **McCormack** and **Evans** won with **Jacunski**, **Cromartie**, **Haydash**, and **Brewer** in second. [Scribe note: Don't know how Haydash got credit here Howie as he was AWOL at the aforementioned pottery shop.] The final day morning we finished the competition at Southern Pines GC. **Banovic**, **Farnsworth**, **Bowers**, and **Bolen** won with **Haydash**, **Evans**, **Brewer**, and **Cromartie** coming in second. The

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the Reunion week. Monday is Labor Day and we may even have a practice round at USMA if possible in the afternoon. We will try to get some encouraging rates from the Thayer so the early arriving golfers can all hang out in the same place. I am looking at other class reunions to see what activities they planned for the non-golfers to see if we can attract other classmates to come early and enjoy the extra time together.

More golf! In the DC area, annual Army Navy golf outing '64 once again did itself proud with the largest class participation on either side and winning three of its matches and bringing home the victory for the Army. Kudos go to the teams of **John Murray** and **Larry Brewer**, **Ed Haydash**, and **Nick Kemp**, and



1964—Epicureans all.

**Bob Magruder** and **Dennis O'Connor**. I should mention that **Dan Evans** also put in a credible performance and he and **John Farnsworth**, both of whom were at Fall Brawl, may be high handicappers but are welcome and formidable additions to the '64 Golf Team. Both have said they will be at Golfing Grads in April.

We have yet another author in the Class. **Bill Major's** wife **Terry** under the name M.M. Terrence has published a novel entitled *Enshallah* set in the war against terrorism and the Middle East. Further info regarding the book can be found at <[www.enshallahbook.com](http://www.enshallahbook.com)>.

**Frank & Judy Lambert** recently visited Jackson Hole and Yellowstone Park. While there they were able to get together with **Stan McLaughlin** and capture the event for posterity.

Yet another sign of the Apocalypse! **Ken Sprague** has turned 70! Where has the time gone? Margo & Ken were joined at a party in Honolulu by **Bob Matsumoto** who was with Ken in I-2, and by **Pete Elson** who was with Ken at the USMA Prep School. Also enjoying dear old dad's milestone where the Sprague kids, Ken, Cindy, and Tina, and a grandson who if you really want to know how time has flown by, is on terminal leave from the Army pending medical discharge. Ken says that 70 years marks the true beginning of officially becoming a dirty old man (not so Ken, you don't have to be old to be a dirty old man, and I speak from experience). To further celebrate Ken & Margo are going on a cruise from Hawaii to New Zealand by way of Tahiti. They won't be alone as **Mike & Renate Goff** are flying over to Hawaii to join them on their odyssey.

In September, **George Cromartie** visited **Bill & Joan Robertson** at their place in Roswell, GA, after spending the previous weekend with **Chris & Nancy Bast** in New York and attending Dave Binney's funeral. During his visit, George, Joan and Chris traveled to Delrose, TN, to spend the weekend with **Ed & Jean Sims** at their farm. Sunday morning saw a gathering of classmates for brunch at a Huntsville restaurant owned and operated by **Tom Chapman's** son. In attendance were: **Ed & Jean Sims**, **Bill & Joan Robertson**, **George Cromartie**, **Mike Moran**, **Tom & Sue Chapman**, **Pat Graves**, and **Dick & Janet Gray**.

Another august group gathered for dinner in the Hudson Highlands for a dinner on 31 Oct 08, the night before the Air Force game, at the Culinary Institute of America. As you can tell by the costumes, this was Halloween night. In the photo are **Bob McCoy**, **Ron Salvatore**, **Dan Banovic**, **Geoff**

Louis, Seth Hudgins, Gary Lavoy, Norm Anderson, Dan Evans, and Harvey Fraser. Lest you think this was a stag affair, the ladies were included as well. They just didn't make the photo.

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**Subscribers:**

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

Another reminder that **Ric Shinseki** will be the guest of honor and speaker at the Chicago WPS Founders Day scheduled for 14 Mar 09 (I had the wrong date in last issue) at the historic Medinah Country Club, site of several U.S Opens and U. S. Senior golfing events. We will also have a class dinner that Friday night at a venue near Medi-



1965—Mike & Anita Shaver.

nah, which is located in a western suburb of Chicago. Invitations and e-mail will have been sent to all '65 on record at the AOG in the upper Midwest (IL, IN, WI, MI, IA and MN). If you want to attend and did not receive an invite, please contact me by e-mail when you read this and I will send you the details. We are making arrangements for all to stay at a hotel near Medinah for



1965—Founders Day 2008.

those coming in from a distance. Should be a GREAT time for S&D!

Speaking of Chicago, our own **Ken Yoshitani** will head up the 45th Reunion Committee and will be ably assisted by another Chicagoan (although on his way to Vegas for retirement as soon as they sell their house here) **Tom Kovach**. These reunions require an enormous amount of time and effort, so if you are so inclined, please contact Ken or Tom and offer your assistance.

From time to time, you folks send me photos (which I love receiving) and they somehow get misplaced at my end. It



1965—Tom Cindric.



1965—Sonny and Angel

doesn't happen often but it does happen. There is usually a 90-120 day lag between my cut-off and when the photos are usually published. This can be longer if I have a large number of photos—my limit is seven per issue. So, if you think that a photos that you sent might have been misplaced, please let me know. One such lost photo is the one showing our Pres and the contingent from the DC FD. Sorry for the delay.

**Roy Garms** was reading the May issue of the *Smithsonian* and saw mention of **Preston Hughes** on an article concerning Kosciuszko, MS. Roy reports that he is still consulting for Exxon, most recently in the Mideast, although

he has been retired for more than eleven years and commutes from his New Jersey abode to spend two weeks every month on Exxon consulting business. A "good news" story comes from **Jim Greene**, who reports that his cadet saber disappeared in 2002 after the wedding of his third child who had used it to cut the cake. It seems that a Jerry Sisk (of Anderson SC) bought the weapon at a flea market and some years later, decided to track down this **James Peter Greene** dude of the Class of '65. He contacted the AOG and like magic, the family heirloom was returned gratis. Our Pres wrote Mr. Sisk expressing the appreciation of the class.

We were saddened by the loss of **Fred Eichorn's** beloved wife (of 43 years) **Karen** last September. A service was held for her at Arlington. I received a nice group photo of the '65 DC Picnic at the Ryan's but unfortunately, these far-away group shots don't reprint well in ASSEMBLY. More shots are available at the class website. We were thinking about traveling to La Crosse, WI, to do some fall biking and saw that **Mike Shaver** lives up there. Never made it up but did get a brief on what he has been up to. He retired in 1990 and began to work as a Student Affairs Administrator for UW-La Crosse, after which he started work as a contract facilitator for the Army's Warfight-



1965—Jack Terry.

er Exercises for BCTP, which he continues to do 6-7 time/year. He & **Rose Anne** have four kids spread all over the place, but were able to get the next photo with three of their five grandkids.

**Joe DeFrancisco** is the newest member of the West Point AOG Board and received the highest number of votes in last fall's elections. Congrats (I think). **Wes Taylor** has taken a break from the non-profit sector, stepping down from the Marshall Foundation earlier in 2008 and is now in Afghanistan working a literacy project for the Army. He used the intervening time to help his daughter deal with a potentially terminal immune deficiency illness of his