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We have yet another published author in the class. For those with a bent toward military history, the University Press of Kansas has just released a book that Hal Winton has been at work on for a good while. The title is *Corps Commanders of the Bulge: Six American Generals and Victory in the Ardennes*. Fundamentally, it tells the story of the Battle of the Bulge from the corps perspective, which, believe it or not, has not until now been done. There are also a few other twists in the book that expand it beyond the corps story. The six commanders in question are Leonard T. Gerow, Troy H.



1964—McCaffrey and McCaffrey.

Middleton, Matthew B. Ridgway (USMA, April 1917), John Millikin (USMA, 1910), Manton S. Eddy, and J. Lawton Collins (USMA, April 1917). The book can be ordered from the press, with ordering info at <www.kansaspress.ku.edu>, or from Amazon.com. Not only has the book been published, but it is receiving rave reviews. Here's John Murray's take on Hal's efforts: "I recently began reading Hal Winton's book, Corps Commanders of the Bulge and want to pass along to all that it is a real masterpiece! Upon reading it doesn't take long to realize the tremendous effort that Hal put into his research and writing. His writing style is captivating and he's sprinkled numerous interesting anecdotes throughout.



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For an Army guy his vocabulary is most impressive—so much so that I would recommend having a dictionary close by while reading it! Hats off to Hal for putting another feather in '64's cap!

Mike McKinley recently received a note from Nancy Pocock, widow of our classmate, **John Graham**, who was KIA in Viet Nam. She, by way of Mike, informs us that their son, LTC John Graham, Jr. '87, has been selected as a tenured professor at West Point in the Department of Behavior Sciences and Leadership. John recently earned a Ph.D. and is currently the Deputy Program Director of the Engineering Psychology program. You may recall that the USMA Prep School, which John Sr. attended, annually bestows the Gra-



1964—The Returning Hard Corps.

ham-Perry award for distinguished grads at the school each year in remembrance of John and Perry. (Perry was a '63 grad who attended the Prep School and was also KIA in Viet Nam.)

Jill McCaffrey sent along the following photo of the two McCaffreys in Afghanistan while Barry was on one of his fact finding missions. The photo was taken at FOB Saleino, up in the mountains, where LTC Sean is Deputy Cdr of the 4th Bde of the 82 ABN.

Tom Legan blew through St. Augustine a few weeks ago on the last leg of his "Southern Sojourn," with his adopted half-



1964—Four ball winners.

brother, Alan Strong, who was the guy who marshaled Tom through the aftermath of his very serious auto accident. Tom by the way is still mostly wheelchair bound, but can manage short trips under his own power and says he can contribute from time to time in scrambles out on the golf course. Their travels started in New Orleans, where they were able to get together with **George Domas**. Then they moved on via Atlanta to Augusta where they caught a practice round of the Masters. Next a stop in Charleston—aided by some generous



1964—Après golf.

arrangements of **Jim Muir**—then Savannah where Tom had hoped to sit on Forest Gump's bench, only to find it has been removed. The final stop was the visit in St. Augustine, where Tom confirmed the fact that, mercifully, there was no mention of his prowess on the links in the World Golf Hall of Fame. Tom pronounced it a great trip, soaking up the history and culture, and getting together with classmates along the way. He extends an invitation to all of you to look him up one of these days out in the San Francisco Bay Area or at his second home in Palm Springs.



1964—Case dinner party.

Finally, I have just returned from the 19th gathering of the Golfing Grads held this year at Amelia Island Plantation north of Jacksonville. Despite the best efforts of 24 members of '64, we were unable to retain the championship trophy won last year. Despite that disappointment—we did finish third—a great time was had by all including seven first time attendees and seven wives and girlfriends. The golf courses were outstanding as well as the resort. One highlight was a Sunday tournament for '64 attendees following the Golfing Grads event arranged by **Larry Bryan** that was participated in by most of classmates and several of the wives. Another highlight was the pre-outing diner hosted by **Mel & Hilda Case** at their home in Jacksonville. Participants, for the record, were **Harvey Fraser, Fred Hinshaw, Jim McCormack, Norm Anderson, Lou Jerge, Ray Paske, Bob Bolen, Al Russo, Ed Brinkman, Doug Bennett, Ed Haydash, Dan Banovic, Larry Brewer, Larry Bryan, Don Hall, Rich Stanko, Tom Tate, Bob Magruder, Greg Olsen, Jerry Werner, Howie Bachman, John Murray, Mel Case**, and yours truly.

Here is **Al Russo's** take on the event. "Team '64 finished in overall third place following '62 and '63. I write this as most attendees are still on their way back home. Awards went to **Brinkman, Bryan, Paske, Jacunski, Bolen**, and others.

The class dinner on Friday night at a classic **Jacunski** gin joint was held under the A1A causeway. **Paske** delivered an

update on the medically absent **Chet Kempinski**, which was very positive and well received. Thanks go to George and Larry Bryan, for their organizational skills and their work in mounting this operation and the Sunday follow-on



1964—Off course activity.

prelude to departure. Thanks also to team captains **Don Hall**, **Harvey Fraser**, and **Howie Bachman**. There are several others to thank and George will tell me where I am remiss.

Peggy Bolen, **Teddy Olsen**, **Hilda Case**, **Doug Bennett's Sonja**, and my **Joanne** made up the distaff side. Teddy and Hilda played at the Sunday morning outing. Hilda played so well that her team took most of the money, I think. I kept paying and paying and paying.



1964—Sin Palabras.

Plan on joining us next spring. This was a great event at a classy resort in an almost pristine setting.” Good report, Al, but you forgot to thank yourself for all your work on the class golf website.

The Golfing Grads which started out as a modest group of graduates playing golf at Greenlefe Resort in Orlando had more than 150 attendees this year and is going to be celebrating its 20th year at our next gathering. Kudos go to its founder **Tyler Willson '60** and its current honcho, **Dan Willson '63**. There is going to have to be a limit sometime so watch this spot for announcements of next year's event to make sure you get a slot.

Finally, the usually loquacious (as those of you who read the Class Forum can attest) **Tucker Dooley** has yet again provided a photo without accompanying comment. I have determined that it depicts the **Dooleys**, the **Wikens**, and the **Bennetts** at a Seaside (seaside?) gathering. I am presuming that is Seaside with a capital “S” and surmise that Seaside is in Florida somewhere near Destin where Tucker occasionally hangs out.

By the time you read this the Charleston mini reunion will be history. My attendance will be strictly professional in nature in order that I might bring you full coverage of the affair.