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Shortly, almost certainly before you receive this missive, there'll be a reunion questionnaire pop on the '60 website along with a cover letter from **Charley Otstott**. You should think about it, your feelings about the 50th and respond accordingly, for this



1960—Marty & Charlie Baker with Candy & Charley Otstott.

is your way to influence the structure of that reunion the way you think it should be (and I know, I know, you don't have to be told that and it's an insult to you for me to do so, but, truth to tell, I'm just trying to get this column to an acceptable length).

**Joe Lucas** wrote a great e-mail (which I'll only briefly summarize since he put it on the '60 Forum) in which he attended the graduation of his grandson) Wm C. Mayville III. Everything was superb: the weather, the "run like clockwork" timing typical of all USMA events, VP Cheney's address. There were 12,688 applicants for the Class of 2007, 1,314 admissions, 978 graduates. Infantry slots filled up before they got to the middle of the class, which, says Joe, shows that the warrior culture is alive and well at West Point, as it should be. The Class of 1957 provided 2LT bars to the graduates inscribed 57-07, reflecting the relationship across the years. And some-



1960—Not in order, but: The Fegans, Hagans, Perkins, Blackstones, O'Connells, Richardsons, Wileys, Crosbys, and Samantha Dachshund.

thing I didn't know: most graduates followed the custom of putting a \$20 bill and a note inside their hat for the traditional hat toss. Thanks, Joe.

**Butch Nobles** and **Dick Sutton** exchanged e-mail on Dick's participation in the Army Birthday on 14 June. The Army Birthday Cake Cutting Committee in the Pentagon was tasked to have the oldest and the youngest soldier participate. Dick qualified (as the oldest, in case you're wondering which he was) and he was accorded the great honor of sitting between the Chief of Staff of the Army and the Acting SecArmy. Dick was interviewed by the *Army Times* and by now, hopefully, an article about him has appeared. We're proud of you, Dick. Now, as an aside, for those of you getting ready to dive into the *Register of Graduates*: **Ted Harcke** is 42 days older—but I reckon this distinction was limited to those serving in the Pentagon.

In conjunction with the Classes of 1958-63 in the Washington area, **John Berry** is heading up an effort for '60 to serve as West Point Walter Reed Mentors to assist the Wounded Warriors in rehab at WRAMC with their transition to civilian life or continued military service. As this is being written, the '60 participation is in the beginning stages and more info will follow in a later column, but as John says, it's a truly worthy cause.

**Dave Bauer** sent along a quick note with a good photo of him and **John Willauer** at the Birmingham, AL, Founders Day. Dave is still teaching history at Marion Military Institute in Alabama and acts as the USMA Advisor. In that vein, he has 21 MMI cadets accepted to West Point and ready to join the Class of 2011. That's great work, David.

**Keith Garner**, our inveterate hunter (sometimes, in reporting on Keith's exploits, I use words I've never used before), reports that he, his son, Jim, and two hunting partners traveled to Zimbabwe for a seven-day safari, during which, says Keith, they saw



1960—John Willauer and David Bauer.

more animals than one could imagine. They were assisted by two "professional hunters" who took them to the hunting camp on about 50,000 acres. They were there nine days and eight nights. Keith killed a kudu, an impala, and a tsessebe while son Jim killed two impalas, a wilde beeste, a warthog, and a baboon. Keith said the camp was more like

a resort than a hunting camp with private suites with bath, a lodge with a dining room and lounge and a swimming pool. Keith had more to say, including Zimbabwe going from the most prosperous country in Africa (when it was Rhodesia, known as the "bread basket" of Africa) to one of the poorest in the world. So very sad. I encourage him to put his full report on the forum.



1960—Keith Garner, Mich Bunce, and impala.

Thanks, Keith.

Some social things: I may have neglected to mention that **Joyce Post** and her daughter-in-law, Jennifer, despite complex logistics, planned and executed a large surprise birthday party in April for **Ed** (#70) and son Bob. They somehow got about 100 guests—50 or so for each birthday boy (I'm sorry, I hate the term "birthday boy" as much as anyone)—to their country club in Fairfax, where there was an open bar (those magic words, "open bar"), later a sumptuous dinner, and then dancing the night away to a disk jockey who knew his stuff. It was beautifully done, a Joyce Post special. And next time, photos.

Down at the Kingsmill place in Williamsburg that we own jointly with **Jim & Joni Wiley**, we hosted, during the Michelob Ultra Open, a gathering, now becoming semi-traditional, of classmates who live in the Williamsburg area. It was only drinks and going out to dinner, no big thing, but the photos nice. And later, back in Alex-

andria, **Charlie & Marty Baker**, just back after a year and a half in Iraq stayed with us a few days on their way to see relatives. In order that Charlie could be properly debriefed by POTCOS, **Charley & Candy Otstott** stopped by for dinner one night. That would be a good photo, also, if the photographer would learn to program his digital correctly.

The Class of '60 Golf Outing (we'll work on that title; an "outing," by the PGA Tour definition, is a one day affair), hosted by Hank Maloney, arranged by Sam Kouns, scoring by Hogarth and Baker, and a special appearance by George McManus, is scheduled for 10—13 October. It'll take place down at Port St. Lucie, FL, in PGA



1960—Keith, Mitch, Ocean, Paul, Dumosanti and tsessebe.

Village. It's a good event, well run. This column comes out in early September; for those of you interested, you may want to contact Sam and see what the fill status is. I mean, I would very much like to take some money from, say, **Al Champ** or **Frank Farrell** or **Bidgood** or whomever. Sam's e-mail: <Dskouns@aol.com>.

And please write—all of you.

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**Milestone:** 2 July 1957, enter the Class of 1961. 2 July 2007, enter the Class of 2011. Separated by 50 years yet now connected through the 50 year Affiliation Program and as the "...the Long Gray Line of us stretch-es..." we and 2011 can "grip hands..." as we can accompany them through the coming four years. A number of our 'mates and their ladies were in Ike Hall to begin the affiliation. There they meet many of

the family members of the new cadets and offered some words of congratulations as well as encouragement to them as their sons and daughters, brothers and sisters and friends marched off to begin this grand journey. We too will be able to share it as part of the Affiliation Program and from the viewpoint of "having been there and done that." So, our class thanks go a number of 'mate who include to **Judi & Tom Baird, Terri & John Grisoni, Rina & Ed Brown, Gabe Gabriel, John Kilkenny, and Joyce & Brian Schultz**. As a new program, we seem to be the first to have the opportunity to be affiliated from start to finish. We'll have official class representation at 2011's special events, Acceptance Day through Graduation and pinning on the gold bars. The "big event" that will have taken place before you read these words will be the march back from Camp Buckner to conclude Beast Barracks. Many of our 'mates will have completed that feat and most likely have some war stories form then as well as 50 years ago. Stand by.

**Milestone:** Continuing from the Jul-Aug issue, **Hank Kenny** has continued to bring more of our 'mates into the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program to continue the support when the veterans return to their home towns. He has published some objectives that give added meaning to what may be the first time in U.S. Army history that people outside of the active Army have organized to come together for the purpose of assisting individual servicemen and women during their recovery from war wounds. Hank will connect each of us with one of the Wounded Warriors and you can contact him [703 824-2605] or **Dick Buckner** [703



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the past half century. It was one of those times that only a bunch of guys with this unique bond could have. Among those who made the journey were **Rina & Ed Brown, Janet & John Cornelson, Bob Dickson and Sandie Johnson, Art Downey, Bill Due, Rusty Dyer, Gabe Gabriel, Teri & John Grisoni, Ron Hannon and son Michael, Carl Hansen, Beverly & Frenchy Hebert, Jim Irish, Elayne & John Kilkenny, Bar-**

743-1490] We can make a difference.

**Milestone:** The date: 26 Apr 07. The milestone: **Jay Brooks and Birgit Seeger** wed. The place: Wicomico Church, VA. The officiant: the Reverend **Scott Dil-**

**lard.** Attendants: Best Man and Matron of Honor, C-1 roommate, **Bob Hamilton & Nicole.** After graduation, Jay had been Bob's best man at his wedding in Illinois. Later, Bob introduced Scott to his wife —to-be, Pauli. To complete the circle, a few years later Scott officiated at Nicole & Bob's marriage in Montreal. Now, back to the current wedding which they continued celebrating with champagne toasts, a grand dinner, and a time to remember.

**Milestone:** The Class of 1957 of the USMA Prep School, which we remember being at the old Stewart Army Airfield, held 50th Reunion 3-6 May at West Point. We recall too that a great number of our 'mates who climbed Thayer Road on 2 Jul 57 were alumni. Many of them gathered once again at our rockbound highland home to share their experiences of

bara & John Lawton, Jane & Deac Lynch, Sheila & Joe Maio, Connie & Clancy Matsuda, Rachel & Ken Meissner, Bob Mitchell, Sally & Tom Myrick, LuAnn & Bill Reno, Mary Jane & John Solomon, JB Taylor, and Mary Ann & RJ Wooten. At the Thayer they brunchted, they champagne, and some may have even ventured above the mezzanine for the first time ever.



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Later, they visited the current Prep School at Ft. Monmouth, lunched with some of their successor Cadet Candidates, and then wrapped up this memorable conclave with a Round Pond picnic that overflowed with tales and reflections as they relived occasions past as if they were only yesterday.

**Milestone:** The 6 Jun 07 Class luncheon at Ft. Myer hosted LTG Walt Sharp '76 and Director of the Joint Staff. His discussion regarding current actions in the war on terrorism as well as troop deployments gave us a first hand look into some of the strategic, operational and even tactical concerns of Joint and Service staffs. Following



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a lively Q&A period many of our 'mates lingered to further enjoy catching up.

**Milestone.** Gabe Gabriel visted Rina & Ed Brown in conjunction with attending the funeral of his company commander who insisted that Gabe go to OCS and then to USMA. The evening at the Brown's was filled with good food and good conversation especially a relook at the Prep School reunion to include learning more about Bill Due's career. Many will recall that he departed West Point after the first semester but then went on to USNA, 1964. He won an Army commission. After earning his aviator wings, he flew in VN and after retirement continued flying for civilian airlines.

**Milestone:** We remember 12 Jun 07 as the day that Al Wells [E-1] passed at home in Novato, CA. There was a graveside service and burial on 27 Jun 07 in Blythe, CA, where Al and Joan grew up. Surviving Al are Joan and their children Mark and Allison, several grandchildren, and Al's father. You may be in touch with Al's family at 520 Fairway Dr., Novato, CA 94949.

**Milestone:** Barely ten days later on 21 Jun 07, we lost another 'mate, Joe Paone. Surviving Joe & Lucy, their daughters, Anne Gunsolus [Don] and their children, Brandon, Dustin, Max, and Isabella; and Maria Coombe [Scott] and their children, Alyssa and Lauren. Lucy and he launched the construction firm, Paone Associates. From time to time Joe did some construction work for some of our 'mates in the DC area, but always with the caveat: my hourly rate is "this price" when my craftsmen help me. However, if you insist on helping me while I work, it's twice the price. The memorial service at Ft. Myer Chapel and interment in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors was planned

for 12 Sep 07. You may be in touch with the family at 8032 Whitting Dr., Manassas, VA 20112.

**Milestone:** Our final milestone for this edition is one of sadness and sympathy for Ron Hannon and his family. Ron's bride of 44 years, Neuzy passed on 25 Jun 07 at the Brevard Hospice Center, Rockledge, FL. Soon after retiring Neuzy [affectionately called Zy] & Ron moved to a place she had chosen over 30 years

earlier, a place that reminded her so much of her birthplace of Rio de Janeiro, Cocoa Beach, FL. There they made many close friends and shared their love with them as well as with their closely knit family. In addition to Ron, surviving Zy are their sons, Mark [Michelle], Michael, and granddaughters, Peyton Christine, Brooke Elizabeth and grandson, Christian Thomas; her own mother, D. Filhinha Pereira, brother and sister Leo and Lenira Pereira. Plans are for burial at West Point. You may be in touch with the family at 840 N. Atlantic Ave., C-401, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931.

## 1962

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**Frank & Betty Scharpf** had a great June, rejoicing in Frank's continued recovery (off the vegan diet) and the wedding of their son, Tom, in Livermore, CA. It was family, Italian food, bocce (highly thought of as exercise since it does not involve jumping or running), doing the Lindy to Glenn Miller's music. Betty's joy nearly jumped off the page of her letter.



1962—Wayne Willis, shown victimized by a clever yet dangerous prank at the hands of the Cruisers.

That social sciences workaholic, **Don Snider**, directed a project that culminated with the publication of *Forging the Warrior's Character:*



1962—The Cruisers, alphabetically by height: Carroll, Fishburne, Minson, Kriesel, Wertz, Phillips (RL), Willis, Lair, Carter, Tomlinson, Simcox, and Harrington



1962—Lots of happy and thankful Scharpf's: Frank & Betty with son-groom Tom & new DIL Denay, and offspring Jeanne, Dan, Matt and their spouses.

*Moral Precepts from the Cadet Prayer.* Apparently, members of the Class of 1946 were unhappy to learn that today's cadets did not know much about the Cadet Prayer and decided to do something about it. The class funded the project and this interesting and scholarly book will be given to First Classmen and used in the character education of "those entering the Army from Generation Y."

And **Matt Kambrod** has had his book on defense lobbying published and it's getting some legs. I checked Ed Lundquist's review of the book on the AFJ website <armedforcesjournal.com> and read, "Whether you are an experienced government relations pro or new to the business, if you want to understand the process for getting funding for defense programs, Matthew Kambrod's *Lobbying for Defense: An Insider's View* is instructive. It may seem like a complicated process, but Kambrod offers a straightforward approach and suggests that there isn't a secret creative approach to success. I've heard that lobbying is as much about "who you know" as "what you know." But Kambrod said what you know is far more important. "The 'who' is important, but the 'who' will change, either by choice or administration." Nice work, Matt.

It's old news but uplifting, nonetheless: '62 won the team competition at the '07 Golfing Grads last April in Amelia Island.



1962—L-I mini-reunion of Persons of Scalp: D. Flint, J. Winkler, V. Murphy, and PY Browning.

Our team included **Alt, Arnold, Bernitt, Blumhardt, Boozer, Burr, Art Brown, Burr, Cantrell** (Gunderman son-in-law), **Cobb, Culver, Denton, Ditchendorf, DeJardin, Dominy, Dworsak, Godwin, Grebe, Gunderman, Gary Gunderman** (son), **Theron Gunderman** (brother), **Harrington, Herre, Janicke, Kauer, Kling, Kohler, McGarry, Middaugh, Tom Murray, Bob Phillips, Rushatz, Sayers, Dale Smith, Stock, Symanski, Barry Thomas,** and **Wilkerson** but, alas, not your scribe. Mike Grebe's home down there was the site of some kind of a cotillion one evening during which Tom Culver fell and made his bad left knee (as distinguished from his bad right knee) worse. He soldiered on, played his three rounds, and checked into the Hughston Clinic in Columbus, GA, the real experts in joint replacement to have his joint replaced. They kicked him out with his new knee after only three days. And supposedly, during the scramble competition, where each player's drive must be used at least once, one classmate arrived at the final hole having not met that burden. His teammates begged him to whiff so they could hit from the tee box laying one.



1962—Marsh Johnson '07 and Marsh Johnson '62. The former is completing Basic Infantry, Airborne, and Ranger Schools while the latter did so many years ago.

In further sports news, **Ric Cesped** and **Paul McNamara** played eight tough minutes for the alumni team in the "Old Gray" rugby game vs. the A squad. The cadets nipped the old timers in a close one, 79-31, in a game that was not as close as the score indicated. This risky business was conducted in conjunction with the dedication of the new rugby facility. Army is quite good at this sport, with both men's and women's teams unbeaten last year and beating Navy.

**Jim Kimsey** slavishly followed his own advice to "never miss a reunion" last spring when he hosted not one, but two 50th high school reunions: Gonzaga College HS (expelled for being disruptive in senior year) and St. John's College HS ("the sainted Brother Luke saved my life"). Jim is the first person I know who received an honorary high school degree, Gonzaga recognizing his accomplishments in 1982.

Two cases of "it's a small world" to report. **Bob & Judy Martin**, whilst enjoying a Wiki Wiki bus ride in Honolulu, ran into **Tom & Kathy Kilmartin**, the old rifle sharpshooter Bob spotting Tom's '62 golf shirt from a distance of, oh, five feet. The Kilmartins, traveling from Tampa, were involved in health screening (Kathy's



1962—Todd & Marty Bergman and Lil & Brian McEnany, Honolulu, HI.

business) at a leadership conference. Maybe Tom was just along for the ride. Then, **Don & Genie Street**, whilst touring Yellowstone National Park, spotted a vehicle with license plate "62CANDO." Using the logic skills taught us in plebe English and honed over the years, the Streets concluded the vehicle might belong to a classmate. They were correct: noted rugger **Ric Cesped** and wife **Sandy**. The Streets journeyed on to Orlando to visit their son, DIL, and three grandkindern. There they visited Don's godfather, BG **Ed Gudgel**, '45. (You knew the Streets won a house on a game show back in the 1960s, did you not?)

The intrepid cruisers reprised their successful annual expeditions in June with a week-long sail among the Canadian Gulf Islands and U.S. San Juan Islands, ports of call including Sydney, BC; Galiano Island; and Sinclair Island. Three crafts and crews: "Lost Boys": **Carter, Minson, Harrington, Simcox**; "Khepri": **Tomlinson, Kriesel, Carroll, Lair**; "Sea Treasure": **Willis, Wertz, RL Phillips, Fishburne**. Details and additional photos can be found on the class website, but these teasers should be of interest: raucous, beer-filled, Hummingbird Inn, panties (yes, I said panties), ocean-front vacation home of **Terry McCarthy**, altered passport, souvenir tee-shirts, tap dancing. What's not to like? **Becky Tomlinson, Jeannine Kriesel, Sue Lair, Linda Simcox, and Pat Carter** did the waiting wives thing in Breckinridge, CO. What a marvelous tradition.

**Brian & Lil McEnany** relaxed for three weeks in Hawaii last spring, doing everything you have ever heard of to do in the island paradise: Waikiki, the Big Island, Maui, Pearl Harbor, Schofield Barracks, Diamondhead, Polynesian Center, the beach, Kalelua Military Camp, Hilo, macadamia plantations, and (wait for it . . .) *mai tais*. Their guides were **Todd & Mary Bergman**. The McEnanys needed to relax, having married off two daughters in eight months, one in Slovakia.

Keep **Roger Lee** in your thoughts and prayers as he fights to recover from various maladies that hospitalized him for many

weeks last spring. He has beaten a couple of medical problems but the diabetes is proving to be hard to overcome. Likewise, **Dick Rohrbacher** and **Jim Andress** have undergone serious surgical procedures from which they are recovering. Call, e-mail, or write them to let them know you are thinking of them.

In April, **Dick James** suffered the loss of his wife, **Judy**, perhaps from complications following surgery. This lovely woman was to be buried at West Point. We continue to send our heartfelt sympathies to Dick for his—and our—loss.

**Tom Middaugh** gave this account of the funeral service for our friend and classmate, **Bob Redmond**, who died of cancer last May: “The funeral service for Robert Albert Redmond was conducted in the afternoon of Wednesday, 9 May, at his family church, Trinity United Methodist, in Frederick, MD, by his pastor, Reverend Dr. Harold B. Wight, II. It was a warm and intimate, yet sad and somber event that brought family, friends and classmates together to honor a remarkable, yet humble and soft spoken husband and family man. The sky was clear and blue and the fragrances of spring wafted through the air. Classmates in attendance [at the funeral or viewing] included **Bill Scherr**, **Rusty Wilkerson**, **Jim Harrington**, **Jack Rucker**, **Paul Kelley**, **JJ Kelly**, **Jerry Comello**, **Sonny Sloan**, and myself (sorry if I missed anyone).” Bob served four tours in RVN with SF and FA, taught PE at West Point, and finished his military career at the Pentagon as deputy director of Army recreation and fitness programs. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on 17 July.

**Fred Bothwell** spent a goodly amount of time with our friend, **Tom O’Neil**, before he, too, died last May: “I’m sad to report that my good friend Tom O’Neil x62 (F-2) died on 25 May after spending five days in a hospice in Goodyear, AZ. His son Tommy was with him. He had been undergoing experimental treatment for advanced cancer in Scottsdale since January. West Point meant a lot to him. His dad was a Regimental Tac when Tom was growing up, and he prized the friendships that he formed with classmates as a cadet—as an Army fan—and many years later in Phoenix. Tom fought it as long as he could—but he was finally

physically, mentally, and spiritually ready to move on.” Tom was to have been buried at West Point in September.

As the eulogist [anon.] said, “May their memories be second only to their presence.”

## 1963

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During this reporting period, there were several classmate gatherings around the country.

The first gathering to talk about was the 5th annual beach week at **Dick & Barbara Coles** in Emerald Isle, NC. Besides the **Coles**, the **Boices**, **Coes**, **James’s**, and **Witts** were there. We managed to squeeze in six rounds of golf (both men and women). Each couple cooked a dinner one night. We also had a lot of quality time on the beach, in the pool and hot tub. We were there over Mother’s Day, so the house was full of flow-



1963—Gary Coe, Bill & Betsy Witt, Barbara Cole, Bill & Sue Boice, Dee James, Dick Cole, and Pat Coe at Emerald Isle.

ers sent from all the families. It was another great week in our lives. As I may have mentioned before, one of the neat things about being our age is that we can tell the same stories we told the last year and nobody remembers them, so they are still great. Gary & Pat Coe left at the end of the week to play a golf tournament in Goldsboro, NC. They won their flight and \$280 in cash and prizes. Way to go, folks!

There was a gathering from 1–5 April at Debourdeux, SC, a community between Pauley’s Island, SC, and Georgetown, SC. Both **Bruce Heim** and **Cammy Lewis** own homes there. In attendance were **Anne & Bill Howkins**, **Mary Jane & Gary Sausser**, **Janet & John Ellerson**, **Glenda & Joe**



1963—Joe Blackgrove, John Dwyer, Bill Hawkins, Fred Scullen, Bruce Heim, Gary Sausser, and John Ellerson at Debourdeux.

**Blackgrove, Susan & Bruce Heim, Pam & John Dwyer**, and **Fred & Cricket Scullen** (friends of Bruce from Viet Nam days). Fred is a federal judge in New York, and Bruce’s son Ben clerked from him when he was a law student at Syracuse University. Cammy was there for less than a day, and then had to return home for back surgery, which was reported as successful. Bruce is still very active in his real estate firm in State College. His company owns several commercial properties in and around State College including hotels, shopping centers and apartments. John Dwyer is a veterinarian, but is now retired and reported living in Florida. John Ellerson is now retired and he and Janet continue to live in Orlando.

The G-2 guys held a mini reunion recently. Ten classmates and several spouses attended including **Gene & Karen Blackwell**, **Jamie Daniels**, **Bill & Glenda George**, **Louie Kunzig**, **Bob McNeill**, **Ray & Lily McQuary**, **Don & Jean Murff**, **Jerry Nakashima**, **Al Shine**, and **Ken & Gail Silberstein**. Christine Polli was there as well with two of her children, **Lauren & Eric**. Christine is the daughter of **Ralph Walker** who was killed in Viet Nam when she was at the age of three. They traveled from all over—**Lou Kunzig** from London, **Jerry Nakashima**

from California, others from Texas, North Carolina, and Georgia. **Brad Jones** had hoped to come, but was unable at the last moment, but the group did talk to him by



1963—(Front) Daniels, Nakashima, Blackwell, (standing) Shine, Murff, Silberstein, Kunzig, NcNeill, and George in DC.

phone. **Ted & Sue Yamashita** joined them one evening, and **Mike Vopatek** made it for breakfast on Sunday morning. Most of the group is retired now. Ray McQuary is still serving as a judge in Texas. Jamie Daniels is still presenting seminars on behavior modification all over the western hemisphere. Some of those who have retired are teaching part-time. Bill said that he has retired for the second and final time. His most recent job was the construction manager for his church, Vienna Presbyterian Church. That project was completed on schedule and on budget in January. The group shared several meals together, and on Saturday they visited the Viet Nam and WWII Memorial on the Mall in DC.

**Bruce Miller** dropped me a note. He & **Donna** had the chance to visit with **Kip & Lois Jenison** in Georgetown, Texas. Bruce went on to say that "Kip is retired from the



1963—Lois & Kip Jenison, and Donna Miller in Georgetown, TX.

CIA. He does not offer opinions on the current establishment, unlike the myriad of publicity seekers taking very opportunity to establish their covert credentials in the media. Kip and Lois are into dance clubs. We witnessed a neat demonstration of the Arizona Two Step. **Dick Matteson** joined us for dinner in Austin. Three retirees just having fun." Bruce also mentioned that his number two son, Matt, graduated from the University of Colorado. He wants to pursue and undefined career in the sports industry. He says it's the end of one phase of life and the start of another for us.

I played golf with **Gordon Arbogast** and **Al Lavoy** at Amelia Island Plantation. We had a great time. Both of those guys are fun to hang out with anywhere. Gordon is having the time of his life in Jacksonville. He is Associate Dean and Director of Graduate Programs at the Davis College of Business for Jacksonville University. He does two of his favorite things—teaching serious graduate students and helping young college students. Son Scott just returned from vicinity of Baghdad were he was the weapons officer of his squadron. The photo shows Gordon with Scott's sons. Gordon wants them to be Rangers, so he



1963—Gordon Arbogast with grandsons at the alligator farm.

thought he would start with the alligator farm.

**Rudy Ehrenberg** reports "Several classmates have joined the classes of 1958 and 1961 as part of the West Point Wounded Warriors Mentor Program. We were all motivated, in part, by Allen Clark's recent book and moving presentation to the class at a dinner in March. Each mentor is paired with a wounded soldier or marine at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. They help guide the wounded warrior's transition to the next phase of their life by establishing a supportive relationship and assisting them in their personal, professional, and educational development and by identifying educational opportunities, internships, careers, jobs, etc. For those not in the DC area, there is an increasing need for 'follow-on mentors' to support these wounded warriors when they are discharged and return home." If you are interested, please contact Rudy at 703 280-1082 or <rehrenberg@cox.net>.

A significant celebration is planned for the 25th anniversary of the Viet Nam Memorial during Veterans Day weekend in November 2007. In conjunction, the Class of '63 is planning a ceremony to honor the 20 classmates who gave their lives in that



1963—Bruce & Susan Heim.

conflict. The ceremony will take place at the Viet Nam Memorial on Friday afternoon, 9 Nov 07 and will be followed by a reception at a nearby location. We are making a special effort to invite the families of each of those 20 classmates. If you have contact with members of those families, please advise

**Marty Ischinger** <cnii1@erols.com> or 703 849-9106 or **Bob Farris** <farr6@aol.com> or 703 644-2426, who are coordinating that part of the program.

On a final note, **Bob Trucksa** sent a photo of him back home with friends after a hospital stay. As a brief background, he went in for a surgical procedure, and woke up paralyzed on his left side. I spoke with him while he was still in the hospital, and "how are you" was not the question to ask at that time. He was loud and clear in his answer. He followed the call with a photo as he was leaving the hospital, with his unparalyzed hand raised indicating the total IQ of his surgical team. After reminding him that it was not a publishable photo, he follow-up with a family-friendly version. Bob is doing much better now and has some movement back. Bob's wife **Val**



1963—Val & Bob Trucksa, Jim Nelander, and John Byrns in Albuquerque.

is a doctor, so he gets great care. **John Byrns** was visiting family in California and stopped by Bob's house on the way back for a visit. **Jim Nelander** lives near Bob and stopped by to say hi. Bob mentioned that Jim's wife Joanne is a world-class artist. As you can see in the photo, Bob is trying to get someone to fill his beer mug.

Until next time!

## 1964

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**Ann & Jim Muir**, ably supported by **Dave & Carolyn Binney**, **Kim & Patti Flint**, **Ben & Cathy Marino**, **George & Mary Anne Cromartie**, and **Morey & Harriet Lent** and others in the Charleston area, put on a fantastic mini-reunion over the Memorial Day weekend. The event was attended by around 100 souls who gathered to partake in the low country offerings. Thursday saw the early arrivals gathering at a local gin mill to break the ice and break the ice they did. Friday evening we were treated to a low



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countryboil and Frogmore Stew (?) on the intercoastal river, and Saturday night we were hosted by Ben & Cathy Marino with catered Mrs. Hamby's famous cuisine at their home in nearby Kiawah Island. The Marino homestead (the word doesn't do justice) is situated on one of Kiawah's famous golf courses and, if you can believe it, Ben doesn't play golf. He does, however, have an outstanding collection of golf balls that end up in his yard from time to time which was clearly coveted by Bob Magruder.



1964— 2 & 3

Dave and George made sure the golfers in the group were well challenged by scheduling three days on the links. The non-golfers were entertained by trips to local Charleston attractions including one to the recently raised Confederate submersible, the *Huntley*. Morey Lent led us all in a memorable memorial service just prior to our gathering at the Marino's. The whole thing was a first class affair although I think I can say without contradiction, much too short. Our president, or chairman or whatever, Dan Evans reflected the opinion of the group that there should definitely be



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more of these. I for one have heard that one next summer on the west coast may be in the offing.

Several groups, one of which included me, rented houses at the beach for the event. Ours was at the Isle of Palms, and included my Aspen companions Dan & Cinthya Evans and Harvey & Kitty (Fischer) Fraser. We were joined by Jim & Marsha Beierschmitt, Mark & Nancy Brennan, and my erstwhile golfing companion Jim McCormack. The two Jims provided the entertainment, while Mark tried unsuccessfully to keep us all straight and on schedule. The



1964—The proud husbands.

photo shows Jim, Dan, and Harvey proudly displaying the "sweetgrass" baskets—the must have Charleston area souvenir—purchased by their wives at great expense. Having the house provided an added dimension to the affair with evening gatherings for after dinner drinks and post mortems. Lest you think we were extravagant, JB Holeman rented a house on the island with eleven bedrooms!

Saint Augustine is becoming a routine stopover for folks with reason to be in Florida. My most recent guest, by reason of scheduling the wrong airport during



1964—Nick and Scribe.

a business trip, was Nick Nichols. I'm getting pretty good at acting the tour guide so ya'll keep coming down.

Our next photo is of Jim & Maria Ped-



1964—Pedersons on the town in London.

Nigeria and Angola, whilst Maria continues running her graphic design company and attending to clients such as BP. Jim, I hope that Tucker Dooley doesn't find out that you all work for "big oil" cause if he does you are in big trouble. Those of you who follow the Class Forum will know what I mean.

Roy & Darla Buckner were in Europe recently and took time out from playing touristas to run in a 10K in Prague. Here we have the proud couple showing off their medals. Roy looks too old to be doing this sort of thing!

Howie Bachman has put together a golf outing for around 19 October in the Williamsburg area. There are enough folks in



1964—Proud in Prague.

Williamsburg to make a good party, but others have already signed up. The Conways who traveled from Phoenix for the mini have already committed to return for this gathering!

In closing, it is once again my sad duty to close with the notification of the death of a classmate. James Warren Normyle passed away at home with his family in Plantation, FL, on 18 April. Funeral services and burial were at West Point in July. Warren's widow Sharon can be contacted at 475 NW 68th Ave., Plantation, FL 33317.

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Subscribers:

Greetings once again from Chicago! Hope

all is well at your end of the Long Gray Line!

First, if you haven't yet signed up/indicated your interest for the Mini Reunion next June (4-8 June 08), please let **Skip O'Donnell** know at your earliest convenience. These things take a lot of advance planning and early indications of attendance will make Skip's life that much easier. They have secured a great hotel with fantastic rates, so why not take your honey out for a fun long weekend?

Secondly, we inquired in June if there was a need for a chat-room or the like for some of the excessive "chatter" that certain subjects create (e.g. anything to do with Muslims, etc.). There was not much response, so the Class Officers would ask that we keep all of this type of chatter on the WP.Org net so that we can keep the AOG net open for other notifications which require action and your immediate attention. Please also remember that excessive use of the "Reply All" button also causes a lot of excessive traffic for us all, and often results in people just deleting e-mail that we need them to read. Thanks for your consideration and continued cooperation in this matter!

If you haven't done it yet, and you have a great Army-Navy story, one of the Sunday newspaper magazines is looking for stories for their 25 November issue. Just e-mail it to: <usaw@usaweekend.com> with "Army-Navy" in the subject line. **Ross Wollen** has sent in the story about our telegram from Ike.

**News from the home front.** The Supe has announced a committee to "conduct a thorough review of Army football" to be led by Tom Swartz '67 and will include our own **Rollie Stichweh**. Should be interesting, to say the least. Our own **Jerry Madden** received some recent kudos for his work with the Texas legislature, especially with the Texas Youth Commission. Two local newspapers named him to their Best Legislator's lists. Our president wrote all of us in June on the state of the class. Included in that missive was a mention of one individual who was claiming to be a classmate, which he was not. After some early histrionics, I am delighted to state that the situation was handled very smoothly by our man on the scene, **Rick Bunn**. Thanks, Rick!

Please keep **Don Kurtz** (and his loving and great caregiver Roz Ruby) in your prayers—he is not doing well at all. One year, almost to the day, after we lost **Bob Thompson**, his beloved **Jeanne** also passed away. Her Pittman, NJ, services were attended by **Betsy Reed**, **Sherry Ray** plus the **Jay Stewarts**, and **Jose Sanchez**, near the local high school where she met her "OAO!" Donations can be made in her name to

the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Pitman. Also on our 42d anniversary, the **Ledzinkis**, **Ralph Adamses**, **Swenssons**, and **MacVicars** gathered in California to celebrate. Swensson also reported that **Marty Johnson** has moved to Bozeman, MT, with his **Vickie**.

**Bob Bradley** had lunch with **Mike Berdy's** brother, **Andy**, who wishes S&D well. **Tad Ono** was spotted in the Tuscany, Italy, area with a jug of wine in one hand and a loaf of bread in the other. "Photos?" asks the scribe. We need photos!

**Harry Dermody** has been nominated (and hopefully elected by the time you receive this) as an AOG Advisory Council member. Hope that you voted "early and often" as we say here in Chicago! Another great Class Golf Outing was hosted by **Bob Radcliffe**, who now makes Ocean Isle, NC, his home. Forty attended the three-day blowout, with **Barrie Zais** acting as Tourney Director and **Bob Selkis** as CinC of Nightly Poker. **Dan & Susan Christman** joined the group for cocktails one night, **Daved Hurley** brought "Ric was Right" hats for all. All in all, a great time was had by all. **Bo Forrest** reports that the next outing is at Pinehurst in October. Contact Radcliffe if interested. [Editor's Note: Guys, we REALLY need an official photographer for the next one!]

**Jon Thompson's** search for Emilia continues, having searched 1,200 sq. miles of ocean bottom at 1,800 feet, but only 400 square miles to go. "Quite an adventure for an Old Fart!" says he! Stay tuned! We have several folks living in/around Annapolis. **Jack Coletty** is there, after working for Harris Corp., as well as Northrop, Honeywell and Allied Signal. He will be working on the Army-Navy tailgate this year. I think **Frank Hennessee** is also in that area, serving as an usher at one of the churches on base. I received news from Kwajalein that the **Picklers** headed home in July to their real home in Lebanon, TN, at least until John's next assignment with Bechtel?

Out of the cyber sky in late June comes a totally unexpected missive from **Tony Pryz**, who observed that I had seen more of his brother (who lives here) than I had heard from Tony in the last 42 years—right on that one! Tony served in the USAF Engineering and Services Group for 25 years, after which he joined Parsons. He & **Marianne** have two sons, six grandchildren, no holes-in-one, a really bad hip—so what else is new? Great to hear from you, old buddy. Keep it up and get involved with the class.

It has been too long.

Another long-overdue missive, this one (with photos, yes sir!) from **Joe Barkley**, reports that he is still with the AIG fellows in Newtown, PA. He & **Diane** spent time with their offspring at the beach recently, while Joe recovers from knee replacement surgery in February. Unfortunately Joe, since you were not in the photo with the kids and grandkids, I can't print it. It should be clear from the number of photos in this column that your Scribe REALLY NEEDS PHOTOS!



1965—Joe & Diane Barkley.

**Tim Vogel's** last services at West Point were well attended by about 35-40 classmates. Lots

and lots of great messages (which I sent out in several e-mail blasts at the time) were sent in on Timmy and what he meant to all of us. He will be missed!

## 1966

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**Subscribers:**

**Doug & Karen Sims** along with **Dave, Bobbi**, and **Kelly Eichenberger** attended D.A. Sims's '91 promotion to lieutenant colonel at McDill AFB recently. D.A. told the assembled group, "Mr. Eichenberger is an icon at HQSOCOM!" Dave sees **Welch Agnew** regularly and announced their golf scores are getting lower and lower. "Karen & I spent five days in New Jersey visiting her folks and a couple of days at Seaside Park, three days of SCUBA diving at West Palm Beach, and five days in Tampa. Now back in Heidelberg waiting for visits from Karen's parents and my sister and family."

**Jim Doyle** sent an update on the class support for 3d Ranger Battalion Memorial service on 22 May 07. More than 53 classmates participated, giving almost \$8,000. The battalion leadership expressed their grateful appreciation for our class's outstanding support.

**George** (of the jungle) **Utter** reported, "Back here in the sand-pit, again...this time with the 3 ID, SW of Baghdad, involved with the surge. By time of publication in the ASSEMBLY, results of this effort will probably be made public. Will be here until Au-