

Joe Sipos later went to visit them and presented them each with a rose that were given to each of the families during the ceremony at the wall. Joe, you are a good man! Thank you! Bill's wife, **Bev Jones**, is remarried and lives in Arizona. Duane was not able to contact her. **Ray Klopotek** reported that **Linda Walker**, **Ralph Walker's** wife, and their two daughters, **Christine** and **Mary**, could not attend but said she would be with us in mind and spirit. Daughter, **Christine Polli**, wrote a letter to the "Gentlemen of the Class of '63" that was a moving tribute to her father. **Marty Ischinger** read that beautiful letter at ANCC after the ceremony.



1963—Mike Boyle with Margaret Uglow, Mike Soth's significant other.

up on a windowsill until these two behemoths were done, and the furniture was all over the room. As I remember, no one got a point that night. This game has continued over the years long after graduation, but I think George is the only one trying to rack up points. Some of George's more notable takedowns were **Jim Sarn** at Dulles airport, **Joe Blackgrove** outside a restaurant in New Jersey, **Sandy White** at a restaurant in Maui, and the king of all takedowns, Commandant of Cadets, **BG Bob Foley** while standing in central area talking to some of his staff! I can only imagine what ensued there after a madman grabbed Foley from behind and took him to the ground! I say maybe retired, because George still has one target out there, **Bruce Heim**! The last time he saw him, Bruce was on crutches, so he got a "bye." I think we all vote for retirement now! Congratulations, George!

I recently spoke with **Ed Carns** who lives just out side of Lawton, OK. He & his wife are doing very well. Ed is the physician inside a state prison (he is allowed to go home at night). Ed said that is a rewarding and very necessary job. E-mail Ed at <ehjc2003@yahoo.com> and get him to attend that 45th reunion!

Until next time!

## 1964

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**Geoff Louis** sent along a couple of photos to let us know there is still class activity in the New York area. The first was taken at a little get together at Lake George in September. The second with everyone looking very spoozy was on the occasion of the

Army Sports Hall of Fame dinner. Those celebrating were our honorary class mate, **Ron Salvatore**, **Geoff & Patt Louis**, **Dick & Marie Nowak**, **Seth & Joy Hudgins**, **Gary LaVoy**, **Norm & Janine Anderson**, and **Dan & Cynthia Evans**.

We have yet two more novelists in the class (I don't know where they find the time). **Jack Grubbs** has just published a murder mystery entitled *Bad Intentions* and



1964—USNA Recon Mission.

is busily marketing it. **Geoff & Patt Louis** caught up with him at a signing at the Cadet Book Store. You can get a signed copy at <www.GrubbsBooks.com> or a generic copy at Amazon, Barnes & Noble or other major book outlet. Jack says that he enjoyed writing the first one so much that he is already well into his second.

**Dick Puckett** has written a tongue-in-cheek novel about CIA, the FBI, and terrorists entitled *Connecting the Dots*. The novel intertwines out-of-work KGB agents with Islamic terrorists who use appeals to the Russian Mafia, "honey traps," ultralight aircraft, and tunnels to penetrate the Washington beltway. Countering this effort are a beautiful CIA agent, a smart young CIA intern, a University of Miami football jock, a secret weapon, and a hedonistic terrorist who is recruited along the way. *Connecting the Dots* is available on Amazon.com.

The last week in November saw yet another golf gathering that turned into a mini reunion of sorts. Thirteen classmates gathered at Mesquite, NV, to play golf, re-



1964—Grubbs and fans.



1963—Peg & Tom Carney with daughter Jodie Shelnutt and grandkids Allie and Lizzie.

**Bill George** also reported that he and **Bill Sipos** were roommates plebe year, and he had the privilege of escorting the family. Both Bill's brothers came: older brother **Bob & wife Doris**; brother **Joe & wife Edie** and Bill's daughter **Michele Grubb & husband Chris**. Michele was less than one year old when Bill was shot down in Vietnam. It was a great event for the Sipos family.

There were many others who attended as well. **Marty Ischinger** is preparing an after-action report, which will cover the event in more detail.

I received a letter from **George Pappas**.



1963—Bob Farris and Bob Foley at the laying of the '63 wreath.



1964—Sports Hall of Fame Dinner.

new old friendships, and just have fun. The event was planned and hosted by **Bill Murphy** and who, according to reports did a masterful job. Some of those in attendance had not been to any prior class functions and said that they wish they had not waited so long. Plans to do another “West Coast Bash” are already underway. Attendees were: **Larry Bryan, Ian & Hellen Carter, Tom & Dale Curren, Al & Joanne Russo, Jerry & Barbara Werner, Rich Davis, Harvey Frazer, Fred Hinshaw, Lou Jerge, Frank Lambert, and Stan McLaughlin.** Jerry Werner organized the golf events which were played on three different courses and from what I could determine practically everyone won something. Details can be found at the class golf website.

Our next photo is of what I am informed is a recon/intel and interdiction mission (including the unauthorized use of the Ward Book) at Canoe U. by Class of '64 Co. G-2, cow year roommates **Al Caporaso, Tony Janairo, and Roy Jones** approved and directed by **Dick Knight** which took place on 9 Dec 08. Apparently this is going to happen again as it was indicated that the rally point for this mission and site of the staging area for the spring mission was Maria's Restaurant, Annapolis, MD.

All are reminded that the 2008 gathering of the Golfing Grads of USMA takes place at the end of April, this year in Alabama. Anyone interested in participating get in touch with me.

## 1965

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Greetings once again from Chicago! Hope all is well at your end of the Long Gray Line! Sad news to report. As many of you know,

we lost **Don Kurtz** after a long and valiant battle with Alzheimer's. We had good attendance at the memorial services, first in Philly and then at the Academy, where more than 20 classmates and their spouses participated. **Ric** eulogized his old roomie with these most appropriate words: “**Don Kurtz** was a good man. He marched to his own drum, and we loved and envied him for it.” **Joe De Francisco** also lauded Don when he noted that he wanted young 2LT Kurtz as his Ranger “buddie,” because he knew that Don would “find a way to make it through (Ranger School).” Both eulogies can be found at our class site <aogusma.org/class/1965>. This Scribe's lasting thought of my good friend and classmate from Pennsylvania is as dynamic and clear now as it was at our 40th that evening of the class party at the Thayer Hotel—Donnie dancing merrily and obviously with any and all females within his orbit. Rest well, dear classmate! And to his beloved **Roz**—you have shown us all how love, caring, and compassion can make one's last days on this earth as meaningful as possible under any circumstances!

We also need your thoughts and prayers, S&D, for our former president **Dave Kuhn**, who was diagnosed late last year with amyloidosis, a rare disease which deposits an abnormal protein on tissues and organs, sometimes with devastating results. At the time of this writing, Dave was looking at various forms of treatments. Cards and e-mails to **Dave & Rosie** are most welcome.



1965—Kuhn et. al.

**Jim McEliece** sent the photo of our former president with his child-bride **Rosie** surrounded by **Jim & Julie, Jack & Vicky Blau, and Steve Bliss** (standing on right) around A–N time last year (note the golf cart bumper). Standing on the left is **Tom Casey '63**, who is still living but for the grace of God, according to McEliece, who, along with roomies **Frank O'Leary and Tom Ridenhour**, had a tough year thanks to Casey's excessive zeal for the Plebe System in the Lost 50s, way back when!

**Jack Cooley** is back from Mayo and doing well. It takes some time to determine whether his transplant was successful, so let's all say a few prayers on his behalf. Last year, in a note late to the class, he observed that he had “many friends in the class” that he didn't know he had. As he also noted, the many cards, flowers, e-mail, books, CDs, etc. helped keep his mind off what was happening to his body at Mayo and afterward.



1965—Ralph Adams.

Our thanks also to his lovely caregiver/daughter **Christina**, who spent most of the time at Mayo with him.

Many of you have contacted **Bob Huffhines**, who is struggling and really enjoys hearing from all of his friends at S&D. He lives in a retirement home n Castle Rock, WA, and spends his time working with local church groups, developing his music for guitar and piano. **George Ruggles** is our “point” on this contact. Bob joined the USAF after graduation and went immediately to Harvard Law School, where he graduated in 1968. He left the AF in 1974 and stayed in the Boston area, where he published his first album of original songs in 1979. A year later, he moved back to his home town of Longview, WA, and started a small law firm across the river in Kelso, representing indigents for the city from 1980 until 2003. He reports that he became a Christian in 2000.

**Terry Ryan** came up with a neat idea for the next