

considering a move to Colorado for Shell to sort out some of their other needs.

'63 won the golfing grads again this year, because of the sterling performances turned in by too many folks to mention. Most agree that the Capitol Hill location of the Robert Trent Jones Trail was one of the best venues we have visited. The courses were great and the staff was amazingly supportive and friendly. We plan to return there next year. A highlight of this year's event was the presentation of a new set of clubs and bag to **Dan Willson** whose has been the driving force behind golfing grads for 20 years. Dan, your hard work is much appreciated by all of us!

Mike Summers had a terrific retirement party. **Dee & I** were there along with seven other classmates and wives which included **Heidi & Kay Heiden, Dean & Brenda Dowling, Doug & Jean Hartman, Gary & Pat Coe, Dewey & Joanie Lafond, Mike Vopatek** and **Tommye Leenhouts**. Mike's Pratt-Whitney office turned out in force, and their stories were priceless. For a retirement present, Mike & Marcia's kids gave them a three-day stay at the lodge in Pebble Beach with golf rounds at Pebble, Spyglass, and Spanish Bay. Now those are good kids!

I wanted to quickly mention the West Point Alumni golf tournament at Andrews AFB this year. We had ten classmates there.



1963—Buzz Rolfe, Dan Struble, Herb Ellis, and Dick James at Golfing Grads.

It's a great tournament because it raises significant money for West Point activities. Here's the fun part. This year each foursome had ten feet of string to use so you didn't have to count short putts, each player had two mulligans, and two underhand throws. It is like playing poker with two's, four's, six's, ten's and one-eyed jacks wild. It took a 46 to win!

Jack Davis sent around a website showing what **Clint Seward** has been doing for the past ten years. I read the article, and the most appropriate thing to say is wow! Clint is CEO of Electron Power Systems, Inc., and has made a significant breakthrough in the world of plasma physics. This translates to a much cheaper alternate energy source for cars, homes, and the military—and not too far off. MIT has confirmed the discov-

ery, and has a co-patent with Clint. Read the article. It's awesome!

I received a note from **Don Murff**. He said that "G-2 turned out in force on 10 May to bid farewell to our company mate Brad and to celebrate his life." Eleven company mates attended, along with four members of the Class of '53 who were close friends. Don went on to say that it was a moving service held outside in **Brad & Gale's** beautiful backyard. Family and friends celebrated with music



1963—Mike Summers in his retired gear.

and testimonials about Brad's wonderful friendship and many contributions to the community. Don went on to say "Gale's friends and neighbors prepared a picnic lunch which we all enjoyed as we recounted many stories about Brad. He was a remarkable person and we will miss him greatly."

We also lost **Jim Cornfoot**. Jim and I were in C-1 together at West Point. He was only recently diagnosed with cancer, and it took him quickly. I remember Jim as a very bright person and tenacious as they come. **Harvey Orndorf** tells the best story. He said that during Airborne School, Jim broke his leg on the fourth jump. He went and got a cast put on it, and then made his fifth jump. He was not about to lose out on jump wings for something as silly as a broken leg. Jim had a distinguished career as an aviator in the Army, and then began a second career as owner of Management Recruiters of San Antonio for more than 30 years. The class extends it sympathy to **Rebecca** and family. We'll miss Jim!

By the time you read this, there will only be a few days left until the 45th reunion. Everybody attending should be registered on the special website that **Jerry Pogorzelski** has set up. Everyone should have been notified of the website, but if you are not registered please give Jerry a call at 407 694-9304. This is the second reunion that **Jerry & Bonnie** have taken charge. It is an awesome undertaking. The class thanks you both! I look forward to seeing all of you at the reunion!

Until next time!

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As I anticipated in my last column the news is very sparse and inasmuch as I didn't go anywhere in the last two months and nobody came to visit Saint Augustine I can't pump this one up with any personal experiences. To while away the time, I have been going through the *West Point Song Book* trying to come up with gender neutral words for those songs the Supe hasn't focused on yet. If this continues you may start seeing excerpts from the *Journal of New Cadet Jacunski* once again. Be forewarned!



1964—Leavenworth Founders Day.

The photo here is from the Founders Day gathering at Ft. Leavenworth, KS, attended by **Joe Bob Lake** and guest and **Jim & Marilyn Pittman**. As you might deduce from their attire informality reigned at this event. Another sign that the Corps has!

Jim Stapleton, who is temporarily working in Northern Virginia, was a first time attendee at the annual picnic that **Jim & Marylee Adams** throw for the DC area crowd. Jim's take on the event: "Excellent in every detail! Now that I am a veteran of both the DC A-N game gathering and the picnic, I can accurately proclaim them both as class highlights. So much better than our WP reunions in format—you can actually visit and spend quality time with everyone. All we missed is the other 400 classmates



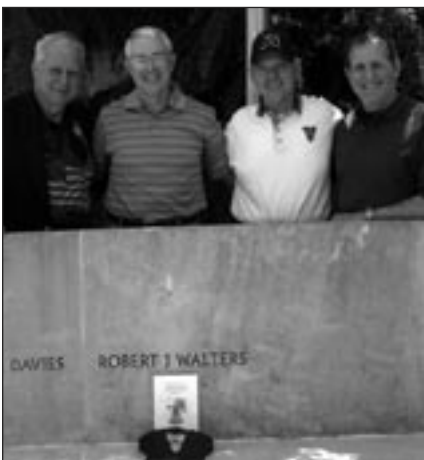
1964—Adams picnic.



1964—Price and Togashi at Adams.

and wives and the trip to the cemetery.” We have yet another author in the class. **Tom Anthony**, who has spent a considerable amount of time in the Philippines during the last few years has written a novel set in the background of the insurgency there entitled *Rebels of Mindanao*. Tom was recently interviewed on television regarding the book and that interview can be viewed at <www.la18.tv/Video.aspx?vid=c845d5ec-6301-43f1-aff8-7414f861247e>.

A last minute appeal to **Dan Evans** produced some poop about goings on with class business and DC area activities. First off, our reunion dates are locked in from 10–13 Sep 09. By the next ASSEMBLY publication date all should have received a formal letter announcing the reunion dates with a reply postcard. The postcard will be used to confirm mailing addresses and e-mail addresses. We also need folks to indicate if they cannot use e-mail for further announcements and if they require the use of U.S. mail. We intend to use e-mail and our class website to the maximum extent possible. We have reserved most of the rooms at the Thayer and Holiday Inn for the reunion. As a result of the telephone issues we had five years ago, we will (in an upcoming letter/e-mail) announce a fairer system for 2009. Do not call the Thayer or Holiday Inn. Wait for our upcoming instructions (this info should be



1964—Bob Walters memorial.

in your hands by the time you are reading this). Many folks are planning to arrive at West Point as early as 7 September (Labor Day). The golfers are planning at least three outings and others are looking at local tours and visits. So come early and see the sights of West Point and the mid-Hudson. There is a football game against Duke scheduled for 12 September.

while a POW in Vietnam from 1963–65. He was executed by the Viet Cong in September 1965. Photo is included—**Evans, Carver, Johnson, and Weisel**.



1964—Ray Jones farewell.



1964—Michelas and Rezek at Adams.

It is once again my sad duty to close with a report the death of a classmate. **Ray Jones** passed away on 21 June after a long battle with cancer. The funeral service took place on 25 June, at the Chapel at Loyola College (where Ray was a Professor and Chair of the Department of Management and International Business) in Baltimore. Burial will be at West Point later this year. Ray’s wife, **Bobbie** can be reached at, 305 Kerneway, Baltimore, MD 21212-4714. A number of classmates were able to attend the funeral. The photo shows **Cecchine, DesJardins, Nichols, Bernie Maguire** (class president Navy 1964), **Bobbie Jones,**

Evans, Caporaso, Adams, and Roy Jones. The two folks in the background are other Navy friends. A few days before his death Ray was visited by **Roy Jones** who passed on the best wishes of the class and spent time discussing cadet days. Roy reported it a very moving and fulfilling experience. We have a lot of folks on the sick list these days folks so let’s reach out to these classmates.

On Memorial Day, a number of the class attended a dedication honoring our deceased classmate **Bob Walters** at the Rocky Versace Memorial Plaza in Alexandria, VA. Bob’s name, along with the other Vietnam KIAs from Alexandria, was engraved on a bench in the plaza. Dan had the honor of reading his name in the ceremony. For those of you who do not know, Rocky Versace ’59, from Alexandria, was awarded the medal of honor for his bravery and actions

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Greetings once again from Chicago! Hope all is well at your end of the Long Gray Line! Lots to report this time around so let’s start with the 2nd Mini in Las Vegas. By all reports, **Skip O’Donnell** and his C/S Marilyn did a great job organizing this event. Here is his edited report.

The entourage arrived at the Orleans Hotel & Casino on a rare stormy Wednesday afternoon to begin the four-day mini with more than 100 classmates, spouses, and friends.

The three scheduled events—Wednesday night Benny Havens, Thursday morning breakfast and Saturday night class din-



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