



# the pooper scooper

the latest scoop on the hottest poop for the West Point Class of 1967 . . . Unsurpassed!

## JOHN BORETTI SELECTED FOR THE ARMY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

OK, let's start out with some cool High Roller Roll Call honors: Move over **Joe Casey**, you've got classmate company in the Army Sports Hall of Fame. It was announced today that our own **John Boretti** will be in this year's class of inductees to the Hall. John was a three sport standout athlete, in soccer, baseball and hockey. The induction ceremony will be in conjunction with the Army – Akron football game the weekend of 19-20 September. Everybody mark your calendar; it's a great excuse to come to West Point for a party, and I'm sure John will be happy to buy several tables so we can all attend. Here's what it says on the Army Sports website ([www.goarmysports.com](http://www.goarmysports.com)): "Boretti, a three-sport standout in baseball, soccer and hockey, won the AAA Trophy during

his senior season in 1967. He is a nine-time letter winner who scored 24 goals and six assists during his final two soccer seasons. He was a two-time first team All-Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League choice as an outfielder and competed as a defenseman for 75 games on the ice where he netted seven goals and 20 assists."

Joe Casey was inducted into the Hall in 2005. Way to go John, pop up your scrawny little chest.

► John Boretti receives the AAA Award as Outstanding Athlete



▲ John Boretti, baseball star!



▲ John Boretti in action on the soccer field

# JUSTIN SPRING MAKES THE US OLYMPICS TEAM

Since we're recognizing athletic excellence among our Class Family, here's another great High Roller Roll Call honoree: **Justin Spring**, son of **Woody "Boing, Boing, Boing I am Mister" Spring** and **Debbie Spring**, has made the US Olympic gymnastics team, and he did it on live national TV during the Olympic trials on 22 June. Here's a neat article about Justin that appeared in the 23 June issue of the Santa Barbara, CA, newspaper. There was also a great article in the front page of the sports section of the 9 July *USA Today*.

## The Athlete and the Astronaut; A son's lofty Olympic goal, a father's pride.

By Phil Sheridan, Inquirer Sports Columnist

It's no wonder **Justin Spring's** best gymnastics event is the high bar. When your father is an astronaut, you grow up with the bar set extremely high.

"My father did two tours in Vietnam," Spring said yesterday afternoon. "He was a test pilot. He was an astronaut. He walked in space. When I would tell people about my father, they'd be like, What else can you make up about him?"

But **Sherwood "Woody" Spring** is real enough. He flew on the space shuttle Atlantis in 1985 and did two space walks, totaling nearly 12 hours outside the shuttle. It is no exaggeration to say he is a classic American archetype. *The Astronaut*.

And yet Woody Spring might not be any prouder of his own accomplishments than he became yesterday afternoon in the hallway of a Center City hotel. That's when Justin Spring, 24, defied long odds to become another kind of archetype. *The Olympian*.

"It's just different prides," said Woody Spring, tapping his chest as he sat in a Wachovia Center suite last night. "I'm not in the news anymore. I've had my turn. Now it's his turn."

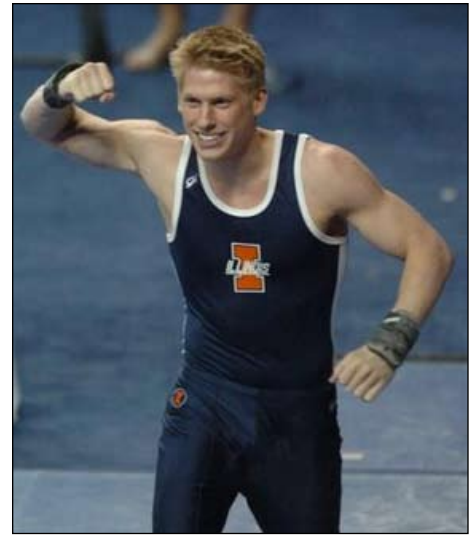
"He doesn't say much," Justin Spring said. "My mother had to tell me how closely he has been following my career and how excited he is about it. That means so much, to know that my dad, someone I've always idolized, is proud of me."

With that, the newly minted member of the U.S. men's Olympic gymnastics team wiped away the tears that had sprung from his eyes. It was a day for raw emotions. Spring came to Philadelphia for the gymnastics trials less than two weeks after a late-night visit to the emergency room for back pain that shot down his left leg. He'd been told by USA Gymnastics insiders that he was "not in the mix" for a spot on the six-man team. "I had no chance," Spring said.

Free from the pressure of expectations, though, he delivered two days' worth of impossible-to-ignore performances. When he left the arena Saturday night, he knew he'd at least given himself a chance.

Spring hopes eternal?

"My dad actually pointed out that it was a



▲ Justin Spring celebrating a good performance

full moon," Spring said. "When he went into space, he actually launched on a full moon. He told me the stars were aligned and this was going to happen." And so it did, making Spring perhaps the most compelling surprise to emerge from the four days of brilliance and heartbreak, soaring highs and sudden falls, at this quadrennial passion play.

Spring's parents were collegiate gymnasts, Woody at West Point and Debbie at Arizona. And you don't fly jets and ride rockets without a certain amount of daring. So it's no surprise that Justin has been something of a daredevil since he was a toddler. Woody recalled when Justin, no more than 3 or 4 at the time, wanted to join some older friends and family in jumping off a boathouse roof into the water.

"Debbie said no," Woody Spring said. "I said, well, wait a sec. Why don't we reserve 'no' for sticking his hand under the lawn mower?" Justin jumped. He hasn't stopped. "He's always been a risk taker," Woody said. "I wouldn't say we encouraged it, but we allowed it."

Justin's gymnastics style is an extension of his personality. He pushes the envelope with high-risk, high-reward routines on rings and high bar. The price he has paid includes six surgeries, among them a reconstruction of the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee last year.

"I hear all the time that I don't train smart," Justin Spring said. "But I train the way my body allows me to train."



▲ Justin Spring, 2008 US Olympian, competing on the high bar



Two weeks before the trials, the two bulging disks in his lower back acted up. He went to the ER and had an MRI. "The ER doctor freaked me out," Spring said. "She said I needed emergency surgery, but she didn't know my history. She said there's no way she could see me doing gymnastics in two weeks. I said, 'How about 10 days?'"

Spring said he was almost relieved by the new injury. It meant he could shift his focus toward the 2012 Olympics. The pressure was off. But his back felt mysteriously better the next day. He came to Philadelphia and

surprised everyone, including the selection committee and maybe himself, with his winning performances.

Now he's going to Beijing. The downside? Spring had hoped to follow his father and sister Sarah (Army second lieutenant now at Georgetown's medical school) in the service. But his gymnastics career, which could take him through 2012, could leave him too old and too beat up.

"They might not take him," Woody Spring said. "But you have to choose. He's definitely hurting his bod. He'll probably have arthritis

in his back and his shoulders. The question becomes whether the pain you'll have at 60 is worth it. Going to the Olympics probably makes the answer yes." There are different ways to represent your country. The Springs seem to have them covered.

Way to go Justin! I'm sure Woody will be more than happy to provide Olympic gymnastics tickets, along with air fare and hotel reservations, for classmates and wives who want to travel to Beijing to cheer Justin and the US Team on to gold medals.

## CLASS SON KILLED IN ACTION IN IRAQ



▲ Spec4 Bill McMillan

It grieves me to report that **Bill McMillan**, combat medic and youngest son of **Lloyd (Mac) & Marge McMillan**, was KIA in Iraq on 8 July when his Stryker vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb. Here is an excerpt from the Lexington, KY newspaper announcing Bill's death and paying tribute to him:

"Spec. William McMillan III was destined for the military, like his father, and loved working in the medical field, like his mother. McMillan died in Iraq Tuesday, said his family, who lives in Lexington. An Army medic based at Abu Ghraib, Iraq, he was traveling with his outfit (1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regt, 25<sup>th</sup> Inf Div) when his vehicle hit a homemade bomb, injuring five and fatally wounding McMillan.

McMillan, 22, was seven months into his first tour in Iraq, his family said. He had received the Bronze Star, his mother said, the fourth-highest combat award in the service, which is unusual for his position. His mother said McMillan seemed almost genetically inclined for his position in the Army. 'It's almost like this is what he was born to do, you know? It was definitely in his blood.' McMillan's father, William Lloyd McMillan Jr., studied at the Kentucky Military Institute and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., before serving in Vietnam, and his mother is a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington. 'He was always the star athlete,' Marge McMillan said.

McMillan attended high school at Hargrave Military Academy in Virginia, where as a senior he was captain of the wrestling, lacrosse and football teams, winning the school's Athlete of the Year Award. He loved the water and in his free time enjoyed wakeboarding and boating on Lake Cumberland with his family, Marge McMillan said.

He attended Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va., for a year before deciding to go straight into the Army.

After being stationed for a year in Hawaii, McMillan was deployed to Iraq as a combat medic. His family says he never complained about being sent to combat and believed strongly in the cause he was fighting for. He hoped to become either a nurse or physician's assistant when his tour ended later this year. 'He brought laughter and light into any room he entered from the day he was born,' said his mother. McMillan kept in close contact with his family during his time in Iraq, and his mother said they talked to him on the phone at least two times a week.

'There always seemed to be a crowd of people around him,' she said. 'He told us people would just come to see him in the barracks, because he was such a hilarious guy.'

McMillan was not just a wonderful and loving husband, brother and son, his wife, Elizabeth said, but a hero and friend to everyone who knew him. 'I want everyone to know that he always wanted to help people, and that he was and still is a hero,' she said."

# In Memoriam

## BE THOU AT PEACE

### ✧ BOB MILLER ✧

Tragically, we have lost another classmate and a class son since the last issue of the *Pooper Scooper*.

**Robert Howard Miller, Jr.**, passed away in the early morning hours of 11 June 2008, with his wife **Lila** at his side. **Tom Parr** was with them only a couple of hours earlier, when Bob called her name. That was his last conscious moment, and the best tribute to the woman who has loved him and cared for him so well. As many of you know, this was Bob's third battle with cancer over the past ten years, all of it caused by exposure to agent orange in Vietnam. Bob put up a terrific fight, and never, ever lost his sense of humor or his clear focus on life. He will be sorely missed. He and Lila were married just prior to our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion; the reunion was their honeymoon. Please keep Bob and Lila in your thoughts and prayers.

A memorial service for Bob was held in Katy, TX on the afternoon of June 23. Here's a report from **Tom Parr**: "**Bob Frank '70** helped tremendously, both before and after Bob's death. He coordinated a chorale group from the West Point Society of Greater Houston to sing the Alma Mater and Mansions of the Lord. A lot of Grads from the Class of '58 forward were in attendance. **Steve Sears**, Bob's and **Tom Parr's** "Other Roommate" Cow year and the last week of Firstie year (long story about Operations Crossroad, a mountain in Africa, a fall off of a cliff that would have killed a human, and 9 months in bed, in traction, in the hospital...) from Spokane, WA. **Rich Adams**, who also roomed with Bob, came in from Colorado, and **Rob & Judy Herb** were able to postpone their trip back to Cheyenne, WY, to join us. **David Ellis**, ex-'67, and an alum of the CIA (as was Bob), was present, as well as **Randy Pais**, **Bob LaRaia**, **Al Nahas**, and **Jerry Walker**. Bob's daughters and mother came in from Florida, where Bob's ashes will be interred next to his grandparents and father.

► Bob & Lila Miller, Sept '07

His brother was able to be with Bob before his death, but he could not make it from New York to attend the services.

Our B-3 Tac, **COL Bob Hull '56**, was not able to attend, but sent a message that he remembered Bob as '...a highly intelligent and decent man who contributed to his world and society.'

Our class provided a nice arrangement of flowers, and we had the Corps flag present. His pastor resided over a wonderful service, and **Sears** and I did our best to paint a picture of our buddy Bob during the eulogy for those who did not know him well in life. **Rich Adams** recited his poem, *In Their Eyes*. There were very few dry eyes in the church as he spoke the last lines.

Lila has asked me to please express hers and Bob's gratitude to all of those who sent letters, cards, and e-mails, and to the class prayer group. The support of the Unsurpassed Class meant a lot to them, and Lila will carry the warmth shared by our class in her heart forever. Being able to attend the reunion just after their wedding was



the highlight of their short time together, and Lila knows she is now a member of a very special group of people."

Please keep Bob's family in your thoughts and prayers.



# In Memoriam

## BE THOU AT PEACE

### ✧ BILL McMILLAN ✧

**William Lloyd McMillan III**, son of **“Mac” & Marge McMillan**, was killed in action in Iraq on 8 July when his Stryker vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb. (see story on page 3)

Here are some more details provided by Mac: “Bill had been awarded the Bronze Star in April of this year by Major General Jeffery W. Hammond, Commander Multi-National Division-Baghdad and 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division for preventing the placement of a roadside bomb and repelling two attacks in which 13 insurgents were killed. This award, he was told, momentarily made him the most highly decorated medic in his Brigade. The prevention of the placement prevented the type of incident that was to later take his life and seriously injury five of those fellow soldiers others who fought so valiantly alongside Bill that very early morning in April.

Bill was interred with full military honors on 19 July 2008 at Camp Nelson National cemetery. A number of classmates attended his funeral; I’m told that **Bob Murrell, Don Wolfe, Mike McBride, Jim Balkcom, Vic Pangle, Karl Jacobs, Ray Jones and Don Nelson** were there. Here’s a great report from **Ray Jones**:

Corporal Bill McMillan touched a lot of folks in his short 22 years.

Pulling into the parking lot of Kerr Funeral home Friday afternoon, the first thing I saw was approximately 30 American flags, evenly spaced on 8 foot staffs, being held by veterans posted along the walkway leading to the front door. Visitation was set for 5-8 pm. At 8:10 pm there were still about 25 people in line to get in.

The people that work w/Marge set up a dinner at a local hotel afterwards. All the eight man tables were full before 9pm. The hotel set up extra tables in the hall to take care of the over flow.

The church service Saturday was a two hour celebration of Bill’s life. Those who spoke were an Army Chaplain, local pastor, a Major General, Bill’s brother Brad, sister Lauren, wife Elizabeth, Mac, football coach, wrestling coach and a friend

the testimony of those who spoke, it is obvious that Bill was a special husband, son, brother, friend and soldier.

After the church service I dropped **Balkcom** off at the airport and caught the



▲ Classmates at Bill McMillan’s funeral: Donis Wolfe, Bob Murrell, Karl Jacobs, Mike McBride, Ray Jones, Vic Pangle and Don Nelson

and teammate from Hargrave Military Academy. Phenomenal service!!!!!!

The General read letters from Bill’s Bn commander, Co commander, squad leader and a fellow soldier in Iraq. He also presented Bill’s medals to the family. In the April incident where Bill (a medic) spotted the IED cell attempting to place explosives, he administered aid not only to our troops but to the insurgents after the fight.

His wife Elizabeth began her presentation be saying that “You don’t know what you have until it’s gone” is not true. She knew what she had. And somehow this lady mustered the strength to tell us all exactly what she had in Bill McMillan. From

tail end of the funeral procession which traveled about 20 minutes from the church to the Camp Nelson National Cemetery. There were so many cars in the procession that Hwy 27 (four lane) was completely blocked. Not even the state police and sheriff’s deputies could get it unclogged in time for me to make the grave side service. I ditched my car on a service road, climbed a barbed wire fence and negotiated another fence thru a gate and arrived just in time for the 21 gun salute. The three chopper fly-over was soon to follow. Marge was presented the flag that draped the casket and Mac one that flew over the state capitol.

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I didn't see the motorcycle escort because I was at the back of the pack but from the bikes I met while sitting still on the four lane highway and the bikes that went all the way to the cemetery, I suspect there were 60-80, many of them flying the American flag. Long before we got to Camp Nelson Cemetery, people lined the highway waving their American flags.

Bill's brother Brad is a chef. He prepared a meal for 300 and had the meal set up in Mac's back yard after the funeral service, complete w/tents, china & silverware. Obviously one more talented McMillan.

Observation----The U S Army is doing a much better job of honoring our fallen. Survivor assistance is no longer a person, but a team. Mac seemed to be happy w/ the assistance he and his family received.

Thought----I sincerely hope that one of the other 9 classmates who attended will fill you in on the details as I could never come close to adequately describing this weekend. I can tell you, however, that I am exceedingly proud of a man I never met.

– Ray

Bill's bride, since January 2007, Elizabeth McDonald, is living with Mac and Marge in Lexington, KY. In addition to Elizabeth, Bill is survived by his older brother Brad and his older sister Lauren, as well as his parents Mac & Marge. A memorial for Bill is being set up as the American Spirit Award at Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Virginia, to honor the young man or woman in the senior class who best exhibits those characteristics of Patriotism, Service to School, Class and Country. All honorariums are requested to be directed to the Bill McMillan American Spirit Award, Fifth Third Bank, Account Number, 7380785035, 250 W. Main St, Lexington, KY. 40507 Attn: Rachel Johnson."

Please keep the McMillan family in your thoughts and prayers.

## CLASS BUSINESS ISSUES

### Revised Class Constitution

You may remember that your class officers – ever industrious and vigilant when sober – had a business meeting in Orlando this past February. One of the most important items we addressed at that meeting was the class constitution and the need to bring it up to date (it was last modified about 7 or 8 years ago). We have been reviewing and re-writing it since February. Many of the changes are cosmetic - changing phrases to conform to legal requirements for our tax-free status, etc. But some changes were necessary – for example, changing the size of a quorum for the Executive Board (we now have 9 Class Officers instead of 6). Another key change concerned moving money from our Class Gift Fund. We have always assumed that the Class would vote before any money was committed - but the old constitution didn't say that. This new version does. Anyway, we've finished our revision and now need you to approve it. Please see the detailed letter from **Tom Dyer** on this subject on page 38 of this rag, and the ballot on page 39. MAKE SURE YOU VOTE!



Class of 1967 Makes a  
New Class Gift for the  
USMA Oral History Center

class officers to vote on a proposal to make a new class gift in the amount of \$150,000, using funds already in the class gift account maintained by the AOG, to support the new Oral History Center in the History Department at West Point. I'm happy and proud to announce that, faster than summer lightening, you responded whole heartedly in favor of the motion, and on 1 May we transferred \$150,000 to the Center. This money is to be used to support the Class of 1967 Oral History Project, which is one of the capstone events being undertaken by

the Center. The fact that this gift came so closely on the heels of our \$4 million class gift last September was remarkable enough to warrant being prominently mentioned on the home page of the AOG web site ([www.westpointaog.org](http://www.westpointaog.org)) as well as in the "Bulletin Board" section of the July/August *Assembly*. Also in that issue of *Assembly* is a two page article about the Center and its official "launch" event on 13 May here at West Point. Since I wrote that article you can be assured that mention of our class gift was made. Here's the announcement that



▲ Freed Lowrey, Ace Clark, Dr. Patrick Jennings of the COH and Tom Dyer at the Center for Oral History launch party

OK Sports Fans, in the last issue of this literary barf bag you were asked by your

appears on the AOG web page. One word of explanation: we were actually credited with a class gift of \$166,667, because in order to transfer \$150,000 to the center, the AOG fund raising fee, which had already been removed from our class gift account, had to be credited as part of the total gift. If this confuses you, ask **Randy Pais** to explain it to you. Have a pillow handy:

### *"None Will Surpass '67 Class"*

The USMA Class of 1967 recently presented a gift of \$166,667 to the Center for Oral History (COH). The Department of History is establishing the Center for Oral History to record the professional military experiences of USMA graduates and other Army leaders. The resulting interviews will provide a rich historical record that would help educate, train and inspire the Corps of Cadets as well as enrich the study of history relating to the Military Academy and the Army.

This gift comes a mere eight months after the class' last major gift; they presented

two gifts totaling \$4 million to the United States Military Academy and the West Point Association of Graduates at their 40th reunion last fall. \$1.5 million was gifted to the Long Gray Line Endowment and \$2.5 million was given to create an Endowment in Physics. This total gift of \$4 million represents the largest reunion gift to date for any USMA class.

We thank the Class of '67 for their outstanding support for the WPAOG and the Academy. Since graduating, members of the Class have given over \$21.5M in support of West Point!"

### Update on the Status of the Class Gift Account

Since we're on the subject of class gifts and class gift funds, here's an update on the current status of the class gift account, courtesy of **Bob Lenz**. This reflects money in the gift account and pledges still due after the money for the Oral History Center gift was deducted:

"Folks, thanks again to everyone who participated in the campaign that allowed us to give the largest Class Gift in the history of the Academy. And thanks to all of you with open pledges who are earnestly paying down the balance on each of them. Our campaign numbers, as of the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, are:

Total Pledged/Donated:	\$4,154,124.40
Total Paid To Date:	\$3,711,002.42
Remaining Pledges:	\$ 443,121.98

The logical question that many have asked is how we were able give both a \$4M and \$150K gifts when we hadn't actually collected all of the money. The quick answer is that, because of the good faith pledges, we were able to borrow from ourselves (money that was in the Class Gift Fund before we started this campaign) and now we are restoring that fund.

So thanks again. How many times can we say "UNSURPASSED"? Never enough for you guys!!"

## DYER DOODLES, or a message from Tom Dyer, aka the Class Prez

If anyone harbors any doubts about the fact that '67 is a truly remarkable Class family, they need look no further than these pages. The simple fact that Freed can publish a newsletter like this, several times a year, so full of information about outstanding feats of generosity, skill, humanity, compassion, sacrifice, expertise in so many fields, and incredible accomplishments, not just about ourselves but our children as well, should demonstrate to anyone that the West Point Class of 1967 is a very, very special group of people. This is the third *Pooper Scooper* in the last nine months, and they've all been chock-a-block full of stories of achievement and comradeship. West Point is frequently referred to as a National Treasure, and it certainly is. But the real treasure – what makes West Point the gold standard of the world's leader development institutions and stand out from all the rest, is the quality of its product. None of you need me to tell you the role West Point graduates have played in world affairs the past 206 years and the impact they have had. Of the 210 classes that have

graduated since 1802, the Class of 1967 surely ranks among the most remarkable and accomplished of them all. You, my brothers and sisters, are Unsurpassed.

Again, this issue of the *Pooper Scooper* is full of information you need to know, you'll want to know, and some things you'll just enjoy knowing. In the need to know category, please read carefully the article about the proposed changes to the class constitution, and make sure you vote, either by mailing in the ballot at the end of the *Scooper* or by voting on line per the instructions. Your class officers have performed yeoman service in making sure your constitution is as current and relevant as possible.



Also in the need to know category is the current status of the class gift fund, and the report on the vote to make a new class gift for the Oral History Center (once again, you

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rose to the occasion and overwhelmingly approved that gift). As you'll see, we are well positioned to start our next class gift campaign in 2012 for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift.

Unfortunately there is also the report of a classmate's death, and the death of a class son killed in action in Iraq, as well as the troubling news about classmates and family members struggling with serious illness. Please keep all of these members of our family in your thoughts and prayers.

One of the things that makes us such a tight knit family is how much we enjoy having fun together, and as you can see from the reports here, that aspect of our lives just

keeps getting better. We do know how to enjoy ourselves, and I can tell you, based on my many discussions with class leaders from other classes, people notice that and marvel at how close we all are. There are some great events on the horizon – the biennial “Great Adventure” fishing trip, the next ski reunion, the induction of John Boretta into the USMA Sports Hall of fame, and possibly another class cruise.

As with our many social activities, our Surviving Family Members program is a model for everyone else to emulate, and our inclusion of class wives and children in all of our activities, to include having a class widow as a class officer, is envied by many.

Like Rangers, '67 Leads the Way in so many areas.

Please continue to stay in touch with each other and to stay close to the class family. Together we are so much stronger than the sum of our parts; I feel that has always been our hallmark. If there is ever anything you think the class could or should do, or do better, please let me know. It is my great honor and privilege to serve as your President; you are *Unsurpassed*.

God Bless you one and all, and **BEAT NAVY!**

– TOM

## LOWREY'S LAMENTATIONS, or Miscellaneous Gibberish from Freed



flag. Hoist it at tailgate parties, mark your space at Founder's Day events – hell the possible uses are limitless, and think of how green with envy all the poor wretched souls from other classes will be when they see it. Best of all, for your paltry donation of \$67 you'll actually get a \$39 tax deduction! Send your checks in now! Send them to me at WPAOG, 698 Mills Road, West Point, NY 10996. Remember, make checks payable to the Class of 1967 Admin Fund – **NOT** the gift fund. The admin fund is how we pay for things like the *Pooper Scooper* (although I must say my pay checks seem to keep getting lost in the mail), gifts for class kids who graduate, flowers for funerals, etc.

While you're ordering your class flag, you can also order another – or your first – silver class coin. We still have a small inventory of the solid silver w/24k gold plating class coins for those many, many of you who didn't get one when they were first introduced in 1999. They make a great keepsake, present, award, or piece of neck jewelry for your OAO. You do **NOT** want to be without this. The class coin is minted from one ounce of .999 pure silver, with the class crest engraved in proof finish on one side and the USMA crest on the other; both

### Class Flags (and Silver Coins) for Sale

OK, this fits squarely into the category of “I can't possibly live without this!” I recently stumbled onto a small stash (total of 44) of Class of 1967 flags (see the photo). The flag is black with the class crest silk screened in the center, is 5' x 3' with grommets on the left side to fly it from a flag pole. I received permission from the Class Officers to purchase all of them with funds from the class admin account and make them available to you! Same deal as the silver coins: for a generous donation of at least \$67, made payable to the Class of 1967 Admin Fund, you can be the proud owner of one of these beauties, and show your class pride and spirit at all kinds of events. Fly it on the flagpole in your front yard (you all do have one, right?) directly under the US



▲ Class of 1967 flag/banner



crests electroplated in 24 carat gold. The coin comes in a clear plastic case to protect it (yes, you can open the case), and the whole thing comes packaged in a leatherette presentation box. Same deal: for a donation of at least \$67 to the class admin fund you can get a class coin and a tax deduction, which also turns out to be \$39 per coin. It just doesn't get much better than this!



► Class of 1967  
silver coin

## Class Oral History Project Update

Here's a quick report from **Mike Yap** on the Oral History interview process in the DC area. Might be a good chance for some of you folks planning on traveling to the DC area to get involved:

"Freed, I am in contact with Patrick Jennings, the oral history guy. We are in the planning process for him to come down to the National Capitol Region. Right now the thinking is either the 13/14 or 20/21 September. We will plan the class spouse dinner that Saturday at the Army - Navy Club in Arlington. They did a nice job for the brunch after the RVN Memorial Ceremony. Patrick will stay at my house and set up a studio in the basement. I will provide food and drink on the main level and send classmates down to be interviewed per the schedule. **John Kuspa, Chuck Suttan** and I are trying to nail down the date and get out the invitations by e-mail, snail mail and phone tree. Pooper Scooper will be an excellent additional route of communication. We will keep you in the loop so you have the poop for the Pooper Scooper." — Mike

## Class Memory Pages

I've mentioned this before in a previous *Scooper*, but the tragic loss of two classmates this year prompts me to raise the issue again. One great way to memorialize our deceased classmates is via the Memory Pages maintained by the AOG in the Memory Room of Herbert Hall. This room houses a collection of leather bound volumes that contain the names of all deceased graduates and friends of West Point, in memory of whom a gift has been donated to West Point. Any gift of \$100 or more, for the Long Gray Line Endowment, can be dedicated in memory of a deceased classmate. A number of years ago the class started donating a gift to the Long Gray Line Endowment, from the Class of 1967, for each newly deceased classmate. This money is taken from the class Administrative Fund. Each time a gift is given in memory of a classmate, the name of the donor is inscribed on that graduate's parchment page in the Memory Book. You can all join in this process. Each of you that makes a gift to the Long Gray Line Endowment of at least \$100 can do it in memory of deceased classmates. If, for example, you give \$200 to the LGL Endowment, you can break it into \$100 increments and give it in memory of two different deceased classmates, or widows, or ex-classmates, etc. Give it some serious thought. Next time you write a check for a gift to USMA, use it to memorialize one of our fallen brothers. We should strive to have every deceased classmate in the Memory Book. So far, thanks to the gifts from the class admin fund, there is a Memory Page for all 59 of our deceased brothers. Some of those pages have quite a few names of classmates who have donated in their memory inscribed, while others have only a couple.

## Brian Hayes Needs Your Help with a Medical Study

**Brian Hayes**, one of our several class orthopedic docs is conducting a study of osteoporosis (no, **Dewey**, that's not bad breath; that's another tosis.), and he's looking for our help. Here, in his own words, is what Brian's trying to do and how you can help:

"As an orthopedic surgeon I am interested in osteoporosis. Weak bones are the bane of a lot of older adults, primarily women. Men are less affected. An early indicator of osteoporosis is height loss. There are many studies of height loss in women. I have difficulty finding the same studies for men. It's true that the best treatment of osteoporosis and height loss is prevention. However, that's a separate issue. What I'm interested in doing is determining what healthy adult males can expect for "normal" height loss over time.

Here's how the class can help. On 1 July 1963 we were in-processed at the old gym and our heights were measured. I'd like to get that data and compare it to current height measurements. I have coordinated with the USMA archives office, where the height data taken upon our entrance is on file, and the USMA SJA, and have received the OK for that data to be released to me — with your permission. Included with the PS is a release statement provided by USMA SJA that each of you must fill out and sign in order for that data to be given to me. Please fill it in and sign it and send it to me at **Brian Hayes, 1000 Hayes Eden Lane, Roseburg, OR 97471**. After I collect a batch I'll forward them to Suzanne Christoff in the archives office at West Point.

The July 1963 measurements are only the first half of the study. The second will be for me to get current measurements of our classmates. I'd like to have our classmates get their heights measured at their next doctor's appointment or at our next reunion, or on their own, and provide that information to me. I think our class can be classified as 'normal' at least when it comes to our skeletons and bones."

Cool, good luck with your study, Brian. It'll be interesting to see if **Randy Pais** has grown or shrunk in the 45 years since we entered Our Rockbound Highland Home.

# CLASS E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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As most of you know, we have a couple of very active class e-mail lists, one for general class correspondence and exchange of news and bad jokes, and a second list, the Forum, for all those folks who want to get into political, religious, moral/ethical, or other contentious debates and sling vitriol and ca-ca at each other. Both of those e-mail lists are maintained by **John James** on the West-Point.org server. Probably most of you are not aware of the fact that there is also a third class e-mail list serve, and that is the one maintained by the AOG. When you update your contact info with the AOG and include your e-mail address, it is posted to the AOG e-mail server, but NOT to the West-Point.org server, which is the one we use. West Point AOG and West-Point.org are two separate and distinct organizations that have little to do with each other, other than to engage in periodic pedantic, demeaning and ridiculous turf battles over who gets to do what with grads and parents and use the name West Point. The fact of the matter is we, along with most classes, have our primary e-mail list serve and our primary class web page on West-Point.org rather than with the AOG because back in the late '80s and early 90's when classes were getting electronically linked via e-mail and web pages the AOG didn't provide that service, and some bright grads formed West-Point.org to fill the void. It took quite a few years before the AOG realized it needed to join the electronic age, and it's still struggling to catch up.

So why am I telling you this, other than a perverted wish to get my ass chewed out at work (AOG) for disloyalty or some other such canard? Because some of you have your e-mail addresses on one list (WP.org or AOG) and not on the other. If you want to be part of the class net – the one where all the news and bad jokes are shared and the daily banter of brotherhood is exchanged, you need to be on the West-Point.org list that is maintained by John James. You can certainly be on both lists if you want, but when you change your e-mail address and tell that to the AOG, that news is NOT passed on to John or West-Point.org. So, if you want to be on the active class e-mail list, make sure John James has your current e-mail address, and whenever you change it, make sure you let John know about it (as well as the AOG). How do you know if you're on the class list, you ask? Easy; here it is, current as of 15 July:

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# E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION OF THE POOPER SCOOPER

While we're on the subject of e-mail, let me raise this point one more time. After the last *Pooper Scooper* was published, I asked the class if anyone would prefer to receive it via e-mail as a full color .pdf file as opposed to getting the snail mail black and white version. So far 187 folks have opted for the e-mail version.

There are advantages and disadvantages to the e-mail version. On the plus side, it saves the class money – less copies to print, less first class postage to pay - fewer trees sacrificed, fewer returned issues due to bad addresses because no one ever bothers to tell me when they move, thus resulting in more postage for re-mailing, and much quicker receipt of PS by you. You also can share all or part of it electronically with your friends and '67 wanna-bes. On the down side, the photos aren't nearly as sharp in the .pdf version as they are in the printed version, and if you want to read it while sitting on the throne or on your favorite bar stool you'll have to print it, in color, or else what's the point?

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## CLASS HAPPENINGS: *We're Still Having More Fun Than We Deserve*



▲ Who says '67 doesn't know how to Rock the House?

**Ray Jones** who appeared on crutches. He claimed to have fallen through his ceiling at home, when **Cheryl** was conveniently away for the weekend. He had pictures of the hole in the ceiling through which he supposedly had fallen. He offered to drop trou to display the bruised thigh that prevented him from swinging properly. Fortunately, no one took him up on his offer. To the utter surprise of the assemblage, Jones' handicap was increased by 10 strokes. After dispensing with the other sniveling, teams were assigned based on handicaps and team

captains were announced. **'Dangerous' Don Albers** was selected to Captain Team Lewis while **John 'Big Stick' Caldwell** was put in charge of Team Clark. The Competition Committee, headed by **Alton 'No-Sandbaggers-Allowed' Donnell**, outlined the competition by day. The next morning at 0830 the FAB FORE of **Carolyn Donnell, Cheryl Jones, Sally Winkel** and **Jane Newman** pranced and danced through the course at Eagle Crest without the burden of competition

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### Golf Reunion, 2008 Edition

OK, the annual Class of '67 golf reunion is in the history books, and a grand time was had by all. I've gotten a couple of great reports; here's the one from **John Severson**, who was the main mover and shaker arranging the event this year.

"Outlined across a blue-gray summer sky the golfing men and ladies of the West Point class of 1967 clubbed it out again. The venue was Central Oregon and the outing began on 3 June at the Eagle Crest resort right outside of Redmond. The talk the first evening was all of ailments, sore backs, bum knees, shoulders that would not move and the like. The players were, of course, trying to get the Competition Committee to add a few strokes in sympathy to their already bloated handicaps. Most comments were cast aside out of hand except for those of



▲ Golf outing, Team Clark: Back Row Left to right: John Newton, Robbi Kraft, Bill Obley, Ann Olbey, John Caldwell, Ann Olson, Al Olson. Next row: Rich Adams, Sam Newton. Seated in the Front Row: Debbie Adams, Judy Caldwell, John Severson





▲ Golf outing, Team Lewis: Back row left to right: Ray Jones, Don Albers, Carl Kraft, Alton Donnell, George Newman. Next row: Cheryl Jones, Kent Kraus, Ray Winkel, Macy Brown. Next Row: Carolyn Donnell, Leslie Nelson, Laura Brown. Front Row: Sally Winkel, Bobbi Kraus, Janice Severson, Jane Newman

weighing on their shoulders. Rather than any team match play they opted for bingo, bango, bongo and mixed in some rock-scissors-paper to increase the intensity of play. Meanwhile back at Eagle Crest several of the ladies opted to flat out enjoy themselves during the week. They took advantage of the spa, pool, no-sales-tax-shopping and having their husbands away for a few precious hours. Those ladies were: **Laura Brown, Bobbi Kraus, Sam Newton and Ann Obley.** Back on the

course, regular competition began that day with a scramble format. At the end of play the teams were in a dead heat. Day two featured men and ladies team match play with Team Lewis pulling ahead. It should be noted that **Ray Jones'** scores were better than he had ever recorded at any golfing event. Promptly and correctly the Competition Committee cut his handicap in half. So much for good play. Day three with individual match play again saw Team Lewis dominating. Team Lewis displayed the cockiness of a rich man's spoiled child as they shared cocktails with the humble, yet confident, Team Clark that evening. Everyone knew the Championship was on the line on Saturday, fittingly 7 June 2008 - our 41<sup>st</sup> graduation anniversary. The next morning prior to tee off, **'Dangerous' Don Albers** gave a rousing speech to his team that left the men visibly shaken and several of the ladies weeping with emotion. On the other side of the tee the cold, steely eyed, armor

file **John 'Big Stick' Caldwell** simply outlined his pairings, covered the attack plan for each hole and implored his charges to just play their game. He paired himself with **Debbie Adams**, who has the touch of a safe cracker around the green. He knew his big drives that often go astray would get him in trouble, but that **Debbie** would arrive like a cavalry charge to save him. Other pairings revealed the same thought process. Match players with complementary skills to have a solid team. **'Dangerous' Don Albers** had some slick pairings too. He paired the steady **Ray Jones** with **Jan Albers**, whose booming



▲ John Caldwell applying body English to another errant drive



▲ Ann Olson & Janice Severson lobbying the Competition Committee

drives off the tee had the local gallery wondering who this woman was and local correspondents itching for interviews to find the secret of her prowess. He paired **Janice Severson**, whose improved play got a lot of notice, with **Alton Donnell; Ray Winkel**, who will not be outthought, with **Carl Kraft** who will not be outthit; **Leslie Nelson**, who has the steadiness of a rock which does wonders for her partners with **George Newman**, who can get as hot as anyone else on the course; **Macy Brown**, the seasoned vet, with **Kent Kraus** a "Rookie of the Year" nominee. He had his team at a fever pitch. But at the end



of the day Team Clark totally dominated play and snatched victory from the hands of defeat. The total score for the week was Team Clark 504 and Team Lewis 389. **Albers** accepted the loss graciously. He said, "We had strong players that came here well prepared. They played their hearts out. They left everything on the course. We have no regrets. Team Clark just played better today." **Caldwell** remarked, "I knew we had a good plan. I walked the course the night before and plotted each approach shot and drive. We had some really skilled players, and all they had to do was execute. I am proud of my whole team. **Bill Obley**, a rookie sensation, and my wife, **Judy**, had the best score. **Judy** does that to people - she brings out the best in them. **Rich Adams** was a powerful combo with **Ann Olson**, who has every shot in the book and always gives it her best. **Robbi Kraft** hit every big shot and showed what she was made of today. **Al Olson** and **Don Nelson**, two savvy players, matched up well. **Newton and Severson** just played steady, as they have all week. It was a team effort. We were just too strong today - in fact, we were Army Strong. When you do that, no one but no one beats you."

Very cool, **Sevo**; thanks for the great report. Of course **Sevo** failed to mention the awards ceremony which, if it was anything like the



▲ Al Olson bragging about his triple bogey on 18

one at our last reunion, had to have lasted some four or five hours. However, **Sevo** wasn't the only participant to file a report. Here's some intel I received from **Ray Winkel**:

"**John & Janice Severson** did an absolutely magnificent job setting it up. They hired their daughter, **Jamie Crosier**, as party planner/coordinator; and she was great. Son-in-law **Christian** helped with the manual labor. (**Freed note**: **Jamie** obviously takes after her Old Man. She published an 11 page bound volume for each participant that had the daily itineraries, driving directions and maps. About the only thing it didn't have was the tide tables and potty stop locations,

though **Sevo** had published that info in his operations order).

One morning **Don Albers** locked his keys in the car at the golf course parking lot. **Jan Albers** had to buy new golf shoes, since hers were locked inside. Their passenger, **Leslie Nelson**, called AAA and got the car unlocked. Don suggested that Jan return the new shoes, since she had not teed off yet. You can guess her response.

**Carl Kraft** may have been the best golfer there. Anyway, Carl managed to hit the overhead power lines. He re-teed and hit them again. Tough to do once, but twice in a row?

**Carl's wife, Robbi**, did not hit any power lines, but she did seem to take dead aim at a pair of geese standing right next to each other on the course. She split the pair, hitting neither; and they seemed to give her a dirty look. The rest of the group attributed her shot to North Dakotans natural inclination to hunt fowl.

**Ray Jones** played superbly, apparently unhampered by his seriously injured leg. A month ago, Ray fell through his living room ceiling. He scraped his leg along the

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▲ Ann Olson prepares to fire one off the tee



▲ Don Nelson with a longish putt



▲ Jan Albers smashes a drive to ... who knows where?

rafter, causing intense pain and internal bleeding. He was hanging from the rafters, one in each armpit. **Cheryl** was out of town. He could not reach the cell phone in his pocket. Repeated efforts to climb back up into the attic were unsuccessful. Finally he decided to do a PLF ('parachute landing fall' if you are a 'leg') from his 11' high ceiling. No further injury was incurred, but the scraped leg left him with a noticeable limp the whole week at Oregon.

**John & Janice** set up a Buckner Stakes for the last night (7 June!). We partied at their magnificent home on the Deschutes River in the high plains of Oregon. **Debbie Adams** was the only one of the thirty or so of us who successfully sunk 6 of 7 putts. **Robbi Kraft** was the woman closest to the hole on a 67-yard pitch done on the Seversons' one-hole golf course. She will have the hole named after her and recorded on a plaque. **Al Olson** won the longest drive competition with a shot over the river that must have exceeded 300 yards."

OK, **Sevo**, ever the consummate planner – his operations order, with annexes, for this year's gathering, ran into the thousands of pages – a whole redwood forest was sacrificed in the printing of that sucker – has already issued the first warning order for the 2009 and 2010 Golf Reunion. Here it is:

"Fellow Golfers,

Golf Oregon 2008 is now history. On the last evening we decided that in 2009 we would accept the offer from the **Woods** and **Knapps** to host us in Pinchurst, NC. They assured us that **Razor Heath** and some other classmates would also assist them in this outing. We also decided that in keeping with the East-West location plan that we would golf in Colorado in 2010 with **Leslie Nelson** being our primary hostess there. **Alton** and I are preparing an after action/lessons learned report to pass on to Jack and Bob for their perusal. The dates for our golfing in 2009 are 27 to 30 May. The optional warm up round is on 26 May for those that want to do that. I imagine that some folks will want to arrive on 25 May, which is Memorial Day, to position themselves to play on the

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JUNE 2009						
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28	29	30				

26th. The calendars for May and June 2009 are above.

On behalf of the Golf Oregon 2008 Committee, thank you for your participation in this event."

– **John and Janice Severson**  
– **Jamie and Christian Crosier.**

## Classmate Comings and Goings

Now that we are at an age where many classmates are retired and the rest of us just need to escape more often, we tend to travel more, and this can frequently turn into informal gatherings of the class family for some fun and frolic, rumor mongering and excellent photo ops. Here are some reports of such misadventures I've received the past few months.

**April '08:** A recent gathering of kindred souls took place when **Bob & Arlene Knapp** and **Jeff & Sandy Madsen** spent some time visiting **Jack & Judy Wood** in their Pinchurst, NC home. Seems that both the Knapps and Madsens are looking to retire in Pinchurst; in fact, the Knapps are building a home and expect to be in it in mid-May. In addition to the Woods', **Jim & Cynthia Weller** also live in Pinchurst, so they all got together one night for gossip and rumor mongering. A grand time was had by all. By the way, Jack had such a great recovery from his hip replacement, he's now going to have his left knee replaced. Another bionic classmate. Jack blames all of his physical woes on a crackdown block he received in the Army-Virginia football game in 1965. He should have known better than to have gotten in **Mike "Gut" Newman's** way.



▲ **Madsens, Knapps, Woods' and Wellers** partying in Pinchurst, NC.



**March '08:** Ed & Janet Dewey recently gathered at **Brick & Cindy Anderson's** house, along with **Ed & Cindy Beck** and **Joe & Beverly Hardin**, for a night of debauchery and cheap wine. Brick actually has a life sized photo poster of him as a cadet hanging on one of his doors in the house. Guess that's his daily inspiration: See what you can accomplish when you set your mind to it!



▲ Ed & Janet Dewey, Joe & Beverly Hardin, Brick Anderson and Ed & Cindy Beck in front of Brick's secret door.

**Vicki and I** visited the **Dewey's** in their lovely Santa Barbara home in early March; we had a lot of fun watching Ed try to chew and drink without slobbering. How many people do you know have converted their entire backyard into an artificial turf putting green? It doesn't help his game, but it does eliminate the need for mowing. Of course, he still manages to lose balls. The **Hardins** came over for dinner one night and we had a putting contest. Naturally I won, and I don't even play the silly game. I also got a great photo of **Beverly Hardin** that I'm sure she doesn't want me to publish here. However, since the *Pooper Scooper* has absolutely no restrictions on taste or anything else, here it is.

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▲ Freed makes sure he gets all his veggies while visiting the Deweys in Santa Barbara



▲ Ed Dewey watches as Beverly Hardin leaves her mark on his putting green



▲ Ed Dewey & Freed Lowrey hoping someone will let them in at LinCourt Vineyards, one of Bill Foley's several Houses of Healing Waters



▲ Joe Hardin shows his putting prowess on Ed & Janet Dewey's backyard putting green



**Vicki** and I also have had some fun with classmates here at our home recently. **Bill Foley** was here in late April to watch the spring football game and we joined him afterward for some fun and a drink on his jet before he headed back to Santa Barbara. Vicki really liked Bill's jet. Now Vicki wants a jet. I think she's going to have to settle for someone who has a jet.



▲ Vicki Lowrey succumbs to the lures of Bill Foley's chick magnet jet. She got a new Subaru instead.

We also had a fun evening in our home recently with **Ray & Sally Winkel** and **Pete Krause** and his OAO **Jane Breen**. Most of you probably don't know that Pete is a car salesman; he owns several dealerships, selling Subarus, Toyotas, Kias and other rolling stock. Would you buy a used car from this man? Well, the golden throated devil managed to talk Vicki and me into trading in both of our Acuras and buying new Subarus from him. That turned out to be the most expensive damn dinner party we've ever hosted.

**Lee & Diane Murfee** recently enjoyed a 500 mile, 63 lock small boat trip through the waterways, rivers, lakes and canals of Canada. Starting from the 1000 Island area of New York, their route took them down the St. Laurence Seaway to Montréal, then up the Ottawa River to Ottawa, and then back down the Rideau Canal to Kingston, Canada and then back to their trailer in the 1000 Islands area. "The crystal clear waters, horse and buggy rides through Montréal, various stops in small towns, bed and



▲ Pete Krause, Jane Breen, Freed, Sally & Ray Winkel debauching at the Lowrey Inn and Wine Emporium.



▲ Lee & Diane Murfee enjoy a boating trip through Canada

breakfast places, and the spring bloomings surrounding the Rideau canal in Ottawa were all wonderful; the best part was being together in nature's finest waterways. Going in a giant circle back to their trailer proved

once again that the pleasure is in the journey rather than just a destination." Next year, Lee will continue to instruct cadets in the West Point Department of Physics.



▲ Ev & Margaret at a German bunker at Pointe du Hoc, Normandy

### Ev & Margaret Lucas Visit the Normandy Battlefields

Got the following cyber fart from **Ev Lucas** on 3 July: “Freed, as per your request, attached find a picture of Margaret and me (in my 82d hat and ’67 Class shirt!) at Pointe du Hoc. Le Havre was the last port of call on our 16 day Athens to London cruise and I always wanted to visit Normandy. One of the most poignant moments was when Margaret scooped up some sand from Omaha Beach to bring home.

Many of our classmates have been asking me about a Mediterranean cruise. Randy suggested I contact HAL requesting their ‘best deal’ for a 10-14 day cruise May-June timeframe (that’s when ours was and the weather was just perfect!). This info will be provided to everyone as it gets the OK from Randy et al.” – Everett



▲ Dave & Penny Blanchard, while visiting the Madsens

### Blanchards Invade Madsen’s Home

Here’s a freeloading report I received on 16 July from **Jeff Madsen**: “Freed, **Dave and Penny Blanchard** just left after spending several days with us here in the Twin Cities. They are on a driving trip from home on Long Island to Omaha, NB, to attend a family wedding and made a side trip to see us. Penny also has a brother who lives near us so they visited there as well. We swapped lies, drank bad wine and hung out on the deck in the shade. Highlight was a hike around Lake Calhoun in Minneapolis and lunch at the lakeside eatery. (Thus the picture) Be nice to Dave - we are working on him to chair the next reunion planning committee. All four of us are healthy and well, Dave’s heart meds are working and he has no residuals from his earlier attack.” – Jeff

### Quarterly Class Breakfasts in the Washington, DC, Area

Here, courtesy of **Mike Yap**, is the latest schedule for the quarterly breakfasts in the DC area, for your trip planning purposes:

Month	2008	2009	2010
Feb		Wed 11th	Th 11th
May		Tu 12th	Wed 12th
Aug	Tu 12th	Th 13th	Tu 10th
Nov	Th 13	Tu 10th	Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>

If you want to attend any of these contact **John Kuspa** ([john.kuspa@osd.mil](mailto:john.kuspa@osd.mil)) or **Mike Yap** ([Michael.W.L.Yap@saic.com](mailto:Michael.W.L.Yap@saic.com))



## Bill Wilby gets Published in the Wall Street Journal, and gets Interviewed on PBS

Our own **Bill Wilby** has gotten almost as much media exposure talking about finances and the economy lately as **Tom Petrie**, a frequent energy economics talking head on MSNBC and FNN. Back on 23 January Bill had an excellent article in the Wall Street Journal entitled “The Dollar and the Market Mess.” I reprinted that article in the last issue of the *Pooper Scooper*. To follow that up, Bill was interviewed on the 2 May PBS Show “Wealth Track with Consuelo Mack,” which is PBS’s replacement for the Louis Rukeyser Show.

Cool. Wilby’s getting himself famous. Guess it’s time for me to publish the photo of his hands-down Dewey Purple Butt Award winning ski accident wound from a few years ago. That will definitely get him some press. (Bill, I like fine wine, good fly rods and fine, old single malt scotch).

## Don Nelson’s Son Rescues Drowning Woman

This is a great story I received on 21 July from **Don Nelson**, about his and **Leslie’s** son Drew. Here’s the article that appeared in the 18 July Summit, Colorado, Daily News:

### BRECKENRIDGE MAN PLAYS HERO ON THE RIVER

By K. J. Hascall, *Summit Daily News*,  
Summit County, CO Colorado

“What started as a lazy afternoon on the banks of the Colorado River quickly became the story of a harrowing rescue Monday afternoon, when Drew Nelson spotted Mickie Harrison being swept face-down toward the white-water convergence of the Eagle River.

Nelson, who has lived seasonally in Breckenridge but currently resides in Brooklyn, N.Y., and his older brother Jay, who lives in Breckenridge, had stopped off at exit 133 on Interstate 70 to prepare dinner out of Jay’s camper and to fish on the last night of their vacation.

“There were some tubers coming down the river. Suddenly people were screaming ‘She’s off the tube!’ It was chaotic, out of nowhere,” Jay recalled of the peaceful quietude interrupted.

When he emerged from the camper to see what the commotion was about, he saw Drew charging into the middle of the fast-moving Colorado.

From Jay’s vantage point, an empty tube was all that floated past.

Drew, however, noticed a limp woman who would soon be carried to where the Colorado and Eagle rivers converge, about 200 meters ahead.

“I was beyond thought,” Drew said. “I was trying to find the right line to reach her. The river was taking me with it, and I had to keep an eye on her. It was too deep — we met in the thick of it. Once we made contact, I had deemed that she was not dead. She was unconscious or as close as you can get. I tried to keep her head above water and swim. She wasn’t resisting; she was limp, along for the ride.”

Drew, who is six foot six inches, was able to pull Harrison, a smaller woman, to the far bank.

In the meantime, Jay and another man had run across the I-70 bridge and down the embankment to help Drew get Harrison out of the water.

Drew said he remembers looking at Harrison and seeing that she was breathing.

“I was holding her head like a baby, supporting her neck, saying: ‘Come back, c’mon.’ She opened her deep, brown eyes, then they rolled back into her head. Watching her open her eyes was like watching an infant open its eyes for the first time. I said: ‘Welcome back, welcome back to earth, because you were about to leave it,’” Drew said.

Harrison said she remembers little of the incident, just snatches here and there, and doesn’t recall falling off her tube.

“I remember somebody lifting me out of the water. I was in and out of consciousness. I don’t remember seeing [Drew’s] face. Thank God he was there. If he hadn’t acted so quickly, I wouldn’t have made it,” she said.

Drew left Harrison in the care of his older brother and the other man and sprinted back to the east bank to fetch a blanket from the camper to wrap around her.

“She started drifting in and out of consciousness,” Jay said. “She was blue, barely breathing, limp. I’ve had some medical training, and I feel this was a matter of seconds before she would have passed away. She would open her eyes, then close them. We were telling her: ‘Come on. Come on. Keep breathing!’”

Harrison’s husband, Kenneth, daughter Kasie and Harrison’s best friend, Linda Cruth, came floating down the river at this point. Drew said he also helped Kasie and Cruth to shore.

“There were some serious, heart-felt hugs,” Drew said. “And I was shaking like a leaf. I can’t wrap my head around it. We were 200 meters away from the Eagle meeting the Colorado. That would have been really bad for both of us.”

The brothers don’t know who called 911, but emergency vehicles arrived in a matter of minutes to transport Harrison to Valley View Hospital.

Doctors told Harrison she was inches from death when she arrived at the hospital because she had water in her lungs and her body’s temperature had dropped so low from hypothermia.

Harrison said she hopes to return to work Friday.

Jay Nelson admiringly called his brother a hero.

“I’m so proud of my little brother and how he reacted. If he wouldn’t have done exactly what he did, when he did it, how he did it, she would have passed away,” he



said. "I was like: 'Wow! Wow, dude, you saved someone's life!'"

## Nusbaums Lose Their Home to the Big Sur Fire

Very sad news: the current wildfires in California have claimed Andy Nusbaum's home. Here's an excerpt of an e-mail from him on 11 July: "The lightening strike which started all the damage in Big Sur struck less than three miles from our property. Within less than 36 hours we had lost our house, storage area, and everything in them, which is basically just about everything we owned.

We are still reeling, and just now beginning to attempt to sort out options, etc. Until yesterday we were evacuated and not allowed official access back into Big Sur. It has been a truly devastating experience in many ways for many people. The ridge on which we had built our home had a total of six houses, five of which have been destroyed. It was our dream house, and our physical and financial cornerstone for the future.

The truly good, and most important, news is we both got out safely, and still have each other. Our family and friends continue to be a source of tremendous emotional support."

Please keep Andy and his family in your prayers.

## Bill Foley Gets Profiled in "The New West Magazine"

Bill, no stranger to the media and publicity, was the subject of a six page profile article in the May issue of New West Magazine. Interesting piece – way too long to reproduce here, unfortunately, but I'll give you the first several paragraphs just to give you the flavor of the piece.

### MONTANA'S CASH COWBOY

By Robert Struckman, 5-14-08

"Billionaire Bill Foley has bought a ski resort, a cattle ranch and a couple of restaurant chains in Montana -- and the self-described 'serial acquirer' may be just getting started. If you didn't know any better, you might think **William Patrick**

**(Bill) Foley II** was just another retiring baby boomer looking for golf courses, open spaces and the chance to recapture an idealized childhood of summertimes on the family ranch. A frank man with an almost goofy charm, he speaks of his love for Montana, his concern for the landscape -- and the joy he gets bombing around the backcountry on an ATV or a snowmobile.

But the truth is, Foley isn't very good at leisure. He's got the fancy log home on Whitefish Lake, five West Coast wineries, the huge cattle ranch near Deer Lodge, and the requisite private jets, but he can't seem to help turning everything into a business.

He bought Big Mountain, the Whitefish ski hill, and is busy turning it into a more elaborate entity called Whitefish Mountain Resort. He's transforming the 90,000-acre Rock Creek Cattle Company into a gated, luxury vacation community with 240 home sites. He bought the Glacier Jet Center at the Kalispell Airport, where he parks his planes, and has big ambitions for that, too.

He enjoyed a couple of local restaurants -- Ciao Mambo and MacKenzie River Pizza Co. -- and added them to his portfolio, with plans to build a substantial casual eatery chain. And then there's Fidelity National Timber Resources, which owns extensive forests in Oregon and Washington that Foley thought had a lot of value for real estate development.

'I'm a serial acquirer,' he says. 'I can't seem to stop, whatever flaw that is. And then I can't stand it until it is perfect. I have to keep on fooling with it. I wish I could figure that one out. My golf game would get a lot better.'

Don't be fooled though: He's no slouch. Golf Digest named him one of the world's top five executive golfers in 2004. And if his record at Fidelity National Financial, the Fortune 500 company he built from scratch, is any indication, he's not done buying things in the West. Fidelity acquired more than 100 companies under Foley's leadership and spun off a second public

company, Fidelity National Information Services, about two years ago. In the past few years, Fidelity National Financial recapitalized, paying Foley a bundle, and he has been unloading big chunks of his FNIS stock (he stepped down as CEO of the two companies in mid-2007). He's now set up as a perfectly positioned cash buyer at a time when lots of distressed assets are on the market.

Indeed, Foley appears to be in a much better spot than most of the Wall Street moguls, Silicon Valley financiers and high-rolling property developers who see the surging 'amenity economy' in the Mountain West as the next great capitalist frontier. In some ways, he's representative of the breed: a very rich man who's become enamored with the West, and whose first instinct is to buy it.

Yet a number of high-profile developments by and for the wealthy -- Promontory in Utah, Tamarack Resort in Idaho and Yellowstone Club in Montana, to name the most prominent examples -- are staggering under heavy debt loads and a weakening economy. Boomtowns from Boise to Bozeman are seeing slower growth. But Foley, with an immense and highly liquid fortune, can afford to take the long view.

Foley is a West Point grad, and there is a certain military efficiency in his approach to business: Make sure you have plenty of assets, strategize carefully to find the

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▲ **GO ARMY!** Foley is loyal to West Point, his alma mater: "Traveling around, as an only child, I was a bit of a wimp, self-centered," he says. "It did a lot for me, taught me discipline and authority."

non-obvious openings, win hearts and minds if you can -- and cut your losses, unsentimentally, at the first sign of trouble.

If you're the owner of a company that Foley wants to buy, it's all sweetness and light and big piles of cash (hostile takeovers aren't his thing). Steve Shuel, who sold MacKenzie River Pizza Co. to Foley's restaurant group, describes the deal-making as 'an unbelievable process in a positive way.' Contractors say he pays his bills, always and on time (which is more than you can say for a lot of moneyed developers), and public officials in Montana call him a model corporate citizen....."

Like I said, this is just the opening few paragraphs of the article. Hopefully you can still read the whole thing at [Montana's Cash Cowboy](#).

In addition to acquiring and developing land in Montana, ski resorts, restaurants and running Fidelity National Financial Corp., Bill is also an extremely serious and successful owner of world class wineries. In addition to his two flagship wineries in Santa Barbara County, Foley Estates in the Santa Rita Hills and LinCourt in the Santa Ynez Valley, he has recently purchased the old Firestone Vineyard, also in the Santa Ynez Valley, and this past year completed the acquisition of Merus Wines, in Napa Valley, a producer of two truly world class cabernet sauvignon based wines, Merus and Altus.

## Monty Meigs Receives the Guardian of Liberty Award

On 15 March **Monty** became the 2008 recipient of the Alexander Haig Guardian of Liberty Award, presented by the West Point Society of Philadelphia. Previous recipients include **Tom White**, GEN Eric Shinseki, GEN Wayne Downing, and GEN Wes Clark. Pop it up Monty, you done good again.

► Monty Meigs being awarded the 2008 Alexander Haig Guardian of Liberty Award presented by Julian Toneatto at the West Point Society of Philadelphia Founder's Day dinner.



▲ Classmates and their squeezes gathered for the Philadelphia Founder's Day dinner.

# MEDICAL UPDATES



*Once again we must temper our fun and games with some serious news, the all too frequent updates on classmates and family members dealing with medical issues. The Class Prayer Team Warriors are working overtime for these good folks; all the rest of us need to do the same. Since the last issue of the Pooper Scooper in April I've been informed of the following news.*

◀ Lowrey's latest brain transplant

**MACY BROWN.** Macy suffered a "minor" heart attack (that's an oxymoron if there ever was one) on the 17 March. He had surgery to insert a stent in one artery and spent a couple of days in hospital, going home on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Macy provided this upbeat message on 20 March: "Now that I am home from my unplanned stay in the hospital, wanted



to take this opportunity to thank everyone who sent e-mails and/or called. It really did mean a lot to hear from so many of you. It is really refreshing to know that there are a lot of classmates that have our back when we need it. I guess I should have noticed two indications early last week. Twice I felt tingling in my left arm from the elbow to my hand but both times I blamed it on pinching a nerve. Sunday, my arm was tingling and hurting more but I still blamed it on sleeping on my arm wrong. After I went from standing at the kitchen counter to being flat on the floor twice, **Laura** came and helped me up and then called the ambulance. I never did have any pain in my chest or the other symptoms of a heart attack but the doctor in the catheterization lab said I definitely had one after he put a stent in a small artery on the back side of my heart. Since getting to the room in ICU, I have felt great. The doctor initially said that I would go home on Thursday or Friday but came by yesterday after lunch and said I could go home yesterday afternoon. I guess they thought that I had been good and behaving myself about as long as I could (they were right) so decided to let me escape before my true nature came out. I will not go back to work until 7 April and back to see the doctor 18 April. My only restrictions now are not to lift anything over 10 pounds for a couple of weeks and to do a lot of walking. Have already started that last directive. Laura had trouble keeping up with me on my first ¼ mile lap. I am still planning to be in Oregon for the class golf outing. I can't think of a better place to walk. And golf clubs are not that heavy to swing. Again, thanks for everyone's prayers, thoughts and concerns. Laura did an excellent job of keeping the class informed and kept adding to her direct list of responses as you sent in e-mails. You are all truly "UNSURPASSED." Macy Brown"

**JODEEN DUCHARME.** On 16 April I received the following disturbing e-mail from **Marc Ducharme**: "The reason we didn't make it to the reunion was my wife's health. At the end of February my wife's cancer was such that she had it cut out. As a result of the operation she had her voice box (larynx) totally removed. She is healing well and is in her second week of radiation treatments with five more to go. Needless

to say, communications with each other is a challenge.



▲ Sue & Eddie Marion with granddaughter Piper

**SUE MARION.** On 19 April I received the following note from **Eddie Marion** regarding his wife **Sue**: "Freed, attached is an update on Sue's condition from her Care Page. It is not good. She is virtually in a life and death struggle against a very aggressive cancer that has spread from her colon to her liver, lymph nodes and now the lungs. Barry, please update the 'Prayer Team'. Freed, please update the 'Class' in your next edition of the Assembly. (NOTE: This e-mail was forwarded to the class list, and is being reproduced here to give it widest possible dissemination.) Thanks for your prayers and help....."

Options for Treatment of New Tumors – April 19, 2008 After discussing five different options for treatment with Sue's doctors, Sue & Eddie decided on this: "Return to the original chemo medication (FOLFAX). We know that this medication worked for Sue and has previously reduced tumors in the colon and liver. However, it has severe side effects – the worst of which is "numbness" of fingers and toes, which can become permanent if the medication is taken for an extended period of time. We know that FOLFAX has been effective against the tumors in Sue's body, so we will have to take the chance that the numbness will not become permanent. At this point, we have no other viable option. Sue is literally in a life and death struggle against this very aggressive cancer. Her oncologist concurred with our decision. He is going to simultaneously search for a 'Clinical Trial' in progress as a back-up plan or a phase-two approach should Sue's body become immune to the FOLFAX because of extended usage.

Sue took her first dosage of FOLFOX on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and was not able to return to work until Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. The side effects of this medication are much more severe causing nausea, constipation and then diarrhea. Sue will have another CAT SCAN on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> as the April 1<sup>st</sup> scan only covered the lower lobes of the lungs. This scan will cover her entire lungs and provide a better picture of her overall condition.

**PAM DIALS.** From **George Dials**, on 1 May: "I had posted a request on the class Prayer Warriors site requesting prayers for **Pam** subsequent to her surgery on April 8th to remove the malignant lymph nodes from the right side of her neck. The cancer was diagnosed as a poorly differentiated squamous cell carcinoma, which means that they don't yet know its primary origin. Pam has a PET scan on Monday, May 5th, and in the remainder of that week we will meet with the radiation and chemo oncologists and her doctors to define and plan her treatment protocols. We pray and are hopeful that the cancer does not exist elsewhere and that the treatments will thus be focused on the throat and neck areas. Keep her in your prayers."



▲ Pam Dials teaching George how to fly fish

On 20 July I received the following update from George: "Pam's treatments have gone well but the side effects of the combined radiation and chemo treatments were quite pronounced. She completed the 38<sup>th</sup> and last radiation treatment on the afternoon of July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Her goal was to complete the chemo and radiation protocols so that she could attend our son Bill's wedding to Amanda Markway in St. Croix on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

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Our reservations for the wedding had been made months before, so we departed early on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, along with Bill's 3 year old Reily, our daughter Heather, and granddaughter Kamryn, for St. Croix and the Sugar Beach Resort. Pam was exhausted by our 12 hour trip, coming immediately after her last treatment. July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> were lost days for Pam as she spent the time sleeping and recuperating in preparation for a wedding rehearsal on the beach and rehearsal dinner on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The wedding and post-wedding ceremony reception were held on the evening of July 8<sup>th</sup> with Pam in full attendance and looking gorgeous in all activities. However, she was having a very difficult time due to the radiation side effects in her throat and could eat nor drink little. I was amazed by her determination to participate and her toughness in doing so. As well, I was concerned by her inability to stay hydrated and to keep her medications down. The wedding was a joyous occasion and great success; we thank God for it being so. We returned home to Oak Ridge on the long return trip on Friday night July 11<sup>th</sup>. Pam rested over the weekend and had a doctor's appointment on Monday afternoon. She was still complaining of a very sore throat (a radiation side effect) and nausea. Her medical oncologist decided she should spend a few days in the hospital getting more nutrition and more hydration than her very sore throat would allow. And, he wanted to do some other test to determine what else might be affecting her ability to swallow; subsequently he determined that at some point during the last week, she had contracted **thrush**, an infection which causes the throat to be red, raw and very sore (the same symptoms as radiation side effects). It is often diagnosed in young babies. Pam was immediately given antibiotics to treat the thrush, and she began to improve quite rapidly. Her ability to take her medications and keep them down and to drink and eat liquids and soft foods improved. She remained in the hospital for a few more days to get fully hydrated and gain a bit of her weight back. She came home Friday afternoon and is doing quite well. She has a doctor's appointment in the coming week to gauge her progress, and she will be scheduled for a new PETSCAN by mid-august to determine if she is cancer free. That is the result for which we have asked our great class of Prayer Warriors to

continue to pray. Pam has been very touched by and appreciative of all the prayers and good wishes during the past four months. We know that there is great strength and healing power in our combined faith and prayers. Thanks you for your continued support. God Bless."

**KENNY HEATH.** On 21 July I received the following sobering e-mail from **Razor Heath** about his and **Suzanne's** son **Kenny**:

"Freed: What follows is what Kenny transmitted to his e-mail list on the current state of his cancer. To say we were devastated when his medical team realized they could not do the surgery is an understatement. As you can see, he is facing this with considerable courage, commitment, and his incredible spirit to get on with treatment with hope for the future.

We have planned a father-son outing back to Utah to Canyon Lands for some more canyon hiking where I can bust my ass again and break something else--my left pinky finger in May in Zion. And we are planning on making this trip once he is stable!

I guess the thing to share is that he continues to fight and we continue to need the tremendous support from the '67 prayer team that we have been receiving. Classmates have been there for me most especially **Rivers, Balkcom, Dyer, Casey, Montanaro, Nickerson.** **Rivers** must call me every 3 days or so--can you think of him as being sweet?--he truly is.

Kelly (my daughter) and I are riding bikes in an event called the "24 Hours of Booty" in Charlotte, NC next weekend (7/25 & 7/26) put on by the Lance Armstrong Foundation to support cancer research. We are riding for Kenny, **Ray Winkel**, and in memory of **Bob Wysocki** and the University of Kentucky diving coach, Mike Lyden who recently passed away after fighting cancer for over two years.. They called him Iron Mike and he was there when Kelly swam for UK. We have raised over 3 grand for our efforts so far and will be wearing Army One cycling

jerseys. Our team is named "Twisted Steel and Sex Appeal" which is a saying I picked up somewhere along the line at the Rock and Kelly adopted it as our team name. We will have a grand time--am certain she will do all the hard work and I will put in an appearance or two--will send you photos. With Kenny's current status--chemo starts tomorrow--this ride becomes even more important to Kelly and me.

– Razor

**From: "Heath, Ken D."**

**<KHeath@wiggin.com>**

**Sent: Friday, July 18, 2008 4:43 PM**

"I have to apologize up front for this e-mail, as it is an e-mail that I do not want to write, and that you will not want to read. Given that intro, it's probably best to dive right into the story. . .

which is that yesterday morning, after having been cleared for surgery following the occlusion of my right carotid artery, I went back into the OR to have the tumors removed from my neck. Not knowing how much post-operative swelling to expect, the docs first planned to put in a temporary tracheostomy, which would ensure that I could breathe during recovery in case swelling impeded my airway. In the process of cutting the trach, however, they discovered that the cancer was so widespread in the structures of my neck that there simply was no way to do a resection. As the surgeon put it to Jennifer at the time, there was no way to get margin on the cancer, or to radiate enough of what was left, so that everywhere he cut, it would grow back worse -- and there would be no way to close the surgical wound, so my neck would become this huge, oozing mass. I cannot imagine having the wherewithal to maintain my composure had I been hearing this news on the spot, but Jennifer, true to her nature as a complete rock, asked the only relevant question: would surgery lengthen my life? The surgeon was unequivocal that it would only shorten my life and that I would be better off in a clinical trial of a new chemotherapy regimen. (As a measure of the aggressiveness of this disease, my tumors were not even visible -- i.e., not even half a centimeter wide --

on a PET-CT in mid-May). So that is the current plan. The surgeons went back in and put in a permanent tracheostomy to ensure that I can continue to breathe despite the tumors. It will be capped, or at least capable, so I will not lose my voice permanently. I'm also getting a PEG tube, which is short tube into the stomach to guarantee I can get adequate nutrition if I lose the ability to swallow or eat (frankly, this is almost a relief - meals have not been fun for a while). Then we'll start chemo, perhaps as early as Monday, following a weekly regimen of three drugs for twelve weeks (Taxol, Carboplatin, and Erbitux, for those who follow this stuff.) I'll probably go bald, but maybe I will also finally lose the hair on my tongue from the grafts. My docs are fairly confident in the ability to shrink these tumors, which truly will improve my quality of life. Which leads, or course, to the final question hanging in the air: how long? My surgeon put it at two years. I was expecting a lower number, frankly, so that number in some ways provides a tremendous amount of reassurance -- and new treatments are popping up every day. But it's never a good day when a doctor has to assign a number to the days of a life, and it would be safe to say that our house is in a somber state right now. It is, however, a full house, and always lively due to Evan's wonderful presence (I miss him terribly, and everything now is geared to getting me home to him as quickly as possible). My parents are up (Kelly was up for my earlier procedures and will be back soon), as are Jennifer's parents, ensuring that Evan is well-cared for and that I am accompanied in the hospital round-the-clock for now and probably until I go home sometime next week. And once again we do not lack for support, thanks to all of you.

In the coming weeks I'll send along a report on the chemo plan and its results, along with the usual bit about how we are not going gentle into that good night -- which will still very much apply. For now, however, I'll simply close with heartfelt thanks to all of you for your love and support, and how much I look forward to continuing to rely on you for quite some time.



▲ Ray & Sally Winkel

**RAY WINKEL.** Here's an update on Ray's cancer battle, courtesy of him and Sally as of 29 June:

"Life is an adventure! In spite of a couple bumps in the road, I am doing very well. I feel good; I feel Army strong.

All spring I worked hard to get in shape for my planned treatment of high dose IL-2 this summer to finally work out the remnants of the metastasized renal cell carcinoma (kidney cancer) still in my body. My oncologist described the treatment; "think of the worst flu you have ever had, this is 100 times worse." The IL-2 is so toxic that it is administered in an ICU. The doc said the dosage would be regulated by how much I could take. The more I can take, the better the chances for a cure. So I have been working out to get ready, passing my Army Physical Fitness Test along the way.

The timing was perfect. I joined 15 of my classmates and their spouses for an absolutely wonderful week of golf in central Oregon in early June. Sally and I had a great time on this tremendous vacation to precede my treatment.

On arrival at Walter Reed, however, the plans changed. Tests showed that my lymphoma had returned. This lymphoma was wiped out with six rounds of chemo that ended in May, 2007. But my doc said that if the lymphoma was coming back, it would most likely reappear in the first 1-2 years. For me, it was rediscovered in the 13<sup>th</sup> month. Since lymphoma is the more aggressive cancer, it has to be treated

first. Besides, there is no urgency to treating the renal cell carcinoma now; it has remained stable since initial treatments in early 2007. The IL-2 was only on the agenda for now--rather than wait till the renal cell carcinoma started growing again--so that I could endure the IL-2 treatment "while I am still young." So IL-2 has been placed on the back burner, along with my mild prostate cancer that we are not worrying about at all right now.

On Wed, 25 Jun, I began chemotherapy for lymphoma. In spring 2007, my lymphoma chemotherapy treatment was administered over 6-8 hours as a sit in the chair as an outpatient. I was released and returned 3 weeks later to do it again...six times in all. However, since that chemo failed to prevent the recurrence of the lymphoma, this time I am taking a more aggressive treatment. The chemicals are being administered to me as a hospital inpatient continuously over a 5-day period. I will finish this cycle tomorrow and then come back in a couple of weeks for a second round. I am not sure how many rounds I will take, and that may depend on how I respond on future tests.

The treatment has not been bad. I have no pain. Slight nausea most mornings is easily treated with drugs, long before vomiting occurs. I do not have much of an appetite, but I am eating. As I said in the beginning: I feel good; I feel Army strong.

Thanks for your concern, your support and your prayers."

Note from **Sally**: Ray wanted me to send this since **Carolyn Donnell** is helping Ashley in Long Island and will not be home for a few days. He wrote this in the hospital, he knew it was lengthy and we hope you don't mind. I'm sure it was helpful to him to put his feeling into words. Your prayers and love help us so much."

Please remember all of members of our Class Family in your thoughts and prayers. Grip hands, one and all.



# CLASS HEROES, ONCE AGAIN

After so much disturbing news about the health status of some members of our family, let's focus on some really great news, updates on the continued heroic deeds and sacrifices made by members of the *Unsurpassed Class* on behalf of others. These are all truly acts of love, and are indicative of how special the Class of 1967 truly is.

Let's start with an update from **Hartmut Lau** on the continued exploits of CAUSE (Comfort for America's Uniformed Services Elite) on behalf of our Wounded Warriors. I received this from Hart on 29 June:

"Hi Freed, On 31 May we opened the latest branch of the Cause digital entertainment library (C-DEL) for patients recuperating at Landstuhl's Medical Transient Detachment in Germany. This is our third C-DEL – the first has been in operation at Walter Reed's Mologne House since November 2005 and the second has been up and running at Brooke Army Medical Center on Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX, since May 2007. The next one on the agenda is Balboa Naval Medical Center in San Diego, CA – we're shooting for an August launch. The one after that will be at Ft. Hood.

C-DELS offer Xbox 360, PlayStation3, and Wii gaming systems along with the associated video games and thousands of DVDs (to include a children's selection and Spanish-language titles). Sort of like a mini BlockBuster, only without the fees and no driving required. C-DELS give Soldiers something to do – at no cost – while waiting for the next medical or physical therapy appointment, or to help them fill the long evening and weekend hours when there's way too much time to think about all that has happened and what the future might hold.

The library is only one of a number of Cause programs (check us out at [www.cause-usa.org](http://www.cause-usa.org)) but it requires (HINT, HINT) the greatest influx of funds if we are to keep it going. It costs about \$65,000 to launch a new branch and about \$20-

\$25,000/year to operate one, what with the purchase of new DVDs and video games, replacement of broken gaming systems (at \$300-500 each), licensing fees to our Web-based software provider, supplies, and IT contractor, etc.

FYI: the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund partnered with us at Landstuhl and bought all the gaming systems for that library and will do the same for Balboa – but this should not discourage any classmate from writing a check.

Now on to the photos: The one with the good looking girls includes my wife **Barbara**, who, as Executive Director, is the power behind the whole operation – 'power' being organization skills, persistence and plain old-fashioned hard work. The younger ones are an 'older' woman of 25 -- our lead library volunteer who also works full-time at the Pentagon, yet manages to put in about 15-20 hours a week volunteering for the library and takes personal leave when she travels to install a branch as was the case in Landstuhl - and three teenage volunteers who have



▲ Barbara Lau and volunteers

been with us for over two years and have made a huge contribution, not only to the library but to many other Cause projects as well. Not something you would expect to see from girls who come from well-off families and attend a fancy private school. Just goes to show how wrong you can be if you typecast someone. Barbara is



▲ Hartmut & Barbara Lau and Kathi & Buz Altshuler at the dedication of the Cause C-DEL for patients recuperating at Landstuhl's Medical Transient Detachment in Germany.

heartsick since they are all graduating this year and heading off to college.

**Buz Altshuler** represented '67 at the Landstuhl launch as our remaining GO on active duty. It was good to have his and **Kathi's** support, since Cause is basically a '67 + wives initiative --- **Dick Waterman & Debbie Wenner, Paul & Vivian Haseman, Beach & Joyce Doheny** and Barbara and me at the beginning – but since then joined by lots of others: **John & Judy Caldwell, Ron & Suzanne Naples, Mary Ann & Monty Miegs, Ed & Mary Sullivan, George & Jane Newman, Harry Jorgenson** and **Fred Hartman** come readily to mind.



▲ Hartmut Lau, German General Jacobson and Buz Altshuler

That list doesn't include all the classmates who have made donations because my antique brain's memory capacity is rapidly diminishing.

The German general in the picture is Carsten Jacobsen. He and his British wife Sally were instrumental in generating support from UK and German Embassy personnel (attitude: if we were home, we'd take care of our boys, but we're not so we'll help you take care of yours). The Brits even sponsored a British pub night at the WR rec center. I have to tell you, watching a UK Vice Admiral serve fish & chips to oblivious SP4s had several amusing moments – no problem though, since he was under close wifely supervision.”

– Thanks, Hartmut



◀ Doug “Fat Daddy” Pringle of Disabled Sports USA

Here is a short blurb from **Doug “Fat Daddy” Pringle** on the latest accomplishments of his organization Disabled Sports USA:

As part of a nationwide effort by **Doug Pringle's** organization, Disabled Sports USA, his local chapter in Sacramento California conducted a sports rehabilitation camp for 16 soldiers disabled in Iraq. All expenses were paid for the participants and required hospital staff by Disabled Sports. One highlight of the week was on Thursday, 19 June, when the Wounded Warriors attended a baseball game at the minor league ballpark in Sacramento, where they were introduced and threw out the first pitch. Similar summer and winter are being conducted by a number of DSUSA chapters. The organization has been collaborating with military hospitals as the lead agency providing therapeutic recreation for soldiers and marines disabled in Iraq and Afghanistan. Doug reports that the organization has



▲ Wounded Warrior participants in a recent Disabled Sports USA clinic

representatives walking the wards in all the major hospitals serving our wounded warriors.

The great work with our Surviving Family Members program continues unabated. Another one of **Rob Herb's** class crest plaques was presented to a surviving family member on 29 February in Burr Ridge, IL, a western suburb of Chicago. **Don Nelson** arranged to present one of Rob's

went to organizations that support our deployed Soldiers and their families. He did it again last year and this year, this year's event was held at the Roxy in Boston on 4 June. Here's an e-mail he sent out in April announcing the event:

“Dear Friends, Family and Patriots Fans:

My name is **Larry Izzo** and I wear jersey # 53 for the New England Patriots. I am now in my eighth year with the team. In early 2005, after defeating the Eagles in the Super Bowl and playing in my third Pro Bowl, I had the honor of visiting our Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. It was an unbelievable journey and the memories will stay with me forever.

I made a promise to our Troops that I would never forget them, fulfilling a commitment I had made in my father's memory. Larry Sr, graduated from West Point in 1967 and, after 23 years of military service, retired

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▲ Don Nelson, Nancy Swett, Fred Barofsky and Karl Jacobs gathered for the presentation of one of Rob Herb's class crest plaques to Tom Swett's widow Nancy

plaques and class coins to **Tom Swett's** widow **Nancy**. Attendees included Nancy & her two daughters, **Fred Barofsky**, **Karl Jacobs**, Don and maybe a couple of others. Unsurpassed.

“**Little**” **Larry Izzo** continues to do great things for our troops. You may remember that three years ago he sponsored an event in Boston, a karaoke night with the New England Patriots, that raised several hundred thousand dollars (members of our class chipped in and bought a sponsorship for \$50K); all of the proceeds from this event



▲ “Little” Larry Izzo on a field of friendly strife





▲ Larry Izzo wows the crowd in Boston at his Karaoke for The Troops event

as a full Colonel in 1990. He passed away on October 25, 2003, and as a tribute to my wonderful father and the influence he had on my life, I have always wanted to do something to help the families of our American Troops.

As a first step, I created an event with my New England Patriot teammates. All proceeds go to the families of American Troops who have died in combat, and to those American Veterans left disabled as a result of their military service in Iraq and Afghanistan. BUT, I cannot do this without the support of people like you.

I will be hosting the third annual **'Karaoke with Larry Izzo and the New England Patriots – A benefit for our Troops and their families'** on Wednesday evening, June 4, at The Roxy on Tremont Street, Boston, MA. My teammates and I will be there to perform our best Karaoke with corporate sponsors, mingle with the fans, and enjoy what has become one of Boston's most enjoyable charitable events. As I mentioned, I

cannot do this without your support and we hope that you will join us for this year's event.

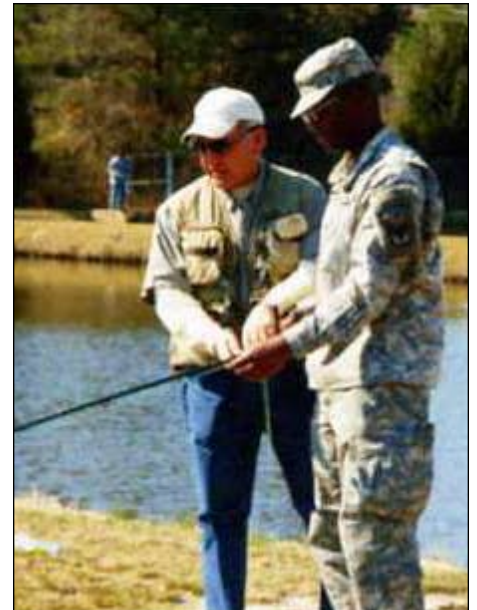
Attached is a list of sponsorships that may be of interest to you. All of the proceeds will go to the unselfish heroes who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, and to the families of those deceased Troops.

This will be a night for all to remember, so I look forward to seeing you at The Roxy on June 4."

Thank you.  
Sincerely, Larry Izzo

**Bill Freccia** recently sent me a nice note with information of his participation in a program at The Pechman Fishing Education Center in Fayetteville, NC, teaching Wounded Warriors how to fly fish for trout. He sent along a great photo of his Warrior proudly holding a nice brown trout he had caught.

Now, if Bill could only catch some fish someday.....



▲ Bill Freccia teaches a Wounded Warrior to fly fish

## BALL & CHAIN NEWS, *or Blood, Sweat and Tears*

Lots of Ball & Chain news this time around; something must be in the air, or the water. **George Dials** provided a report on the wedding of his and **Pam's** son **Bill** on 8 July. Here's the rest of what I've got.

**Paul & Vivian Haseman's** son **Mark**, class of '05, got married here at West Point on 3 May to a young lady named **Heather**. Of course I had to learn this from **Gael James**, since I wasn't on the invite list. Obviously Paul & Vivian have seen how I conduct myself in public gatherings.

► **Haseman wedding:** Member's of Heather's family, Heather & Mark Haseman, Paul & Vivian Haseman, Janell Haseman, Lynn Haseman Streich '00 and her son Braydon. (Lynn's husband Brad '00 is deployed to Kuwait)





▲ Some Distinguished Class Ladies at the Tyler Donnell wedding: Leslie Nelson, Margie Clark, Debbie Adams, Sally Winkel & Vicki Lowrey

However, **Alton & Carolyn Donnell** are far more tolerant of manic behavior and threw caution and good judgment to the wind. **Vicki** and I, along with the rest of the class, were invited to their son **Tyler's** (Class Of '02) wedding to Ms. **Dena Fabré** in the Cadet Chapel on 10 May. It was a great party, as there was a great turn out of classmates and wives, who seldom miss the opportunity to feast and debauch on someone else's dime. Actually the party lasted several days; some folks showed up a week or so early, and **Ray & Sally Winkel** were trying to figure out how to get them out of their house a week after the party. Some of them came from as far away as the Left Coast. Revelers included **Rich & Debbie Adams**, **Bill & Karla Cates**, **Ace & Margie Clark**, **Mark & Joan Fischer**, **John & Gael James**, **John & Nina Landgraf**, **Bob & Roni Lenz**, **Freed & Vicki Lowrey**, **Tom & Joannie Parr**, **John & Janice Severson**, **Ray & Sally Winkel**, **Leslie Nelson** and **Vivian Haseman**. One especially poignant event for me was during the dance with the bride. Classmates were lined up across the dance floor and out the door for the honor; I was about half way back in the cue. When I finally cut in for my few turns around the floor, Dena looked at me with her big brown eyes and said, "how many of you guys are there, anyway?"



▲ Distinguished Classmates help celebrate Tyler & Dena Donnell's wedding at West Point. Left to right: John Severson, John James, Alton Donnell, Mark Fischer, Freed Lowrey, John Landgraf, Tom Parr, the bride & groom, Bob Lenz, Bill Cates, Ray Winkel, Rich Adams and Ace Clark

One neat sidebar to the wedding report was provided by Carolyn Donnell: "To end the story... Tyler's Best Man was Ryan Deaderick, his classmate and roommate for practically the whole time at West Point. His girlfriend Barb caught the bridal bouquet at the reception. Ryan proposed to Barb on Sunday up at an area where he used to rock climb. She said YES!!! Tyler will be their Best Man and they hope to get married before Tyler has to return to Iraq for his third deployment...so will keep you posted. No guys, you aren't invited to this wedding as well... SORRY!!!"

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▲ John Severson takes a spin around the floor with bride at the Donnell wedding



▲ Ace Clark dances with Dena Donnell



▲ Classmates que up to dance with the new Mrs. Tyler Donnell





▲ The Julie Locke wedding: left to right are Kenneth Locke, Patricia Knowlton, Anthony Porcari, Juliet Locke, LTC Edward Locke and Ed Locke

I received following from **Ed Locke** on 6 July: "My daughter **Juliet Locke** was married to Dr. Anthony Porcari on June 28<sup>th</sup> 2008. He is a research chemist for Pfizer. The wedding was in East Greenwich, RI with the reception in Newport overlooking the ocean. It must have been quite a sight as I walked, or should I say wheeled, the bride down the aisle. I have attached a photo of the family at the church.

Pat is the daughter of Col. William Love USMA '45. LTC Ed is USAFA '95. Ed is in the process of transferring to the Army from the Air Force. He now commands a WMD team for the state of Nevada. It seems as though the Army has the mission for responding to WMD attacks so the transfer was necessary if he wanted to continue in that field. In exchange for the transfer the Army will send him for a PhD. He will also do a year in Iraq before the schooling. He volunteered for the Iraq tour so he will be on an equal footing with his Army peers. He has already been to Saudi Arabia for a tour. He will go from the Air Force National Guard to the Army National Guard to the Army Regular Army when all is done. I am very interested in watching this take place as it is very unorthodox. He will end up in the chemical corps from what I understand.

— Ed

**Jim & Nancy Warner** married off their daughter **Julia** to Perry Sachs on May 24, 2008. You can view photos from the wedding at <http://www.underwoodphoto.com>. Click on Clients, then on Warner-Sachs Wedding. The password is Julia. Here's a nice shot of **Jim** escorting Julia down the aisle.



▲ Jim Warner walks his daughter Julia down the aisle.

Finally, as a tribute to marriage, one of our esteemed classmates has submitted these Pearls of Wisdom on the topic. Not surprisingly, he really wishes to remain anonymous, and I have promised to respect his wishes. I suspect you can figure out without too much trouble. (Did I mention that I can be easily bought?) Naturally I would never, ever ascribe to any of these ideas.

#### WHY MARRIAGE?

*You have two choices in life: You can stay single and be miserable, or get married and wish you were dead.*

*At a cocktail party, one woman said to another, "Aren't you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?" "Yes, I am. I married the wrong man."*

*A lady inserted an ad in the classifieds: "Husband Wanted". Next day she received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: "You can have mine."*

*When a woman steals your husband, there is no better revenge than to let her keep him.*

*A woman is incomplete until she is married. Then she is finished.*

*A little boy asked his father, "Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?" Father replied, "I don't know son, I'm still paying."*

*A young son asked, "Is it true, Dad, that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?"*

*Dad replied, "That happens in every country, son."*

*Then there was a woman who said, "I never knew what real happiness was until I got married, and by then, it was too late."*

*Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence.*

*If you want your spouse to listen and pay strict attention to every word you say -- talk in your sleep.*

*Just think, if it weren't for marriage, men would go through life thinking they had no faults at all.*

*First guy says, "My wife's an angel!"*

*Second guy remarks, "You're lucky, mine's still alive."*

*"A Woman's Prayer: Dear Lord, I pray for: Wisdom, to understand a man, to Love and to forgive him, and for patience, For his moods! Because Lord, if I pray for Strength I'll just beat him to death."*

AND NOW FOR THE FAVORITE!!!

Husband and wife are waiting at the bus stop with their nine children. A blind man joins them after a few minutes. When the bus arrives, they find it overloaded and only the wife and the nine kids are able to fit onto the bus. So the husband and the blind man decide to walk. After a while, the husband gets irritated by the ticking of the stick of the blind man as he taps it on the sidewalk, and says to him, "Why don't you put a piece of rubber at the end of your stick? That ticking sound is driving me crazy." The blind man replies, "If you would've put a rubber at the end of YOUR stick, we'd be riding the bus .. So shut the hell up."



## TRANSITIONS

### Paul Kern Gets a New Job

I received the following e-mail and press release from **Paul Kern** on 23 July: "Freed: I thought I would let you know before you took me to task that I will start a new job on 1 August as the President and COO of AM General - maker of our HMMWV's. I have had to resign from Class of 50 Chair to do this, but still expect to support West Point in other ways. I have attached the announcement released by AM General today."

**GENERAL PAUL J. KERN  
(U.S. ARMY, RETIRED) TO JOIN  
AM GENERAL AS PRESIDENT  
AND CHIEF OPERATING  
OFFICER AND SUCCEED  
ARMOUR AS CEO AT THE  
END OF 2009 AM GENERAL'S  
ARMOUR TO REMAIN  
CHAIRMAN THROUGH 2011;**

South Bend, Ind.—James A. Armour, AM General chairman, president and chief executive officer, (President of AM General since November of 1988,) announced today that he will step down as president, effective August 1, 2008 and retired U.S. Army General Paul J. Kern will join AM General as president and chief operating officer. Mr. Armour will continue with the company as chairman and chief executive officer. General Kern

will become chief executive officer by the end of 2009, when Mr. Armour will step down from that position and then continue with the company as chairman through 2011.

In making this announcement, Armour said, "I am extremely pleased to have Paul join the company's senior management team. He has been a trusted member of our advisory board, and his experience as a senior military officer prepares him to help us take AM General to new levels of success."

Armour continued, "In my role as chairman, I will continue to provide overall strategic and organizational guidance and will assist management as requested."

"I am thrilled to join with Jim Armour leading AM General," said Kern. "This is an exciting time to join a superb team of people who have provided critical equipment to our troops. AM General is more than ready to take on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in both defense and commercial sectors."

General Kern has a very distinguished record of service to our nation, including two tours of duty in Vietnam and service with the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division during Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

- Commanding General, Army Materiel Command
- Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology

- Commander, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized)
- Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense

At the conclusion of his career General Kern led the investigation into Abu Gharib and continues to work with the Center for Victims of Torture.

General Kern, a native of West Orange, New Jersey, was commissioned in 1967 as an armor lieutenant following graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He earned master's degrees in both mechanical and civil engineering from the University of Michigan and was a Senior Fellow at the JF Kennedy School, Harvard University. He has been a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers since 1973 and was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2007. He serves on the Mechanical Engineering Advisory Board at the University of Michigan, as an Adjunct Professor at USC, and recently held the Class of 1950 Chair for Advanced Technologies at West Point.

After retiring from the Army in January 2005, General Kern became a Senior Counselor of The Cohen Group where he will continue as an advisor. He was a

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member of CNA's Global Climate Change Military Advisory Board and Chairs their Energy Security Board. He also serves on the Boards of iRobot and Covant LLC.

## Ron Naples Announces Retirement from Quaker Chemical Following 13 Years as Chief Executive Officer



▲ Ron Naples

I recently came across a very nice news article announcing the fact that **Ron Naples** will be retiring in October after 13 years as the CEO of Quaker Chemical Company. The

article was so full of laudatory comments about him that I never would have known they were talking about our Ron Naples until I saw his photo. Ron & Suzanne really have been distinguished members of the Philadelphia business and cultural scenes for a very long time, and he has been instrumental in keeping the Army-Navy game in that fair town. Here, for your enjoyment and awe, is the article:

*PRNewswire*, 07 May 2008

"Ronald J. Naples, who, over the past 13 years has led Quaker Chemical Corporation to become an integrated, global company and almost tripled its market capitalization, has announced plans to step down as CEO in October. Naples will remain chairman and chief executive officer until October, after which he will remain chairman for a limited time.

The Board of Directors has selected Michael F. Barry, senior vice president and managing director -- North America, Quaker's largest operation, to assume the CEO role in October. Barry joined Quaker in 1998 as chief financial officer, where he served for six years, and has also served in key global and regional operating roles, most recently leading the company's North American operations to record levels of performance. Barry,

50, has been a member of the company's management executive committee, which oversees the company's worldwide business, since joining Quaker. He has an MBA with distinction from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Drexel University.

The Board has also appointed Patricia C. Barron, a long-time company director, as lead director.

"In Mike, we have a very well-prepared successor ready from within our management team. He's been a partner to me in many ways and has made an enormous difference in our business, most recently through the remarkable turnaround in North America. He'll be a great CEO," said Naples.

"Quaker is strong, uniquely positioned in its markets, and growing," Naples added. "I'm in my 27th year as a public-company CEO. It feels a good time to move on, while at only 62, I have still got the energy, appetite, and time to write another chapter. I have got a broad range of interests I'd like to engage further, from civic and public policy involvement to even possibly another slant on business."

In his career, Naples has had two successful leadership terms at two very different businesses. In addition to Quaker, a technology and service driven industrial business, Naples was chairman and CEO for over 13 years at Hunt Manufacturing, a consumer and commercial products business with retail distribution. Both businesses grew substantially in size, global reach, and market value under Naples' guidance.

During his time at Quaker, Naples led the creation of the company's unique competitive position as a worldwide, globally integrated company built around alignment with global customers, borderless service and value delivery to these customers, and the capture of worldwide knowledge and learning to create competitive advantage. This is reflected in Quaker's approach to the

world that gets the best out of the balance between global reach and strategy, and local performance accountability.

"Whatever progress we have realized over the years is a tribute to Quaker's talented management team and fine people. They have been at the heart of making our global organization work and have built the worldwide leadership positions we enjoy," Naples said.

When Naples left Hunt Manufacturing in 1995, the company's sales and earnings were four times greater than when he became CEO, and the company's market capitalization was 4.5 times higher. Hunt's earnings grew almost 19 percent annually during the 1980s -- the same time period when Naples was named CEO of the Decade in Business Equipment by Financial World magazine.

Naples is a former White House fellow, serving on the White House staff in the Ford Administration. He holds an MBA with distinction from Harvard Business School, and a master's degree focused on international economic relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Naples received a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and is a decorated veteran, having served as an Army captain in Vietnam.

A respected business leader and active regional civic leader, Naples has served in a broad range of roles in public policy and community matters. Currently, he is chairman of the board of the University of the Arts and serves as a director on a number of boards including, P.H. Glatfelter Company and Glenmede Trust Company, as well as the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the American Red Cross (Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter), the Foreign Policy Research Institute, and the USO, among others. He recently served as chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and has also been chairman of the prestigious Philadelphia Award, We the People 2000 (Liberty Medal), Greater Philadelphia First Corp., and the Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation.

Over the years, Naples and his wife, Suzanne, have opened their home to 15 foster children through the Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth. The couple lives in Wynnwood, Pennsylvania, and has three adult children.

Quaker Chemical Corporation is a leading global provider of process chemicals, chemical specialties, services, and technical expertise to a wide range of industries -- including steel, automotive, mining, aerospace, tube and pipe, coatings and construction materials. Our products, technical solutions, and chemical management services enhance our customers' processes, improve their product quality, and lower their costs. Quaker's headquarters is located near Philadelphia in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

### Beach Doheny Gets New Job in DOD

I Got the following press release, courtesy of **Mike Yap**, on 21 July:

"**Robert C. Doheny**, foreign relations

and defense policy manager, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (special operations/low intensity conflict and interdependent capabilities) reassigned, to foreign relations and defense policy manager, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (homeland defense and America's security affairs), Washington, D.C."

### Classmates Living Down Under

Back in June I learned that two classmates are now working and living down under. **Doug & Joanne Starr** are in Melbourne, Australia, where Doug has been working the past four years in conjunction with the Aussie's acquisition of the M1 Abrams tank. **Paul Haseman** is the General Counsel for Raytheon Australia. Here's his report:

"My assignment here is for at least a year and likely 18 months . . . Got here in May, so I'm just settling in. With Daughter 2 (Janelle) getting married in September and Daughter 1 (Lynn) having a baby the same day as the wedding and also being the Matron of Honor at Janelle's wedding, **Vivian** decided to stay behind for a few

months to assist with some of the goings-on. So I'm batching it here in Canberra for awhile." This appears to be an excellent opportunity for us all to visit Oz, since we now have two free places to stay for as long as we like.

### Other Comings and Goings

**Claire Saxon** is moving back to the Left Coast to a home a few houses from her son and his family in Escondido, in San Diego County, CA. Her new contact information is

Claire Lyn Saxon  
3144 Willow Tree Lane  
Escondido, CA 92027

The email will remain the same:  
[clsaxon@earthlink.net](mailto:clsaxon@earthlink.net) for the time being.

**Dave Kelley** retired as President of PPL Telcom this past November. He and **Jean** bought a house in New Smyrna Beach, FL -- just South of Daytona Beach. Their plans are to keep their house in the Lehigh Valley, PA and become "Snow Birds". He's determined to work on his golf game, but there are days he thinks he'll need a new hobby.

## MISCELLANEOUS RAMBLINGS,

*or short bursts overheard while standing in line at the bank for a gasoline loan*



▲ Bricks commemorating USMA grad astronauts in the Courtyard of the Davidson Center for Space Exploration at the Huntsville Space and Rocket Center

**21 Mar '08:** From **Macy Brown**: "Freed, attached is a picture of the bricks in the Courtyard of the Davidson Center for Space Exploration at the Huntsville Space and Rocket Center dedicated to the West Point Pioneers in Space. These bricks were dedicated on the afternoon of 7 Mar before the Founder's Day dinner that night at the Davidson Center. You will see that our **Woody Spring** and **Mike Mullane** have their brick in the top center of the picture."

**29 April '08:** Nice cyber burp and photo from **Doc Wentzel** today; he recently attended the annual reunion in Dallas of veterans who deployed to Vietnam with the 3d Brigade of the 82d Airborne Division at the beginning of the Tet Offensive in January '68. Probably half of the lieutenants in the brigade were our classmates; we lost our first KIA, **Jimmy Adams**, shortly after they arrived in country during the battle for Hue. Other attendees at the reunion were **Dean Risseuw**, **Glynn Hale**, **Mike Hood**, and **Bob Murrill**.

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▲ Dean Risseuw, Ranger Hale, Mike the Hood, Doc Wentzel and Bob Murrill at the 3d Bde, 82d Abn reunion in Dallas

According to Doc, Hood and Murrill were instrumental in organizing the reunion. Doc also provided me an update on his son, in response to my request for information regarding class kids in combat. **SSG Sam Wentzel** is currently serving with the 2d Ranger Battalion and on his seventh (yes, seventh) deployment to the combat zone. As of recently, Doc and Sam are the only known father-son combination to have served in that unit. They both have Ranger tabs tattooed on their left shoulders, in the regulation position. Unsurpassed.

**16 May '08:** Read in the *Pointer View*, the local scandal sheet, today that **Ray Winkel** continues to grow his empire in the Department of Physics and Other Obscure and Useless Sciences here at The Womb. Here's a photo of him participating in the ribbon cutting for the opening ceremony for the Nuclear Science Engineering Research Center lab in Bartlett Hall on 9 May. I'll make it a point to run right over there and check it out. My Nuke P Cow year told me that he thinks I'm the only guy on record not to have been found in Nuke despite never passing a WPR.



**2 June '08:** Got a note from **Mike Hood** today, sending along a cool photo of him carrying the guidon of HHC, 3d Bde, 82d Abn Div at an 82d Div review commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the overnight deployment of the 3d Bde to Vietnam during the Tet Offensive of 1968. I must say Hood is looking remarkably dapper, though he's a bit off his 1968 fighting weight. Compare this photo with the one of him carrying a wounded RVN Soldier during the fight for Hue.



▲ Color Corporal Mike Hood, left front, carries the HHC, 3d Bde guidon at an 82d Abn div review commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the deployment of the 3d Bde to Vietnam

► LT Mike Hood helping a wounded RVN Soldier during the Tet Offensive, 1968



◀ Ray Winkel and Dr. Edward Turano, Director of the Nuclear Technologies Directorate at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony for the Nuclear Science Engineering Research Center lab in the Department of Physics and Other Obscure and Bizarre Sciences at West Point

### Classified Ads: Denny Huyck's Looking for a New Job

I haven't had much input for this section since it was first introduced in PS #12, but **Denny Huyck** wants to take advantage of it, because he's looking for a new job. Here's **Denny's** input:

#### CLASSMATE NEEDS JOB ASSISTANCE

- Our company has shut down due to the rapidly increasing prices on products produced in China, combined with the rapid devaluation of the US Dollar vs. the Chinese Yuan.
- I am seeking help from classmates who may have job openings in their companies, or who have contacts with people who do have such openings.
- My experience is in sales, consumer product marketing, Asian sourcing, logistics, and warehouse operations. Resume is available upon request.
- If you have any input for me, please contact me at [DHuyckSr@hotmail.com](mailto:DHuyckSr@hotmail.com), or call my cell phone at 434-566-2016.
- Thanks for any guidance that you can provide.

Regards to all,

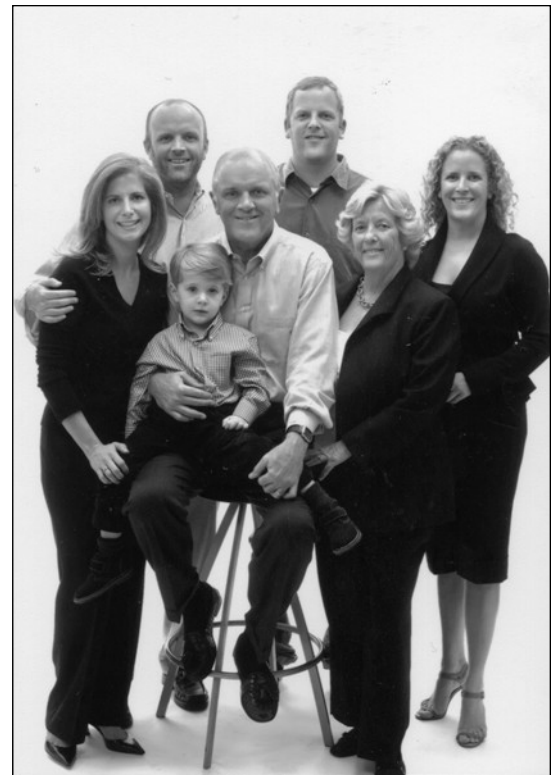
Dennis W. Huyck  
(434) 566-2016



▲ Wes Spincic's new toy



▲ Paul Cline's son Christopher in his office at the USMA Admissions Office



▲ The Tom White family





OK, Back by popular demand, one of **Paul Haseman's** delightful stories of cadet life, back when men were men, cadets marched in four parades a week, the Hellcats included piccolo and flute players, women were our dates, not our classmates, and uniforms were made of wool thick enough to stop a caliber .50 round.

### Flirty — Kissing Rock

Flirtation Walk is a wonderful sylvan refuge along the Hudson River at West Point. Because cadets in those days suffered through a rigorous engineering-heavy curriculum, Flirty gave them a chance to pursue other educational endeavors such as exposure to forestry, botany, and environmental science. The fact that on Flirty upperclass cadets could also kiss girls in privacy and away from the scrutiny of overly officious officers was a coincidental secondary reason why Flirty was loved by all. Flirty was great in providing a real break from the normal regimen and a chance for relaxed walking along its meandering trails. Many stories can be told about Flirty but this is a Flirty story from a “different” perspective.

One Saturday, roommate Bill Donohue's girl friend (and now wife, Annette) brought up a picnic lunch and a six-pack of beer. Annette drove and was an automatic perfect 3.0 (“Three O” in the old vernacular — the Corps is now on a 4.0 scale but she is still

enough for a blanket so what the heck. Bill pulled the blanket out of his trusty blue typewriter case complete with Academy crest and he and I got down to serious Reingold imbibing as we attacked delicious meatball sandwiches. It doesn't get any better than this.

It was about then that we noticed that we were about sixty feet directly below Kissing Rock with a clear sight line to the trail. We kept our dialog fairly quiet and could not help but find our eyes glued to the Rock. For those who have never traversed Flirty, Kissing Rock is a definite highlight. Tradition has it that if a cadet and his date walk under the Rock without stopping to kiss, then the foundations of West Point will crumble placing all inhabitants in grave jeopardy. Sounds like a myth made up by a 2.0 (Two O) Firstie Private in 1898 but it works.

Without being able to hear the various explanations, we watched enthralled as some cadets exhorted the protective gods with long spiels and arm waving and eventually claimed their kiss. Other

“regulars” would just walk up, kiss, and keep going. The routines varied and it was fun watching. Meanwhile, our generous ladies had wisely decided they really didn't want any beer so Bill and I had two more Reingolds apiece. Properly primed, we began mimicking the passing cadets' more elaborate arm flailing exhortations above. The ladies loved it and were having a great time.

Then along came a couple who paused and started off again without kissing. A sacrilege!! We were astounded! Bill and I felt a mutual responsibility as the official self-appointed Rock watchers and upholders of tradition. We jumped to our feet and Bill yelled with cupped hands in his loudest command voice. “YOU TWO — HALT!” The surprised couple stopped in their tracks and looked down. Bill queried loudly, “What are you trying to do, kill us all?” Well, the tradition ran deep because without a word our cadet made his exuberant apology by grabbing his date and laying on the best smacker of the day.

Just a typical afternoon on Flirty!

# DEAD FISH FLICKS

OK Sports Fans, not a whole lot of input for this ever-popular feature, but now that fishing season is in full swing I expect lots of great flicks of manly men and heavenly women for the next issue. Enjoy.



▲ Gary Downs showing off a very respectable brown trout poached from the Owyhee River in eastern Oregon

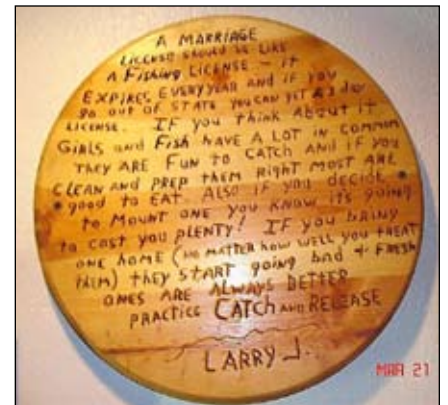


▲ John Caldwell and friends holding a sailfish he recently snagged off the coast of Somewhere



▲ Freed with something he snagged from the deep

► And finally, while we're on the subject of fishing, and it is always the primary goal of this literary carrion to enlighten you, the faithful readers, here are some priceless pearls of wisdom found in a bar somewhere, courtesy of that paragon of virtue **Alton Donnell**.



## EPILOGUE

OK Sports fans, that's more than enough for this edition; I'm still disappointed none of the wives responded to my challenge in the last issue to submit a "Wives Column" or a "Distaff Report." Well, you can't complain about not having been given a fair chance. Keep sending me your input – dead fish and animal flicks are always appreciated, as is your poetry, want ads, favorite cocktails and other recipes, accomplishments, miserable failures (it's been years since I've given anyone a Welsh Rarebit Award), Ball & Chain News – or anything else you want to see in print. As I always say, this is YOUR newsletter. *Calix meus inebrians*.

**GO ARMY – BEAT NAVY**



# CHANGES TO THE CLASS CONSTITUTION

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Classmates,

We have been working on revisions to the Class Constitution for several months now, in an effort to update the document, remove ambiguities and bring it into compliance with the needs of the Class. The Class Executive Board has unanimously approved these revisions and we now ask the Class to ratify the new Class Constitution.

What do you need to do? Review the changes and then VOTE –

- Ratify the new Constitution
  - Reject the new Constitution
1. Send your ballot from the Pooper Scooper to our Class Secretary Bob Lenz, PO Box 188, Fort Montgomery, NY 10922; or,
  2. Email Bob at [rlenz1@hvc.rr.com](mailto:rlenz1@hvc.rr.com).

Ballots, either paper or electronic, must be received NLT the end of this calendar year (2008).

Because of the length of both the old and new Constitutions, we have not printed them here. You may review them both by going **Dan Jinks’** Web Site at <http://www.jinksinc.com/USMA1967/Constitution.doc> and <http://www.jinksinc.com/USMA1967/Constitution-new.doc>

There you will be able to see both the old and new versions in full form.

In a capsule:

Many of the changes are cosmetic or “lawyer talk” to remain current with our tax exempt status with the IRS, such as the name change (Sec. I).

We have included siblings and lineal descendants of deceased Classmates as Associate Members (Art. IV, Sec. 1.b).

Regular Members and all Class Officers (whether Regular or Associate) will be allowed to vote on Class business (Art. IV, Sec. 2).

We have updated and clarified the wording about holding meetings and the quorums at those meetings (Art V).

The Class President, VP, Treasurer, and Secretary must be Regular Members. All other Class Officers may be Regular or Associate Members (Art. VI, Sec. 5).

We have clarified that money in the Class Gift Fund may only be moved by affirmative vote of the Class (Art. IX, Sec. 1.a).

And, grandchildren have now been included as recipients for USMA graduation gifts, just as we have always provided small graduation gifts for children of Classmates (Art. IX, Sec. 1.b).

So please review the documents and cast your ballot.

Thank you very much for keeping the Class of 1967 UNSURPASSED.

Tom Dyer  
President

# — BALLOT —

**This is important. Please take a moment to record your vote on this ballot regarding changes to the class constitution. Please return the completed ballot to:**

**Bob Lenz  
PO Box 188  
Ft. Montgomery, NY 10922**

**or vote electronically by sending your vote to Bob at [rlenz1@hvc.rr.com](mailto:rlenz1@hvc.rr.com).**

**Ballots must be received NLT 31 December 2008**

- ☐ **YES**, I approve the proposed changes to the class constitution.
- ☐ **NO**, I do NOT approve the proposed changes to the class constitution.

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