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



John James, using a class of '67 coin, performs the coin toss for the first USMAPS football game of the 2012 season, with USMAPS Commandant LTC Ruth looking on.



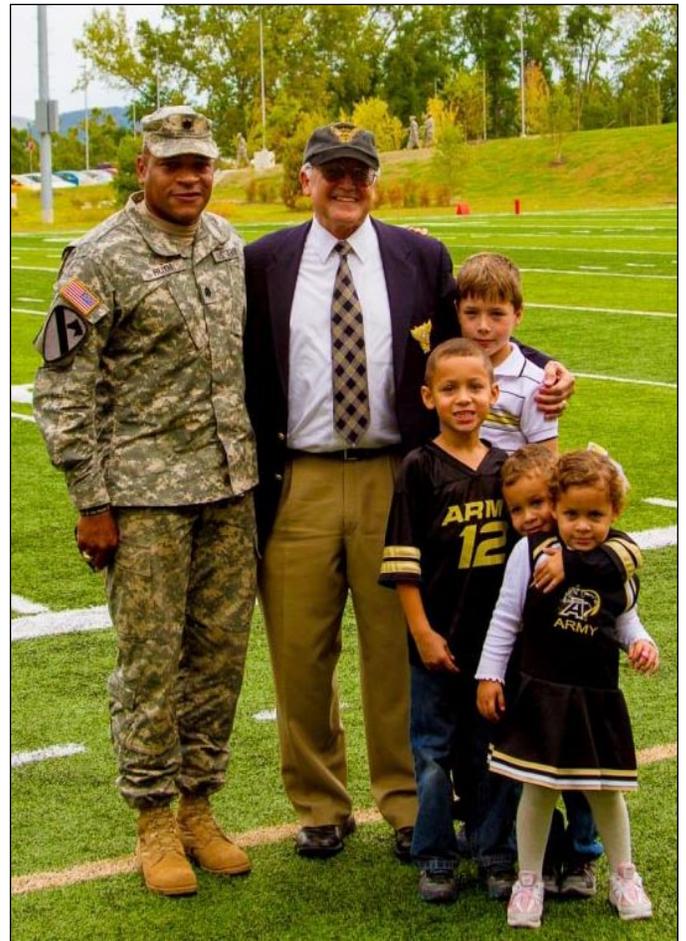
▲ LTC Ruth, AD Mueller and John James at the first USMAPS football game



▲ Tom Blaney, John James, USMAPS Comdt LTC Steve Ruth, USMAPS Athletic Director Bob Mueller and referee at the first USMAPS football game



▲ USMAPS Commandant LTC Steve Ruth and Deputy Commandant LTC Mike Rounds flanking the Class Of 1967 colors in the entrance foyer of the Prep School



▲ LTC Ruth and John James with young admirers

# OUR 50 YEAR AFFILIATION PROGRAM WITH THE CLASS OF 2017 IS OFF TO A GREAT START

Some of you with attention spans greater than few nanoseconds may remember from the last issue that we will be the 50 Year Affiliation Class for the Class of 2017 entering West Point on 1 July. There are many responsibilities associated with being the 50 Year Affiliation Class, starting with being present on R-Day (1 July) to provide moral support for the New Cadets and talking to and encouraging their parents and family members. We'll be expected to have a large contingent (hopefully at least 67 folks) to participate in the Plebe march back marking the end of Beast Barracks. Over the course of their four years, we'll have many opportunities to bond with and mentor the Class of 2017, including taking part in their Honor and Ethics education (see the piece by **Lee Murfee** on page 7). We will purchase and present them with their class colors when they're at Camp Buckner. We'll be present when they get their branch assignments, when they receive their class rings (several classmates and class widows/SFMs have already said they will donate '67 rings for the ring melt program for the class of '17), and, of course we'll be present at their graduation where select members of our class will hand them their first set of 2d LT bars.

These are programs that have evolved over the 15 years or so since the AOG started the 50 Year Affiliation Program and have become the norm. But of course we are the Class of 1967 and we are not "the norm;" we don't follow, we LEAD. And thanks primarily to the passion, initiative, and leadership of **Ed Beck**, our class has taken the idea of affiliating with and mentoring our 50 year class to a new level, at least for the 200 or so candidates currently in the USMA Prep School, before they ever become New Cadets.

Ed came up with idea of starting early and getting involved with the Prep School class that will become members of the Class of 2017. He took his idea to the Commandant of the Prep School, LTC Steve Ruth, who fully embraced it and has really made the most of it. It bears saying here that no other class had thought to include the Prep School as part of their affiliation program. In fact, LTC Ruth now proudly refers to our affiliation with the USMAPS class as The Vanguard Project.

On 11 September LTC Ruth published the following proclamation:

Just to give you an idea of how this project has crystallized, here is a primer written by Ed Beck in October at the request of the AOG to help that august organization steer future classes in our footsteps:

## USMAPS 2013/1963 and USMA Class of 67 An Affiliation Program USMAPS Vanguard Project

The USMA Class of 1967 graduated 583 out of a class of 846. The graduating class included 34 graduates of the 1963 class of USMAPS from Ft Belvoir, VA, and one from the Air Force Academy Prep School. The current USMAPS Class of 2013 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> graduating class since our graduation from Prep School in Ft Belvoir. It is only appropriate that we in the Class of 1967 support/mentor/coach and encourage the prep school class since those who enter West Point next year as the Class of 2017 will graduate the year of the Class of 67's 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. Over 80% of those cadet candidates currently in the USMAPS Class of 2013 will enter West Point with the Class of 2017. This bond between our two classes will be part of their experiences for the next five years.

There are several parallels between these two classes, even though we are nearly 50 years apart. In the USMAPS Yearbook of 1963, Major General Westmoreland, Superintendent of West Point had written:

"There were three distinct facets of this initial challenge, all of which have a definite relation to the 'whole man' evaluation of candidates utilized at the Military Academy. The candidate must not only be academically and physically qualified, but must also have demonstrated a potential for leadership. The course at the preparatory school was specifically designed to prepare you to deal with those challenges you may encounter in each of these areas.

Your graduation is testimony of your fitness to share the responsibilities our country provides for those who follow the motto—Duty, Honor, Country."

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**Commandant's Patriot Day Remarks**  
*September 11, 2012*

September 11, 2012. Today is Patriot Day! It's a proud day to be an American! To stand in formation this morning and salute our Country's flag while at half staff honoring the almost 3,000 victims of 9-11 and the 6,500 soldiers that have given the ultimate sacrifice in the **Defense of Freedom**.

On July 23<sup>rd</sup> you stood proudly among your brothers and sisters to take an Oath of Enlistment, an answer to the **Calling to Serve**. On that day, I reminded you that less than 1/2 of 1 percent of all Americans currently serve in the Armed Forces. That statistic alone makes you a part of a very special population – **Servants to the Nation**. On September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001, CC Austin Cattley and CC John Brown were only six years old, as old as my son, and here you stand today among 228 Comrades, standing **Ready to Serve!**

In honor of our fallen comrades on Patriot Day 2012, the American Flag will be run throughout the campus of the United States Military Academy continuously for the next ten hours. Along with the USMAPS runners will be a Class of 1967 West Point Ring symbolizing our connection to the Class of '67 as the **Vanguard Battalion** for the Class of 2017. We honor the sacrifices of their class that have made our Country ever so strong today.

As you get the chance sometime today, send a quick note to one of your mentors or supporters who created this opportunity for you to be here at the Prep School and thank them for this very special privilege to answer the **Calling to Serve**. Keep up the good work. Give of yourself everyday to get better and to help out someone else! Happy Patriot Day! **Desire, Faith, and Effort!**

  
LTC Stephen G. Ruth  
26<sup>th</sup> Commandant, USMAPS

The Class of '67 ring LTC Ruth refers to above was donated by **Tom Waraksa**.

The parallels continue. In 1962 as we were entering preparatory school, the Russians were installing missiles in Cuba. Felix Frankfurter resigned from the Supreme Court. Kennedy called up 150,000 reservists to prepare for the Cuban crisis. The Mississippi National Guard was federalized to cope with the racial crisis at the University of Mississippi. In October, 1962 Walter Schirra orbited the earth six times. President Kennedy announced an embargo and blockade against Cuba. The Chinese were forging through the Himalayan Mountains in their war with India. We had unrest in the Congo, anxiety in India, and there was concern regarding the increased fighting in a place called South Viet Nam. Today's cadet candidates will be exposed to the current issues that our nation faces not unlike the prep school class of '63.

Our role during the prep school year is to be there for and support the USMAPS cadet candidates as they develop their potential for leadership. We want to supplement the existing agenda at USMAPS by providing examples of accomplishments by the Class of 1967. Our approach to the *Vanguard Project* is three fold as an affiliation class:

First, to illustrate our level of commitment and interest by providing personal items, thoughts and words of encouragement to demonstrate this commitment to their success: The items currently include:

- Class of 1967 Colors and battle streamers
- Class of 1967 Ring donated for the 2017 Ring Melt Program
- Class of 1967 Coin, "None Shall Surpass"
- 1963 USMAPS Yearbook, The Challenge
- List of Class Authors and two books, The Parting by Rich Adams and Warriors Remembered by Al Nahas
- Center for Oral History DVD about the Class of 1967 In Vietnam entitled, "Into Harms Way"
- **PANE Coin** from the Physics And Nuclear Engineering Department honoring the late BG Raymond Winkel who was Head of the Physics Department for 22 years. He also was the senior active duty Colonel in the Army and the last member of the West Point Class of 1967 still on continuous active duty. This coin was presented to USMAPS in memoriam to Ray by his widow Sally Winkel.
- Welcome Letters from **Tom Dyer**, President of the Class of 1967 and **Tom White**, 18<sup>th</sup> Secretary of the Army.
- The Class of 67 Summary of Accomplishments: (19 General Officers, 335 valor awards, 3 Distinguished Service Crosses, 71 Silver Stars, 148+ Purple Hearts, 30 KIA, 40 Doctors and Dentists, 43 Attorneys, 2 Astronauts, 3 Distinguished Graduates, 2 Department Heads, etc.)

Many of these items are displayed within the lobby of USMAPS in a glass case.

Secondly, we want to insure all the cadet candidates that we all started the at same place they are starting out with the same questions and insecurities. Our class messaging program is to demonstrate to these cadet candidates that although we all started the same, the path and journey was self directed. Currently we have 5 of these messages with accompanying biographies to illustrate that the journey can be whatever you want it to be and that it is an incomparable one:

- **Tom Schwartz**: Football Player, Lacrosse Player and Professional Soldier (4 Stars)
- **Mark Hamilton**: Football Player, Major General and President Emeritus, University of Alaska (2 Stars)
- **Mike Mullane**: Astronaut and Public Speaker
- **Mike Shelton**: First Flag Officer in the Navy from West Point (2 stars)
- **Carl Savory**: Surgeon and Delta Force Iran hostage engagement

There will be several more over the course of the year. Approximately 80 of the cadet candidates are recruited athletes. There will be more messages coming from athletes and professional Soldiers to provide some examples of the varied journeys that each of us took. In addition we scheduled business leaders, former prep school graduates and those with significant contributions to West Point.

Thirdly, it is our goal to participate with USMAPS in *Key Events* throughout the year to interact and support Cadet Candidates and be visible to the parents. To date we have been involved in several events:

- Class Representatives have been involved with the Coin Toss at three USMAPS Football games using the Class Coin.
- I have attended a USMAPS staff meeting regarding the Affiliation Program and Parent's Weekend
- We have a representative of our class at Parent's Weekend as part of the reviewing party and the Commandant's Briefing, as well as interface with Parents
- We have counseled two cadet candidates who wished to leave USMAPS
- We have offered to participate in a speaker's program throughout the year

- We intend to be as visible as possible at any significant events
- **USMAPS “R” Day:** Members of the Class of ’67 attended the R-Day Briefings in IKE Hall: Tom Blaney ’67, Mike Aiello ’67, & Freed Lowrey ’67: 23 JUL
- **Inaugural Coin Toss:** COL (ret) John James ’67 (*EECS Adam Chair in Information Technology*) conducted the *Inaugural Coin Toss* for the 1<sup>st</sup> Home Opener Football Game with the Class of ’67 Coin: 22 SEP
- **PANE Coin:** The late BG Ray Winkel ’67 (*former Head of the Physics Department* for over 22 years) was honored by his fellow classmates: Mike Aiello ’67 & Alton Donnell ’67 by using his PANE Coin (Physics and Nuclear Engineering) for the Coin Toss for the Valley Forge Football Game: 12 OCT



▲ Mike Aiello and Alton Donnell with some outstanding preppers

► Mike Aiello, LTC Steve Ruth and Alton Donnell with the class colors at USMAPS



► Alton Donnell, watched carefully by Mike Aiello, tosses the coin at the second game

- **Parents’ Weekend Activities:** Ed Beck ’67 attended the USMAPS Staff Meeting regarding the Affiliation Program & Parent’s Weekend. Dr. John James ’67 served as the *Reviewing Officer* for the parade, attended the *Commandant’s Briefing* as well as interfaced with Parents: 19-20 OCT

► John James, on the left, represents the class at USMAPS parents weekend

- **Veteran’s Day Wreath Laying:** Dr. John James ’67 and others (TBD) to conduct the Veteran’s Day Wreath Laying Ceremony and Coin Toss for the Army vs. Navy Prep Football Game: 10 NOV
- **Spring Activities:** *Class of ’67 Guest Lecture Series*, etc.
- **USMAPS Graduation:** *Reviewing Officers* (TBD) for the Graduation Parade 18 MAY



There are a number of ideas that are currently being discussed with USMAPS for further involvement by our class with emphasis on developing their potential for leadership.

The Class of 67 is one that lives up to its motto of “None Shall Surpass.” We have been actively involved in the support and development of many aspects of West Point. We are actively involved in philanthropic plans for West Point, the Class of ’67 Alumni Leaders Conference, 6 Civilian Aides to the secretary of the Army, 3 USMA Distinguished Graduates; list goes on. It is consistent with our principles to actively develop a strong relationship with USMAPS through our Affiliation Program.

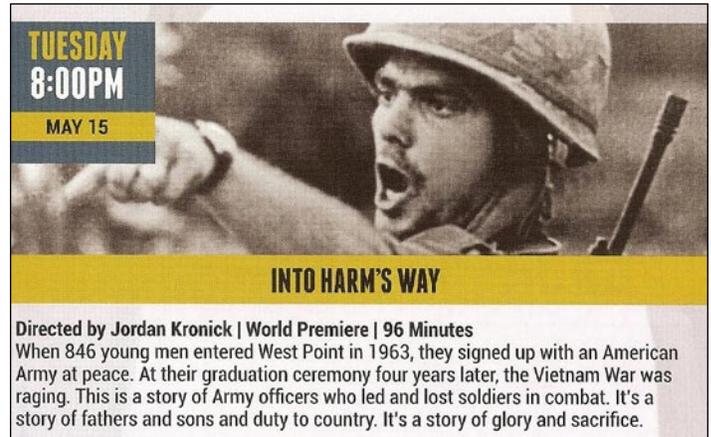
Ed Beck  
 USMAPS 1963  
 USMA 1967  
 Class Affiliation Coordinator

So, sports fans, as you can see ’67 once again reigns *Unsurpassed* and sets the standard for future classes to emulate. Thanks especially to Ed Beck and USMAPS Commandant LTC Steve Ruth for making this happen.

# THE CLASS DOCUMENTARY FILM "INTO HARM'S WAY" TO BE AIRED MEMORIAL DAY ON PBS

Well, it's been a long time coming, and the Army-imposed bureaucratic morass almost succeeded on several occasions in keeping this from happening, but I am very happy to report that our class film will finally be on national TV on Memorial Day 2013. American Public Broadcasting, an arm of PBS, expressed great interest in the film and had hoped to show it on Veterans Day, 11 November. But nothing is easy when dealing with USMA and Army bureaucracy. As I write this on 5 December we're still waiting for the final Army approval paperwork to arrive, but the USMA Center for Oral History has been assured it will happen. So, all you folks in the film need to find yourselves good agents. Of course, in order to make the film fit into a 90 minute time slot four minutes will have to be cut, so maybe you shouldn't hire an agent just yet.

While this will be a PBS broadcast, we have no way of knowing at this point how many PBS stations will have the funding to show it. Apparently local PBS stations have a lot of leeway when it comes to choosing what programs they can afford, much like public radio. However, the consensus is that it will get very wide, if not universal, coverage. So set your alarm clocks for 27 May and start planning your screening parties now.



**TUESDAY**  
**8:00PM**  
MAY 15

**INTO HARM'S WAY**

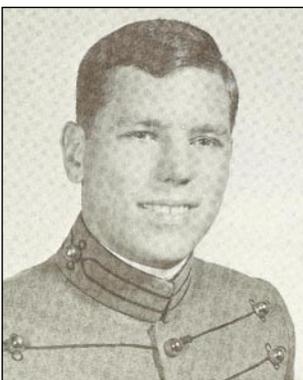
Directed by Jordan Kronick | World Premiere | 96 Minutes  
When 846 young men entered West Point in 1963, they signed up with an American Army at peace. At their graduation ceremony four years later, the Vietnam War was raging. This is a story of Army officers who led and lost soldiers in combat. It's a story of fathers and sons and duty to country. It's a story of glory and sacrifice.

▲ Class documentary film ad from the GI Film Festival program

## In Memoriam BE THOU AT PEACE

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

### ✿ ROBERT L. SELLARS ✿



▲ Robert L. Sellars

I received a phone call from **Brick Anderson** on the evening of 12 December with the terrible news that **Bob Sellars** had passed away quite suddenly and unexpectedly the night of 11-12 December. His wife **Edie** was visiting family in Florida, and when Bob didn't answer the phone she contacted a neighbor to break into the house. Bob had apparently passed away during the night.

Here's the obituary that appeared in the local newspaper in Bigfork,

MT, on 14 December:

"Robert Lawson "Bob" Sellars, 68, passed away suddenly but peacefully at his home on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012, in Bigfork.

He was born on Sept. 21, 1944, in Miami to Thomas and Eunice (Griffith) Sellars.

Bob received his early education in Florida and continued by attending the West Point U.S.

Military Academy, graduating in 1967. He served his country during one tour in Vietnam. Bob then attended Florida State

University, receiving his Juris Doctorate in 1974. He then practiced law in West Palm Beach, Fla., for the next 40 years. Bob married Edie Turk on Nov. 17, 1984.

Bob's main focus in life was his devoted and loving wife, Edie. He also enjoyed the outdoors, his dogs and traveling.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his devoted wife of 28 years, Edie Sellars; two brothers, Joseph and John Sellars; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Bob are pending.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Bob's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Bob's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories."

Please keep Bob and Edie and their entire family in your thoughts and prayers.



▲ Robert L. Sellars

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

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A belated Happy Thanksgiving to you all. I trust this note finds all of you doing well.

Freed mentioned to me a couple weeks ago that he wanted to get a “brief” Pooper Scooper out before Christmas.....this is BRIEF!!

Despite how well I know my brother Freed, he still amazes me. A lot here to consume, please take the time to enjoy this piece.

We have spoken over the last few months about the 50 year Affiliation Program. It is one of the best programs that has been initiated at West Point to provide a meaningful connection between Graduates and Cadets.

**Tom Parr** as the Chair of the Affiliation Committee has done a great job of organizing and planning for the events which begin next summer, R-Day for the Class of 2017, and culminate with their Graduation in May 2017. Many of you have agreed to help and participate in the effort. It will be fun and is so much appreciated by the Cadets and their Parents.

**Ed Beck**, as you know, has taken the program to a new level with the inclusion of the USMAPS Class of 2013. Ed and many others are mentoring this Class as they complete their USMAPS journey and enter the USMA Class of 2017. I spoke with LTC Steve Ruth, USMAPS Commandant, this Fall about the program. He’s thrilled that Ed and other ’63 USMAPS Grads have embraced his Troops. It is working.

As most of you know, **John Severson** agreed to take on the responsibility of our 50 year Reunion Gift. John and the Committee are off to a fast start as you will see from reports in this issue. John’s creativity will allow us to complete this gift cycle with the minimum of administrative pain. The recommended choices for the Gift have been sent to all of you. They are also outlined again in this issue. Remember that the Class voted to gift not only the Academy but also the Class as part of this Campaign. All of that information and direction will be continually reinforced by John and the Committee. If you have a question please ask.

So much great stuff is going on in Classmate’s lives as evidenced by the reports you all shared with us. Thanks for keeping us up to date and “forever young”!!

Thanks for all each of you do for our Class, for West Point and for our Soldiers. What a wonderful example ’67 continues to be .... it’s what Servant Leadership is all about.

Paige and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. We continue to be humbled to be a part of the Family that is the Class of 1967.

None shall surpass.  
God Bless you all,

Tom

## FREED’S FULMINATIONS, or News You Can Actually Use. Or Not.

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### The Class 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift Campaign to be Launched in January

OK, you all knew it was coming. You were briefed at the reunion and warned in the last issue of the *Pooper Scooper*, and now it’s official: We will start our fund raising campaign for the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion gift soon after the start of the new year. So get your checkbooks/credit cards/brokerage accounts lubed and ready. Now PAY ATTENTION! This is IMPORTANT STUFF!

Actually there are **TWO** funds to which we would like classmates contribute. Here’s a note from our Class Gift Campaign Grand Poobah and Chancellor of the Exchequer, **John Severson**:

“1. **The class admin fund** known officially as “USMA CLASS OF 1967”. We need \$250,000 over the next several years for the publication of the Pooper Scooper, gifts to families of classmates who pass away, seed money for the 50th reunion and admin costs for our 50th year affiliation class actions. You can give right now with your credit card and have a tax deduction tacked onto your income tax

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form (read-reduce your 2012 taxes before we go over the fiscal cliff on 1 January) by going to [www.classgift50th.usma1967.org](http://www.classgift50th.usma1967.org) and following the instructions on the "Donate" button. A complete list of ways to donate to the admin fund will be mailed to each of you early next year.

2. Our **50th Reunion Gift to West Point** fund. Earlier this fall Tom Dyer sent a message via class email outlining the two options we are considering for presentation to West Point at our 50th Reunion. If you missed this, not to worry, Freed is reproducing it below. Classmates were urged to send comments regarding this gift to John Severson at [JJS1967@msn.com](mailto:JJS1967@msn.com). If you have not done this, please do. We appreciate your comments. A decision will be made after ample time has passed for classmate comments as to what our gift will be. Early next year the fund drive for this gift will begin in earnest."

OK sports fans, here's the text of the e-mail recently sent to the class by class president **Tom Dyer**:



Classmates,

First of all, I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family. I hope it was also a time to reflect on all for which we have to be thankful.

We are moving on towards our 50th Reunion in 2017. Over the years our class has had a large impact on the Army, the business arena and local communities around our nation. As we look forward to our Reunion we should endeavor to use that event as an opportunity to impact the cadets, the future of the Army and also to recognize our class in the years ahead. Consequently, the 50th Year Reunion Gift Committee was charged with researching and recommending a gift to the Academy to accomplish those objectives.

The committee is composed of John Severson as chairman, Monty Meigs, Jan Askman and Bob Stromberg. Monty volunteered to research the gift in line with the above guidelines. He presented his findings to the committee and class officers, and that memo is attached at the end of this message. We want to share his memo with you and solicit your thoughts on the gift. By the way, this will be the last class gift we present to the Military Academy. Please study his memo and respond as soon as you can to the committee chairman, John Severson, at [JJS1967@msn.com](mailto:JJS1967@msn.com). After we receive your input we will make the decision on the actual gift to West Point.

There are a few admin points I would like to add:

- a. Our fund drive for the Reunion will actually be for two sets of funds. The Class Admin Fund goal is \$250,000. This money will be used for the next five plus years for the Pooper Scooper, gifts to families of passing classmates, admin money for the 50th year affiliation class and seed money for the next Reunion. The Gift to West Point goal is \$1 million. To be meaningful and have an impact we need that amount of money. We also factored in our past giving as a class, the state of the economy and our desire to have this as a broad based gift versus a gift from a few.
- b. We are working to provide several different options for giving, such as donating appreciated stock to the Class Admin Fund. We will send out all the options when the drive begins.
- c. The fund drive will commence in early 2013 during which you will be asked to fully and faithfully contribute to the two funds mentioned above.

You have always stepped up and exceeded expectations in all our class endeavors. I am sure that you will do the same for this Reunion.

Unsurpassed!  
Tom Dyer

**Update on Class Participation in Ethics Education with our 50 Year Affiliation Class**

As I reported on the last issue, **Lee Murfee** has volunteered to lead this effort. Here's a detailed update from Lee about just what the PME2 program is all about and how you can be a part of it.

“You may make some future plans: 1967 classmates have an opportunity to participate in the Professional Military Ethic Education, (PME2), program for the USMA 2017 Class. The nature of 1967 graduate participation may vary some; but, in general, opportunities exist to assist in facilitating in fifty minute PME2 class sessions at West Point on two different days during each semester for each of the 2017 years at USMA. Our participation will start at the academy in the fall semester of 2013. Graduates can be facilitators along with a current cadet upperclassman for small groups of about thirty cadets from a cadet company. Our participation is voluntary and at our expense. Up to about thirty-six 1967 graduates can be accommodated for each of the class sessions. You may request to be matched with your USMA cadet company and may volunteer for one to all of the PME2 sessions reserved for 1967 graduates. Volunteers are welcome to participate in only one cadet PME2 session or to participate in multiple events over the four years that the class of 2017 is at the academy. Graduates with military and civilian experiences are desired.

The Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic, (SCPME) coordinates PME2 training. References include: <http://www.usma.edu/scpme/SitePages/Home.aspx>; and current goals of the PME2 training can be found at: <http://www.usma.edu/scpme/SitePages/PME2.aspx>

None will surpass the '67 class; we now have an opportunity to share our experiences, values and reasons of having good character. The opportunity to share and participate with the class of 2017 is priceless. Current fifty year affiliation graduates who are assisting with the PME2 program are most complimentary about their experiences. Lee Murfee, while recently instructing in the USMA Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering, completed eight semesters of facilitating in PME2 classes at the academy; the PME2 experience can indeed be very worthwhile for the cadets and for the graduate. Our planting and nurturing seeds of good character will better allow the 2017 class to blossom as leaders of character; members of the 2017 class may even pass on their and our seeds of character to the class of 2067. Graduate volunteers from the class of 1967 will indeed be touching the future in a most positive and meaningful manner.

The USMA PME2 program focuses on the values of character development, officership and leadership to reinforce current academy programs committed to developing leaders of character. The mission of PME2 is to educate, train and inspire the Corps of Cadets to be courageous leaders of character who profess the Professional Military Ethic. Representative session topics are respect, honorable living, service to our nation and the officer's oath. In small group settings, cadets have the opportunity to discuss many of the moral and ethical situations that they may encounter now and after they graduate. Each session will be supported with a topic, prepared suggested outlines, slides, optional situational stories for cadet comment, films and/or related reading materials. With a cadet upperclassman, the 1967 graduate is to facilitate

meaningful discussions among the cadets – with very little, or no presenting or lecturing. In the past, the role of the non-cadet facilitator has been open from equal coordination/sharing with the cadet facilitator to being available to share related stories and perspectives from years of experience. Yet, any approach that engages the cadets, sparks participation, leads the cadets to see the session as worthwhile and further develops the cadets as leaders of character is fine.

For each of the PME2 training sessions, the Simon Center recommends that one or more hours be allocated to go over the training material prepared by the Simon Center, and that an additional one or more hours of preparation time be allocated prior to a PME2 session. Cadets do value 50 year graduate stories and comments relating to the value of demonstrating the military ethic and good character; graduates relating applicable stories from their years of experience can be and have been the highlights of PME2 sessions. Graduates going with the flow of a PME2 session and interjecting comments as desired can be a successful approach. Prior to arrival at the academy, each graduate will be linked with a cadet company TAC and a cadet facilitator for the PME2 session.

A representative daily agenda for a day of PME2 participation is shown below. The actual participation with cadets is indicated from 1250 to 1345:

- NLT 0800 Parking passes will be given to Class Leaders for distribution or prepositioned with gate guard behind the Commandants house.
- 1000 Class of 1967 participants arrive at 1st Division Central Barracks (Bldg 747)/Nininger Hall; welcomed by SCPME staff.
- 1000-1030 Social time for Classes of 1967 participants. Group photo. Coffee and light refreshments provided.
- 1030-1040 COL Donovan, SCPME Director, Welcomes 50 Year Affiliates
- 1040-1140 SCPME staff member conducts a small-group facilitator prep session. Review PME2 session content. Provide additional facilitator guidance and answers questions. Location: Nininger Hall, Honor Library
- 1145-1200 Designated Cadet escorts arrive at 1st Division Central Barracks (Bldg 747)/Nininger Hall to meet their guests. Although not required, designated faculty facilitators and/or TACs are encouraged to meet their Class guests.
- 1200-1235 Designated Cadet escorts take guest facilitators to Cadet Mess for lunch. Cadet escorts will coordinate for seats at tables prior to the day of execution.
- 1235-1250 Cadet Escorts take guest facilitators to Company classroom to meet faculty mentor and conduct last minute coordination for class
- 1250-1345 Class of 1967 and 2017 PME2 Session. Location: Various platoon classrooms
- 1400-1430 Hot wash for 50 Year Affiliates and SCPME staff (other interested individuals are invited). Location: Honor Library (1st Floor), 1st Division Central Barracks (Bldg 747)/Nininger Hall
- 1430 Mission complete. Representatives from the SCPME Staff will escort interested 50 year affiliates to Book Store and Cadet Store.

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Cadets, academy staff and pass graduate volunteers all value past 50 year graduate participation in the PME2 program. Volunteers have an opportunity to make meaningful contributions for cadets and themselves. Though, each PME2 session may have a topic, a concept or suggested activity, the 50 year graduates are free and encouraged to share their perspectives on the value of character and being a leader of character in their careers in the military, business, education, legal profession or medical profession. Just attending a session is seen as a positive – as indicated in the following quote from a current first classman: “I have indeed seen 50 year class affiliates participate in PME2. They are an excellent asset sharing a wide range of experiences and wisdom. Their presence also maintains order and respect within the class, which facilitates the learning of the cadets. Usually what happens during PME2 is that cadets break up into groups and they are given a real-life scenario that occurred (usually in combat/deployment) and they discuss the situation and what actions to take based on a combination of leadership competence and moral ethical understanding. Since Old Grads have already experienced multiple situations with regards to leadership and ethics, they provide a first-hand account to the cadets.”

During each visit, graduates may interact with each other and dine in the Cadet Mess with the Cadets. Graduates have the opportunity to have a habitual relationship with a company for four years or interact with different cadets each visit. Specific topics and dates will be announced as they become known – perhaps in May or June 2013.

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## Start Your Training for the Plebe March Back in August



As I mentioned earlier, as well as in the last issue, a big part of our affiliation with the Class of 2017 will be participation in the Plebe March Back from Lake Frederick/Camp Buckner at the end of Beast Barracks in mid-August. Here’s a Survival Guide for that experience provided by Vince McDermott in the office of the Directorate of Academy Advancement:

**“You should not participate in the Graduate march back if you are not physically fit. If you are out of shape or if you have medical concerns, you should not participate.**

For Graduates, there are two options to participate in the march back:

**Option 1 - March from Camp Buckner (total distance is approximately 12 miles)** You will face two major challenges. First is the lack of a good night’s rest on Sunday night due to the early departure time. Make sure you are well rested before you arrive - get a good night’s sleep on Saturday night. Take a nap on Sunday. Second is the terrain – a series of rocky paths, mostly uphill, some downhill, but all challenging. **You need to be physically fit.**

The distance from Camp Buckner to the Ski Slope is approximately 10 miles. The rate of march is 20 minutes per mile. It takes about four hours to complete and will begin at or before daybreak.

Graduates are placed evenly throughout the New Cadet Companies. You will be assigned a specific platoon and company. You will stay with this platoon during the entire march to the ski slope. Feel free to speak with the New Cadets and Cadet Cadre during the march.

This portion of the march is usually divided into three segments (with two breaks, approximately 15 minutes each). There are energy bars, water, and porta-johns at each break. **It is very important to keep yourself hydrated throughout the march.**

- 1) The first segment is the most difficult. It is about three miles on rough and narrow gravel roads and mostly uphill. The cadets (with full military pack and rifles) walk at a determined brisk pace. It is a true test of your physical conditioning.
- 2) The second segment is also on gravel roads and is continually and steeply up and down like a roller coaster. It is difficult but not as tough as the first segment. This segment normally ends at Round Pond.

- 3) The third segment is the easiest and is mostly on asphalt on either downhill or level terrain. The last mile is through the golf course ending at the ski slope. The cadets do not climb the ski slope. When your New Cadet Company reaches the base of the Ski Slope, the Cadets and Graduates will part company. Graduates will assemble and rest in the Class of 1948 Ski Lodge.

**Option 2 - March from the Ski Slope (total distance is 2 miles)**

The Graduates who select this option are bused from Herbert Hall to the Class of 1948 Ski Lodge to link-up with the other Graduates who have completed the march from Camp Buckner.

Once everyone arrives at the ski slope, a group photo is taken. Immediately after the photo the Graduates will form up and march towards Washington Gate.

Just inside Washington Gate, the alumni form up on the side of the road and cheer on the New Cadets as they begin their march down Washington Road. This is a very moving experience. No one else is present - just Alumni and the Cadets - the Long Gray Line in living reality. The alumni then quickly fall in behind the last New Cadet Company and join the march. From that point on, virtually everyone at West Point will be lining the route to welcome the New

Cadet Class all the way down to the Superintendent's quarters. This portion of the march takes about 30 minutes to complete.

**A suggested training program for those marching back from Camp Buckner**

It is recommended that you begin walking/hiking at least three months out. You must feel confident in your ability to walk a long distance, with limited visibility, under challenging environmental and terrain conditions.

Start out with a distance you can easily handle with at least three sessions per week. Increase one or two of your sessions by a mile each week until you feel you can handle a 12 mile hike with ease. On the days you aren't walking, do some other beneficial exercise such as swimming or light training on exercise equipment.

You must be able to go up and down steep inclines at a brisk pace, so include hilly terrain in your routes. If you live in flat country, consider using stairwells or sports stadium bleachers. All you need is one hill or set of stairs – just repeat it a lot! Plan a day of rest after doing your longest walk of the week. Try not to get over-fatigued, which could lead to illness or injury. If you find yourself overtired and irritable, you are probably training too hard. Intersperse more rest days or slow your pace during some of your workouts.

Try to get exposure to walking in the dark or early morning. Get up before daylight and walk around the neighborhood (wear reflective gear). Find a rocky, hilly trail that you can do repeated treks over – this will help you to be ready for the rough surfaces you'll face in the dark during the first portion of the march back.

Your first training week might look something like this:

Sunday	1 mile Walk
Monday	Rest Day
Tuesday	1 Hour Walk
Wednesday	Rest Day
Thursday	3 mile Walk
Friday	Rest Day
Saturday	Fun Exercise – swim, bike, canoe, etc.
Sunday	1 mile longer than last Sunday

By the end of July, you should feel confident that you can walk at least 12 miles (at a 20 minute per mile rate of march) over hilly terrain and varied surfaces with just a couple of breaks along the way.

**Suggested personal equipment and supplies**

1. Light Hiking Boots: Your single most important item. Don't wear running shoes, walking shoes or tennis shoes. There are a lot of good quality lightweight boots on the market. You can pay anywhere from \$50 to \$400. Boots vary in height. We recommend you wear a boot that come up to the middle or over the ankle to reduce chances of spraining your ankle. Unless you plan to do lots more serious hiking, we don't recommend buying expensive boots. Just make sure the boot fits well with a heavyweight sock on. Buy your boots early on so you can

break them in well. Spray your boots with waterproofing the day before the march back.

2. Hiking Pole(s): Some Graduates have used a hiking pole or a pair of hiking poles. They add extra stability when sliding over loose rock or sandy surfaces. There are inexpensive collapsible models or you can get a wooden version with a rubber cap on the bottom end. If you choose to use hiking poles, you'll have to be very conscious of where you place the tips –you don't want to stick in into another marcher's foot or leg!
3. Hiking Socks: An absolute must. Recommend the heavier versions that are a blend of wool, spandex and nylon. Make sure you carry an extra pair of socks during the march.
4. Back Pack: A small and light back pack is strongly recommended in order to carry your water, an extra pair of socks, rain jacket, camera, cell phone, foot powder, band aids, etc.
5. Hydration: The Academy will issue you a water bottle; however, it is strongly recommended that you bring your own hydration system that can be carried in your backpack or in a waist belt.
6. Uniform: All Graduates will march in the polo shirt and hat (issued at registration) and **khaki** shorts or pants. You will have to purchase the **khaki** shorts or pants on your own. **There are no exceptions to this uniform!**

**SAFETY**

**Water – Make sure you keep yourself well hydrated during the march. We will issue each Graduate/marcher one water bottle that you can refill during the march. However, we recommend that everyone bring a Camelbak or other hydration device.**

**Sleep - Please remember that you will get a limited amount of sleep on Sunday night and you are participating in a long march over some difficult terrain. As a result, you will be very tired on Monday afternoon. Therefore, plan to have someone else drive you home or to the airport or please make arrangements to stay another night."**

Finally, Vince McDermott provides this additional planning info:

"Registration will open in June. In the interim you can tell you Classmates who are interested in participating to click on the link below to be notified when registration will open. You will need to log-in to the WPAOG website. Please note that this does not guarantee nor reserve a slot for you for the march back. <http://www.westpointaog.org/GMBNotification>

"As you know, the Academy will allow your class to carry a banner the last 2 miles of the march and we normally pre-position the banner and the carrying pole at the Ski Lodge for the class. So we will need to coordinate this.

"Also, my one comment for the 50-year affiliate class is please make sure your class emphasizes that the long march is a strenuous event and those participating should be prepared and in shape."

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## The Annual DC Class Dinner, 20 October 2012

Here's a report on this annual gala affair I received from **George Newman** on 15 November:

"Hi Freed, Hope all is well with you. Here is some feedback from our DC Class Dinner held on October 20th.

Classmates in the Washington, DC area held their annual class gathering at the Army Navy Country Club in Fairfax, Virginia on October 20th 2012. We had our usual good turnout with 45 classmates, spouses and guests attending.

After warm up libations and a prime rib dinner, **Chuck Suttan** introduced **Dick Radez** as our guest speaker. Dick's remarks were entitled "Building the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall--The Inside Story". Probably few of our classmates know that Dick was among about four people



▲ Enthralled classmates at the annual DC dinner

who were instrumental in getting the Vietnam Memorial built. Dick's role was being in charge of the fundraising---the key element. Everyone was captivated by Dick's story of all the challenges associated with acquiring

the funds, the site location, selecting the design and the actual construction. Dick and the other organizers were standing with President Reagan at the dedication. In sum Dick, pop your chest up for further proving that "None Shall Surpass '67 Class". Everyone is invited to join us for our next DC annual dinner on October 19, 2013. Hope to see you all there!"



▲ Dick Radez tells the DC crowd about the challenges of getting the Vietnam Memorial Built

## Classmates Gather in Tidewater, VA, for Lunch and Debauchery

This is becoming a regular event in the Tidewater area, which is a good thing. Here's a report I received on 19 November from **Denny Huyck** about the 17 November gathering:

"Hi Freed, I hope all is well with you and Vicki. As discussed, we had a nice luncheon and social time with the Tidewater Group this last Saturday, Nov 17, 2012 at the Opus 9 Restaurant. We met in a somewhat central location in Williamsburg, VA, although the Norfolk guys ran into an accident on Interstate 64 that delayed them awhile. You probably remember that stretch of an incredible traffic nightmare. Attendees included **Jim & Karen Crowley, Gary & Cindy Downs** and their daughter Jessica, **John & Barbara Garay, Kenn Harris, John & Gen Hart, Denny Huyck, Dean Risseeuw, Vern Saxon's** sister Jeannie Saxon, **Mike & Mary Shelton** and **Jeff Stark**.

We talked over the usual things: current health (unfortunately a big topic at our age), the "How long did you stay in?" topic, and also unfortunately what a crappy football team Army has fielded not only this year, but for the last few years. We never give up hope, and the Air Force game was a great respite, but last week against Temple really shattered our hopes for the Navy game coming up. It is a tribute to our folks that no matter the pain level we have experienced in the past, we all remain fiercely loyal to The Army Team. The food was good, the company was great, and

a good time was had by all. FYI, no one brought a dead fish with them for the pictorial annals of the Pooper!

Hope you have a great Thanksgiving and a Blessed and Merry Christmas."

The next luncheon is tentatively planned in the spring, maybe in April, so start making your travel plans now.



▲ Classmates gathered for the Tidewater, VA, luncheon



**Annual Class Ski Reunion, 2013 Edition**

Here's the latest update on plans for this annual bash, courtesy of Alton Donnell:

**"USMA '67 SKI REUNION - 2013  
Angel Fire, New Mexico  
INFORMATION LETTER #2 – October 2012**

In the middle of August, we sent out the first Warning Order about the Class of '67 Ski Reunion in Angel Fire at the end of January, wrapping up with the Super Bowl in early February. We were very excited about those who tentatively told us they were at least interested in coming: **Alton & Carolyn Donnell** (we will definitely be there), **Chuck & Carol Swanson, Ed & Janet Dewey, Bob & Elvi Stromberg** (doesn't ski but volunteered to cook), **Tim Russell, Paul & Vivian Haseman, Ronald Dionne, Bill & BJ Brigadier, Michael & Lillian Winton, Mac & Janice Hartley, Michael & Debra Kush,** son Ryan and fiancée, **Sterling & Sue McColgin.**

If you are interested, call or email and we will add you to the list. If you know of others who may be interested, please forward.

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Angel Fire is a small resort area on the Eastern slopes of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, about 3 hours north of Albuquerque and about 1/2 hour east of Taos. Elevation at our cabin is 8,500 feet. Alton is in Angel Fire this weekend, the aspens are a bright gold, and there is a forecast of snow flurries in higher elevations with temperatures in the teens...so folks, it is now time to start making definite plans if you are still thinking about coming for the mini reunion. Remember, Angel Fire is not the easiest to get to...so plan accordingly with time before and after for travel.

Our place in Albuquerque, plus Sally Winkel's apartment are available for sleeping if your flights get in too late to make the drive north to Angel Fire or if you have an early AM flight out. Once we know total numbers coming, we can look into discount tickets for skiing.

**When:**

Arrive January 29<sup>th</sup>, depart February 4<sup>th</sup> – or other variations on the theme.

**Accommodations:**

Swansons and Deweys are staying with us at our cabin at 41 Woodlands. We do have a king-size bed in a loft if another couple or single want to brave the ladder and are not afraid of heights. We have another house, which is just down the road from our cabin – will sleep up to twelve, but more realistically, three couples comfortably. The only cost will be the \$450 for the utilities and cleaning for the week...so split three ways that is pretty cheap... first come, first serve. Nice place and that is where we will have the Super Bowl Party, because we choose not to have satellite TV at our place. We get away from the world while in Angel Fire on purpose.

**Also available in Angel Fire:**

- The Lodge at Angel Fire Resort - <http://www.angelfireresort.com/winter/lodge/lodging>
- Condos – we have checked out a two-bedroom condo – walking distance to the ski slope. This belongs to a neighbor of ours and very well kept. We will call on cost once if you tell us you're interested.

There is also plenty of lodging over the pass in Taos, but we haven't stayed there in a long time and don't have any recommendations.

**Skiing:**

Tentative schedule. We'll support/help guide skiing here on these days. If you want a different schedule, feel free. The

- January 30<sup>th</sup> – Angel Fire
- January 31<sup>st</sup> – Red River
- February 1<sup>st</sup> – Angel Fire
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Taos
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Angel Fire

**Info on the ski areas:**

- Angel Fire - <http://www.angelfireresort.com/winter>
- Taos - <http://skitaos.org/>
- Red River - <http://www.redriverskiarea.com/>

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**Dining:**

We'll organize dinners on a schedule to be determined. Some of the good local places are listed below.

**Angel Fire –**

- Roasted Clove - <http://www.roastedclove.com/>
- Angel Fire Country Club - <http://www.angelfireresort.com/summer/country-club>
- Lodge at Angel Fire Resort - <http://www.angelfireresort.com/winter/lodge/lodge-dining>

**Taos – good for lunch if sight-seeing**

- Michael's Kitchen - <http://www.michaelskitchen.com/>
- Bent Street Café & Deli - <http://www.bentstreetdeli.com/>

**Things you must see/do:**

Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, Angel Fire, NM - <http://www.vietnamveteransmemorial.org/>

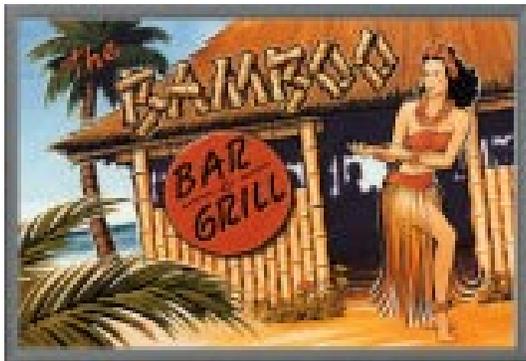
**If you don't snow ski or board:**

- Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing
- Angel Fire Nordic Center - <http://www.angelfireresort.com/winter/country-club/nordic-center>
- Enchanted Forest (near Red River) - <http://www.enchantedforestxc.com/>

- Tubing - <http://www.angelfireresort.com/winter/mountain/tubing>
- Sleigh Rides - <http://www.rtoours.com/>
- Snow Mobile Treks - <http://www.angelfiren.com/winter/snowmobiling/>
- Zip Lining – The resort has recently announced that they will run the zip line through the winter. Not sure if they've factored in the wind-chill/frostbite factor!  
<http://www.angelfireresort.com/summer/mountain/zipline>

**Other Excursions:**

- Cimarron, NM  
End of the Trail: <http://www.cimarronnm.com/historicscenic.html>
- Philmont Scout Ranch  
Back to Boy Scout roots: <http://www.philmontscoutranch.org>
- Saint James Hotel, Cimarron  
The real Wild West - <http://www.exstjames.com>
- Taos Galleries and Museums  
For art museums, check <http://taosmuseums.org/>  
For Taos galleries, check <http://taos.org/art> and <http://taoartist.org>
- NRA Whittington Center, between Cimarron and Raton.  
If you're into sending bullets down range, you might be interested in the NRA Whittington Center - <http://www.nrawc.org/>



## Plans Continue for a Class Mini-Reunion in Hawai'i for the Army Football game in November

Here's the latest update (20 November) on this party, courtesy of Mike Yap:

“Classmates, Mahalo to those that responded to the questionnaire we sent out on the Hawaii Mini-reunion.

The overarching concept is to plan a Class of 1967 mini-reunion around Army playing football at the University of Hawaii. This game is scheduled for Saturday, 30 November 2013. 40 responses to the questionnaire were received by the suspense and those responses represented about 90

participants. This information was instrumental in shaping our interaction with the various venues/activities.

The local host committee met in early August and conducted a series of site visits. All of this activity is captured in the latest concept paper available on the class web site: [http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1967/2013\\_Hawaii\\_Mini-reunion.htm](http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1967/2013_Hawaii_Mini-reunion.htm).

Once the final decisions are made concerning mini-reunion options, a registration web site will be opened similar to that used for the 45<sup>th</sup> reunion. While there will not be a reunion store set up, there will be a reunion bag and a deposit will cover the reunion bag items and amortized costs. The deposit will be about \$500. A final mini-reunion email will be sent once the registration web site is open. The mini-reunion will be centered at the Hale Koa Armed Forces Recreation Center, <http://www.halekoa.com/specials/specials.cfm>. The manager of the Hale Koa has agreed to relax the sponsoring ratio so that those of us with ID cards can sponsor a few of you without military ID cards.

Mike Yap”

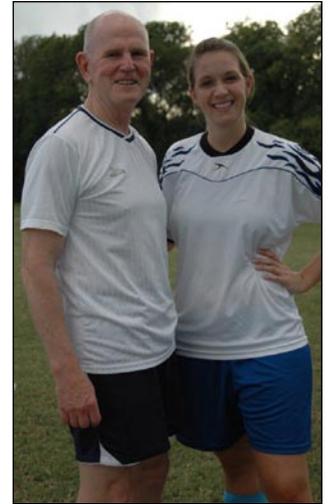
**Classmate Comings and Goings**

OK, time to catch up on all the reports I've received of classmates travels and adventures since the last issue in August. Here they are in the order I received them.

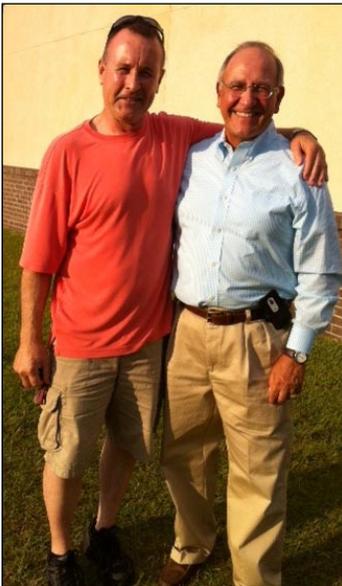
**27 August, from Carolyn Donnell:** "Freed - just got back from Houston and seeing Ashley. We got out to dinner with **Tom & Joannie Parr** on Friday night and then watched Tom and Ashley play in a soccer game on Sunday evening with Joannie, me and **Sally Winkel** cheering on the sidelines. We got a little drenched when some Texas showers came in but we continued to support the team even though we all got drenched....see second photo. Carolyn"



▲ Ashley & Carolyn Donnell, Tom & Joannie Parr and Sally Winkel



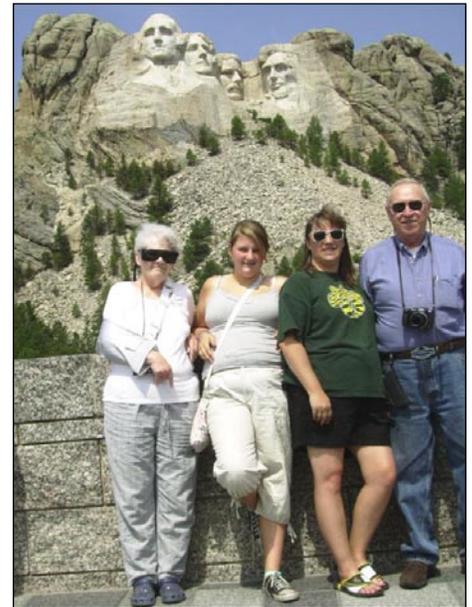
▲ Tom Parr and Ashley Donnell



**17 September, Bill Freccia Finds Bill Langlois (was he lost??):** "Hi Freed: Millie and I ran into **Bill Langlois** at Saturday evening Mass in Wilmington last weekend. Hopefully we will get together again soon."

◀ Bill Langlois and Bill Freccia reunited

**18 September, Rob & Judy Herb Tour Yellowstone & The Black Hills:** "Freed, I saw all of the photos in the Pooper Scooper and thought you might want to check out some of the ones we took on our whirlwind tour of Yellowstone and the Black Hills the end of July/beginning of August. Rob"



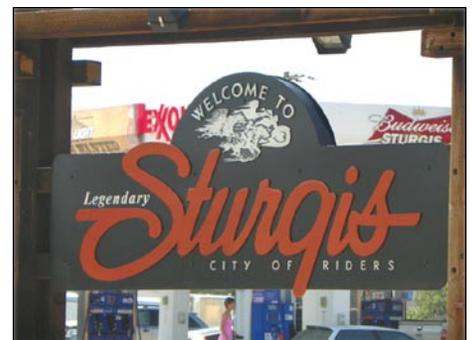
▲ The Herbs at Mt. Rushmore



▲ Carhenge, a highlight of the Herbs western US trip



▲ The Grand Canyon as shot by Rob Herb



▲ Here's a photo Jim Milliken can relate to: the Herbs visit Sturgis

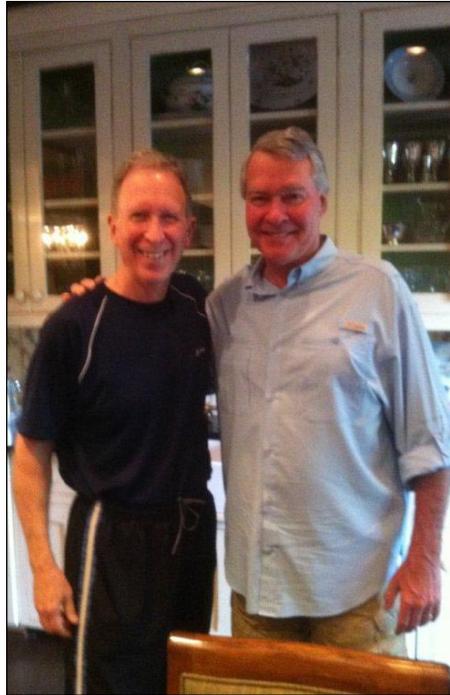
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**20 September, Ray & Cheryl Jones and John & Judy Caldwell Attend the Arkansas – Alabama Football Game:** “Freed, Caldwell and I attended the Arkansas /Alabama football disaster last weekend. Cheryl and I are smiling here so you know it was before and not after the game. Ray”



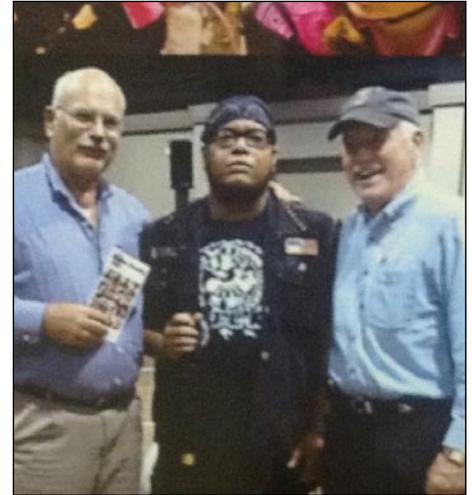
▲ Ray & Cheryl Jones and Judy & John Caldwell at the Arkansas – Alabama game

**25 September, Murrills Get Together with Kinnards in Nashville:** “Freed, here is Bob Murrill with Randy Kinnard. Bob and Susan stopped in to see Peggy and Randy in Nashville on Sep 24-25. Randy”



▲ Randy Kinnard and Bob Murrill

**2 October, George Dials and Lloyd McMillan Attend Kentucky Roller Derby:** “Freed, Here’s Lloyd McMillan and I with the spirit master at KY Roller Derby game last Saturday. It takes really good Bourbon to prepare one for these high grade cultural events. We didn’t have time to get our own tattoos, but the girls were friendly anyway. Mac suggests that if the football team doesn’t improve this sport could be an alternative. Go Army; Beat Navy!! George.



▲ Lloyd McMillan and George Dials with the Kentucky Roller Derby Spirit Master

**23 September, Class Mini-Reunion in Pinehurst, NC, for the Army – Wake Forest Game:** Back in September a group of hard core partiers got together in Pinehurst, NC, for several days of golfing, eating, drinking and attending the Army – Wake Forest football game in Winston Salem – the only blemish in what was otherwise a great weekend. I joined these folks for an excellent dinner in a local restaurant on Friday night – someone was needed to add wisdom and moderation to the group - and for the game on Saturday.



▲ Classmates gathered for dinner in Pinehurst, NC

Attendees included Jack & Judy Wood, Jim & Cynthia Weller, John & Judy Caldwell, Razor & Suzanne Heath, Steve & Marie Frankiewicz, Bob & Arlene Knapp, Dave & Emily Rivers and Ed Beck.



▲ Class golfers in Pinehurst: Steve & Marie Frankiewicz, Arlene & Bob Knapp, Ray & Suzanne Heath, Ed Beck, Judy & Jack Wood, Emily & Dave Rivers, Judy & John Caldwell, Cynthia & Jim Weller



▲ Jim Warner, Dick Gooding, Beach Doheny, Mike Aiello, Dave Jones, Bill Koch and Ron Naples at the Boston College game tailgate

**9 October, Classmates Attend the Army Football Victory Over Boston College:** Got the following cyber fart from **Bill Koch** today: “Hi Freed...the attached was taken at the post game tailgate celebration after BC game. **Jim Warner, Dick Gooding, Beach Doheny, Mike Aiello, Dave Jones, Bill Koch and Ron Naples**.....it was nice to celebrate!! Bill”

**12 October, Classmates Attend the Army Sports Hall of Fame Dinner at West Point:** Back in 2004 the Athletic Department at West Point established the Army Sports Hall of Fame, to honor the many great legends of Army athletics. Each year, starting in 2004, a number of former Army athletes and coaches are inducted into the Army Sports Hall of Fame. Two of our own classmates, **Joe Casey** in 2005 and **John Boretti** in 2008 have received this singular honor. The induction ceremony, a black tie affair, is held at West Point each fall in conjunction with a home football game. This year’s ceremony was on 12 October. Included in this year’s group of inductees were basketball great **Bill Shutsky ’68** and Army quarterback **Rollie Stichweh ’65**.

A number of our classmates and fellow athletes of these stalwarts – **John Montanaro, Joe Casey, Mike Spinello, Pete Krause, and John Boretti** - wanted to pay special tribute to them. Montanaro put together a special plaque that was presented by the other guys at the banquet. Nice touch.



▲ Rollie Stichweh '65 and Pete Krause with the plaque the '67 guys gave to Rollie



▶ Pete Krause, John Boretti, Mike Spinello and Joe Casey at the Army Sports Hall of Fame ceremony

**19 October, Mike & Donna Mullane Tour Ireland:** Here’s an excerpt of an e-mail I received from Mike Mullane today; you’ll see the rest of the message in the Athletic Accomplishments section of this rag: “**Donna** and I are doing well. I’m still working (speaking on safety/teamwork) at various corporate events. Donna keeps the company books and is big into “crafting”. I sure wish I had seen how popular that was going to be many years ago. I would have bought a craft store and watched the money roll in. Now I watch it roll out. This August we took a two week tour of Ireland which was a lot of fun. Highly recommend it. You don’t know what the color green is until you’ve been to Ireland. And there’s a reason for that...rain. The first two days of the tour we were under umbrellas. But the rest of the time was beautifully sunny and warm. The photo of Donna and me was taken on the top of Blarney Castle. Of course we both had to kiss the Blarney Stone so now we have the “gift of eloquence” (but not the gift of spelling...I had to use auto spell check to get ‘eloquence’ right). Go Army, Beat Navy. Mike”



▲ Mike & Donna Mullane in Ireland at Blarney Castle

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▲ Jim and Gerrie Cali on their cruise



▲ The Cali family on their cruise

**20 October, Jim & Gerrie Cali Go Cruising:** “Freed- hope all is well - I have been remiss in not contributing to the “Pooper Scooper” so here is some stuff- our family (all 10 of us) went on a Disney cruise this summer and attached are 2 pictures - on the cruise were Me and my wife Gerrie, our 2 kids (Jim & Kim) and their respective spouses and our four grand daughters - Hanna (age 11), Taylor (8), Alexa (6) and Amanda (3) -- our daughter made shirts for all of us so we don’t lose anyone - not sure what else you need - note that Mickey M is not yet part of the family --- although we probably did pay for him on the cruise --- Jim Cali”

**8 November, From Bob Carpenter – Bunch of Guys Get Together in Boston to Chase Golf Balls:** “Freed, Some pictures from Brick Anderson at the Boston golf outing of Brick, Hood, Keck, Foley, Spincic, Schremp and yours truly. Sevo couldn’t make it which is why you don’t have a write up of the event. We played in some trying conditions in early October. Played Hyannis Port, The Country Club and The International. It was rainy and cold most of the time but a great time was had by all. A lot of money changed hands, most of it going to Foley and Anderson.



▲ Brick Anderson, Mike Hood, Fred Schremp, Bob Carpenter, Bill Foley, Wes Spincic hunting golf balls in Hyannis Port

Brick and Mike Palone (’68) had breakfast with Coach Jack Riley, the hockey coach for many years at West Point. He is a member of the Hyannis Port club. He then accompanied us on the golf course. We were the only ones on the course because of the weather. It was very special to see him. Bob”



▲ Brick Anderson with legendary hockey coach Jack Riley

► Hood, Schremp, Anderson, Carpenter, Foley, Spincic and Keck noshing on some après golf lunch.





**23 November, Becks Get Together with Kinnards in Nashville (Popular Folks, the Kinnards):** “Freed, hope you and yours are well! From Nashville, a photo of **Ed Beck** and **Randy Kinnard**, on Ed’s and **Cindy’s** recent visit to Nashville. Clearly, Ed is the best looking, but you have something for the Scooper anyway. Take care! Randy”

◀ Ed Beck and Randy Kinnard in Nashville

**1 December, Arango, Ducharme & Waterman Link Up:** “Good morning Freed -- **Ducharme** and I hooked up with **Dick Waterman** at Hilton Head Island the week after Thanksgiving--here’s a picture of the usual suspects--Marc, moi, and Dick from left to right. It probably isn’t as good as a dead fish pic, but at least we are still flapping around. Waterman shows absolutely no signs of age unlike Marc and I. He and **Debbie** have a wonderful house on Hilton Head. Rog”



▲ Marc Ducharme, Rog Arango and Dick Waterman at the Waterman’s Hilton Head Home



**7 December, Southwestern Classmates get Together for Lunch and Tall Tales:** Short note from **Jan Askman** made it past my spam filters today: “Freed, a group of SW ’67 grads had a luncheon today (Dec 7th) in Scottsdale, Arizona, label and picture attached. We celebrated Christmas, Day of Infamy, and Army-Navy Pep Rally. What more could you ask for.”

◀ Southwest classmates gathered for lunch:  
Front (L to R): R. Releford, J. Askman, W. Rankin  
Rear (L to R): R. Kline, C. Minnick, J. Siket, M. Delleo, W. Norton, M. Segraves

# CLASS HEROES

## Mike Hood and Bob Murrill Represent the Class and Their Soldiers at the Dedication of a Mess Hall at Ft. Bragg

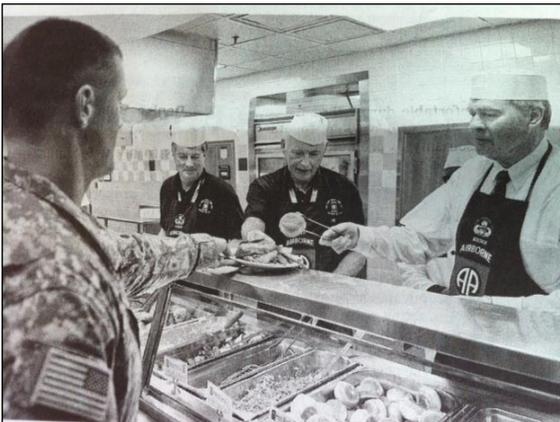
For many years now the 82d Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg has conducted a ceremony commemorating the rapid deployment of the Division's 3d Brigade to Vietnam at the beginning of the 1968 Tet Offensive. We had quite a few classmates that made that deployment; our first classmate KIA, **Jim Adams**, was one of them. This year, the Division celebrated the return of the 3d Brigade from its most recent deployment to Afghanistan.

On 26 September I received the following e-mail from **Bob Murrill**: "Freed, To fill you in, the "Welcome Home" events at Ft. Bragg for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division in early September were very meaningful to those of us who served in that unit during Vietnam. Several of us participated when the first planeload of 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Troopers returned from Afghanistan. MG James Huggins, Division Commander, asked those Vietnam Veterans of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade (about 40 of us) to lead the first contingent of Troopers from their off-load to the Hanger that was full of welcoming families and friends. What an experience!

The next day, **Mike Hood** spoke at the Dedication of the Dining Hall named after MG Alexander R. Bolling, our 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Commander in Vietnam. Subsequently, I provided remarks at the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division War Memorial Ceremony, which was an honor in itself. **Dean Risseuw** was there and sent you photos of the events. The "Welcome Home" was the highlight of the entire experience.

Attached is a copy of my remarks.

Bob"



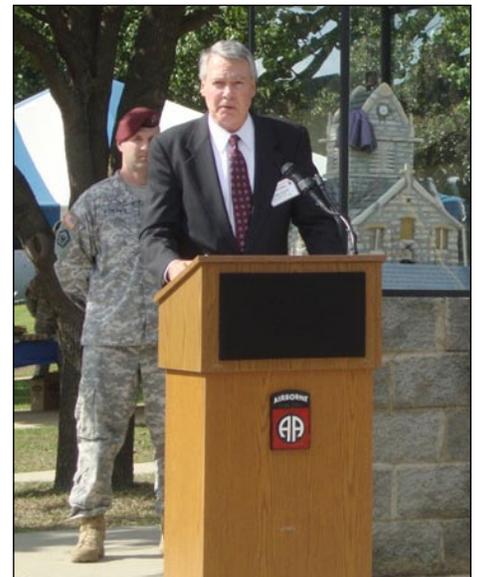
▲ Bob Murrill, far right, serving chow to the troops in the dining facility



▲ Mike Hood at Ft. Bragg for the return home ceremony for the 3d Brigade of the 82d



▲ Hood making a speech at the dedication of the Alexander Bolling Dining Facility at Ft. Bragg



▲ Bob Murrill speaking at the 82d Airborne Division War Memorial Ceremony

► The monument at the 82d Airborne Museum honoring the Soldiers of the 3d Brigade killed in action in Vietnam. Our Jim Adams is the first name on the list



Here are Bob's remarks at the memorial service:

**“MEMORIAL SERVICE, FT. BRAGG, N.C.”**  
**September 4, 2012**

**STANDING IN AWE**

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, SOLDIERS, VETERANS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I have been blessed with the opportunity to share some thoughts as we honor the 3<sup>rd</sup> (the “Golden”) Brigade’s combat service and those brave and dedicated troopers who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

I want to speak briefly about “Standing in Awe” of our 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Soldiers – as well as our Veterans, who also served with this unit.

How many of us are relatives or friends of heroic Soldiers; see movies and read books about courageous Soldiers; hear extraordinary stories about Soldiers; and, as a result, “Stand in Awe?” We respect these women and men more than they know, but probably less than they deserve.

I have been in awe of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen, since I was young. One of my uncles was a Sergeant in the original Darby’s Rangers during WWII. Another fought with the 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Division on Iwo Jima. My admiration increased even more, when I received the honor to serve in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. My deepest memories were those of being a Recon Platoon Leader and then commanding an Infantry Company with the 1/508 Airborne Infantry Regiment. Those men were extraordinary! I stood “IN AWE” of them every day! The units were as diverse as one could assemble from American youth – diverse in race, diverse in religion, status in life and, yes, political opinion. But no matter how diverse, they always fought together as a cohesive, aggressive and loyal team. The men in my Platoon and Company ALWAYS will be part of me. Soldiers may leave the 82<sup>nd</sup>, but the 82<sup>nd</sup> will never leave the Soldier.

Then, there were Major General Alexander R. Bolling and Brigadier General George Dickerson. Both General Bolling and General Dickerson were Soldiers among Soldiers. They were examples for all Soldiers to emulate. Their influence extended well beyond Command of the “Golden Brigade.”

It was 44 years ago that the first elements of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade arrived in Vietnam within hours after being alerted for deployment. The rapidity of our response and immediate entry into combat operations are a testament to the renowned capabilities of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and to the strength and fortitude of its troopers.

The Brigade’s rapid deployment and immediate success in confronting the NVA in the Hue-Phu Bai Area of Operations has been part of the curriculum at the Army War College. That is a stellar example of preparation and engagement in a most brutal and unforgiving war.

Of course, this was expected of us. Those who served in the Brigade in Vietnam, and throughout the history of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division are born of a lineage that began in 1917 at Camp Gordon, Georgia. Members of the Division came from all across the country, so the unit was given the nickname, “All American.” The “All American” designation is the reason for the distinctive “AA” patch on our left and right shoulders.

I mention the 82<sup>nd</sup>’s brief history to underscore that those we are memorializing today and whose names appear on this majestic monument, as well as those Brigade members standing among us, were destined to uphold the traditions, the courage and the sacrifice of this magnificent airborne division. And they did that in spades. Their mettle and valor were commonplace in battles fought to open the Hai Van Pass, to engage the enemy who was in force in the Hue-Phu Bai Area of Operations, to open Highway 1 from Phu Bai to Hue during the heaviest of fighting, and to fight with distinction around the Saigon area, Cu-Chi, the Iron Triangle, the Michelin Rubber Plantation, and other areas in Vietnam.

On this memorial are the names of 189 young heroic 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade warriors (although we lost more) who gave their all fighting for their country. Our Soldiers fought for values and ideals that no matter what their country, home of origin or station in life, all individuals must be free to pursue their dreams.

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But in the deepest of our guts, we also know that these men fought for each other, to protect each other, to care for each other, to die for each other. “For he, today, that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother.”<sup>1</sup> This monument also is a constant reminder that young men and women give their lives knowing full well the potential consequences of personally confronting the evils and horrors of war. “Greater love hath no man than this; that he lay down his life for his friends.”<sup>2</sup> UNDERSTANDING THAT FACT IS A KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE AND DEVOTION OF SOLDIERS. <sup>1</sup> *St. Crispin’s Day Speech, Shakespeare’s HENRY V;* <sup>2</sup> *JOHN 15: 13*

Many of us who experienced intense combat and survived ask ourselves, “Why them and not me?”

One day, my wife, Susan, explained it to me – She said,

“Bob, life is a matter of seconds and inches.”

How many of the names on that Memorial of 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Fallen Warriors are there, because of “seconds and inches?” How many others are not, because of “seconds and inches?” And to those Brothers, whose names are engraved, we owe our ALL. They did not fail, because of their deaths. In fact, their names on the Memorial confirm that they succeeded at their task – to selflessly demonstrate their patriotism to our Country and its ideals and their loyalty to us. They gave the ultimate sacrifice for something greater than themselves. Look around – Their legacy endures in every “All American” Soldier in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. Most important, their legacy endures in our hearts.

If you haven’t, I suggest you read the book titled, The Outlaw Platoon, by Sean Parnell. No matter your assignment with the 82<sup>nd</sup>, everyone will relate to that 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Infantry Platoon in Afghanistan. Let me quote one short passage – “It is easy to be a virtuous man in good times. It is easy to be judged a success when luck runs with the fortunate son. But when adversity strikes, the true measure of a man percolates to the surface. That is why combat became the great sifter – IT TESTED OUR METTLE. [That is, M E T T L E] Not once, but again and again, until those who could not hack it were simply written out of the script.”<sup>3</sup>

We Veterans of the Golden Brigade are part of the Brotherhood. We can look into the eyes of young as well as experienced soldiers and other Veterans and know in our collective hearts that all of us have an unbreakable and eternal bond with each other - especially with those Fallen Warriors with whom we served. WE HAD OUR METTLE TESTED. That is, M E T T L E. <sup>3</sup> *The Outlaw Platoon* by Sean Parnell, pg 320.

You might also ask, “Where is God in all this?” The short answer is “EVERYWHERE.” God is always with Soldiers – in combat and in Garrison. Further, I believe our Higher Power has reserved a special place in Heaven for Soldiers.

As MG Robert Scales shared –

“Probably around an inextinguishable campfire, where some day, we can meet and embrace . . . all of the Band of Brothers . . . throughout the ages will tell our stories, while envious standers-by watch and wonder how horrific and incendiary the crucible of violence must have been to bring such a disparate assemblage so close to the hand of God.”

Soldiers suffer, fight and sometimes die for each other.

And we are here as Soldiers and as Veterans, Family and Friends of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, to honor our Fallen Heroes.

In Closing, I thank all of you for the gift of your friendship, for your sacrifice and for your service. God Bless our Fallen Warriors and their families. God Bless MG Bolling and BG Dickerson (May They Rest in Peace), God Bless you, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and God Bless our Great Nation.

Thank you.”

**Classmates Once Again Turn Out in Force to Support CAUSE**

Once again members of the class turned out in large numbers to support this great organization at their annual Veteran’s Day black tie gala in Washington, DC. Here’s a nice note about this year’s event from **Harry Jorgenson**:

“Greetings: I’m sending this to the Forum because I’m not sure whether sending it to the basic class discussion is appropriate (**John James**, please re-post if it is ok); after all, it is a commercial announcement. Also, I’m ethically conflicted since I (a) love the products I am promoting (without compensation) herein and (b) serve on the Board of Directors of the organization also being promoted herein and (c) note that (b) is benefitting from (a). But since (b) was started by classmates and their spouses and is still dear to our hearts, I’ll take the heat if this is “wrong” to do. (**Freed** note; in case you haven’t figured it out, Jorgie is a lawyer)

In connection with this year’s CAUSE (Comfort for America’s Uniformed Services) Gala on 11 Nov, **Bill Foley** (erstwhile classmate, fish catcher and releaser, jetsetter, and nice person) of Foley Family Wines once again graciously donated wines from his collection in support of CAUSE. (ASIDE: go to [www.cause-usa.org](http://www.cause-usa.org) to see what good works we - **John & Judy Caldwell, Beach & Joyce Doheny, Ed & Mary Sullivan**, et al, are doing, and don’t forget the past and current contributions of the **Lau’s, Wasserman’s**, a boy named **Kush**, his sidekick **Yap**, and others in the WDC alumni group) I could not let Bill’s generosity go unannounced or un-thanked among those who know him, or know of him, longest if not best.

If you like and know wines, you are familiar with some of these. I’m working my way through the ones I haven’t tried. They are getting easier to find in the mid-Atlantic now that Wegman’s has opened near us. We already have Whole Foods, Total Wine, Pearson’s, and Calvert-Woodley close by.

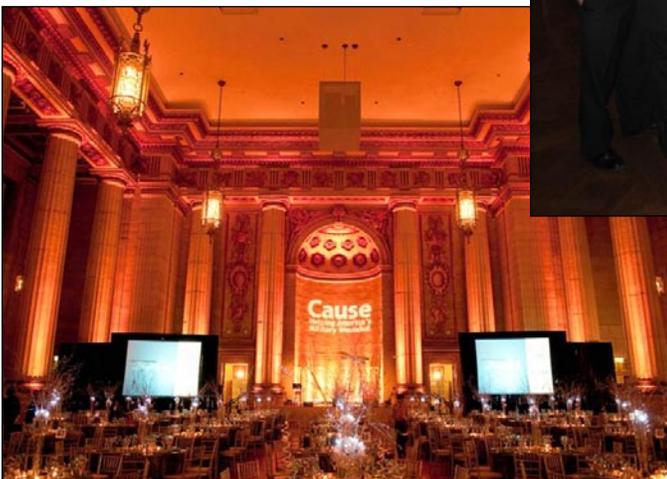
Chalk Hill Estate, Sebastiani, Foley Johnson, Merus, Kuleto Estate, Altus, Wayne Gretzky, Firestone Estate, Foley Estate, LinCourt, Two Sisters, EOS, Three Rivers Winery, Langtry Estate, Vavasour, Te Kairanga, Clifford Bay, Grove Mill, Curtis, Discoveries, Lost Angel, and Guenoc.

Thanks, Bill. You are truly a mensche.

Regards,  
Jorgie”



▲ Classmates celebrating at the Cause Gala: George Newman, Al Bornmann, Dean Risseeuw, Ed Dewey, Mike Yap, Mike Kush, Steve Doty, Marsh Bolyard, Beach Doheny, Mike Hardy, Doug Williams, Ed Sullivan and Joe Dubois



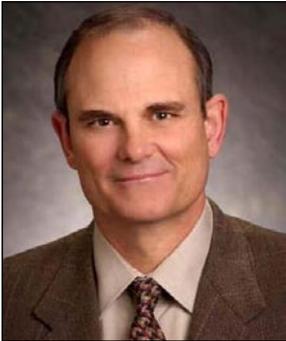
▲ The Mellon Auditorium in DC, site of the annual Cause Gala

► Class wives at the Cause Gala: Debbie Williams, Eva Bolyard, Diane Doty, Joyce Doheny, Mary Sullivan, Marci Dubois, Nancy Risseeuw and Shannon Hardy. Most notable in this photo, however is the two fisted guzzler on the right – Mike Hardy, who just can’t get it down fast enough



# HIGH ROLLER ROLL CALL, OR CLASSMATES IN THE NEWS *(or on Police Blotters?)*

## Monty Meigs Receives the 2012 FedCap Leadership Award



▲ Monty Meigs, recipient of the FedCap Leadership Award

According to their website, Fedcap is a nonprofit organization that has been a leader in developing training and employment programs for people with disabilities and other significant barriers to employment for over 70 years. Their mission is to provide a comprehensive range of vocational and support services for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment to achieve independence, integration into the community, and full participation in the economic mainstream. Individuals with severe disabilities founded Fedcap in 1935 when people with disabilities were not believed to be capable of employment or self-sufficiency, and they have remained true to their vision. Each year Fedcap's evaluation, training, employment, support, and advocacy programs help more than 2,500 New Yorkers overcome obstacles, rebuild their lives, and find and keep meaningful employment.

Back in October a good friend of mine, Bill Murdy '64 (who was my first detail Beast Company Commander) sent me a copy of the following letter:



October 24, 2012

General Montgomery C. Meigs  
President and CEO  
Business Executives for National Security  
1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Suite 200 East  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear General Meigs,

On behalf of Fedcap's Board, staff and consumers, I wish to recognize the extraordinary commitment that Business Executives for National Security (BENS) has made in building ongoing partnerships between business and government to solve some of government's most difficult problems. As well, the exceptional commitment you have made in service to our country cannot go unrecognized. Therefore, I am delighted to invite you to accept Fedcap's 2012 Leadership Award.

The award will be presented at our annual *Celebration of Work* gala on Monday, November 26, 2012, at the New York Public Library.

Just as BENS believes that the defining strengths of the American private sector – ingenuity, innovation, and efficiency – should be applied to our nation's security, Fedcap shares these values by helping Americans break through barriers to employment. Today, our innovative programs in job training, job placement and job creation help veterans, youth in foster care, people with disabilities – more than 12,000 people a year – live our belief that "a job makes a difference."

Also being honored is Warren Stephens, CEO of Stephens Inc., who will accept the Excellence in Media award on behalf of Stephens Media's ongoing series [Saluting American Valor](#).

Mr. Stephens is widely known and respected for his broad experience in investment banking, economics and finance, politics and media (Forbes called him "a renaissance man of investing.") Mr. Stephens is less known for his deep patriotism and steadfast support of U.S. service-members. At his personal behest, Stephens newspapers and websites (across 10 states) profile and honor the heroism of individual veterans in the Saluting American Valor project. He is equally committed as an employer, holding open jobs at Stephens Inc., while employees serve one or more tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. In fact, he is hoping to bring several of his veteran employees to the gala to share the honor.

We would be delighted to have you join us and do hope you will accept this award. Please call me or my colleague John Hughes at 212-727-4245 if you have any questions.

Best wishes,



Christine McMahan  
President and CEO

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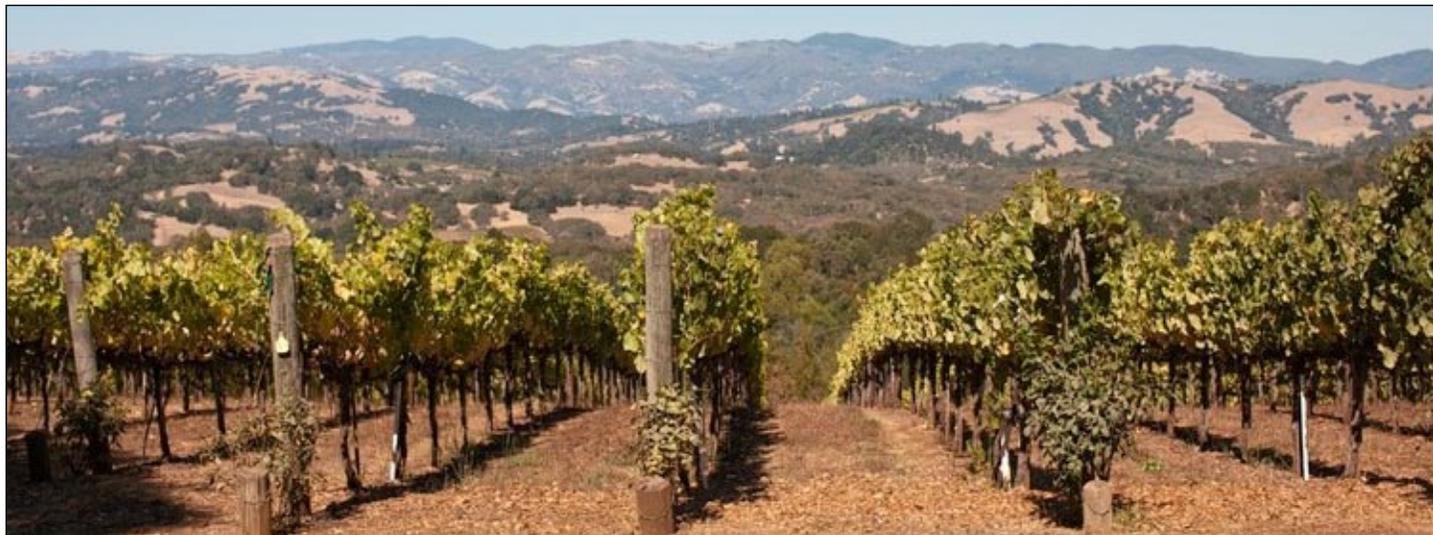
Way to go, Monty. Pop up your scrawny little chest.

## Wine Mogul Bill Foley Gets a Great Write-Up in the Wall Street Journal

Here's a great article about Bill and his growing wine empire that appeared in the 13 October edition of the Wall Street Journal.

### A Vineyard Bargain Hunter Builds an Empire

By [LETTIE TEAGUE](#)



▲ Pinot Gris vines at Chalk Hill

Bill Foley built Fidelity National into one of the most successful mortgage-title companies in the world. But because he's also a wine lover, Mr. Foley bought a few wineries, too. That didn't turn out as well—at least not at first. By his own admission, Mr. Foley was “just a typical guy with money getting into the wine business” some 10 years ago, and the result was a predictable mess. Bad wines, bad winemaking, a complete lack of oversight—Mr. Foley gamely confessed to it all. But things have changed considerably in recent years, and Mr. Foley now owns 13 wineries all over the world and is soon to debut the Foley Food and Wine Society, a unique club of restaurants, resorts and wine.



▲ Bill Foley at Chalk Hill

When Mr. Foley and I met up last month at Chalk Hill Winery in California's Sonoma County, he'd just returned from a monthlong stay at one of his Montana resorts. The Chalk Hill property is one of Mr. Foley's more recent acquisitions and one of many that he's said to have purchased for a song. (A Sonoma winemaker told me he'd heard that the price of Chalk Hill had been the value of the land alone.)

Was that true? I asked Mr. Foley, who was dressed in a very un-mogul-like outfit of a worn black T-shirt and khakis. “I'm a bottom-feeder,” Mr. Foley replied with a smile. And yes, he allowed, Chalk Hill had been a very good buy.

An enormous indoor riding ring on the property had helped him close the deal. No one else could figure out what to do with a ring the size of a football field, according to Mr. Foley, who estimated the structure had cost the previous owners a cool \$23 million. “Gallo, Franzia and KJ looked at it,” he said, naming three of the wine world's three biggest players. (KJ is Kendall Jackson.) “But they never got their arms around it.” Mr. Foley could. He closed on the property in December 2010.

Mr. Foley owns other properties in Sonoma, including the luxurious Hôtel Les Mars hotel in Healdsburg and the historic Sebastiani

winery that he bought at the bottom of the market in 2008. He has bought property in Napa Valley as well—the Kuleto and Merus wineries (“I needed a cult Cabernet”) and, more recently, Sawyer Cellars, soon to be renamed Sawyer-Johnson in honor of his wife, Carol Johnson Foley, who is even planning to work in the tasting room (an atypical role for a mogul's wife).

Most of the Napa properties were in some form of financial distress or another, although Mr. Foley said that Napa never really “cratered” like other regions did—in fact, he believes he overpaid for Sawyer (\$25 million). On the other hand, he reasoned, it had a prime location on Highway 29, the valley's main road. A presence on 29 is key; in fact, Mr. Foley is currently looking for a hotel on the same highway.

There are other Foley-owned properties in other parts of the state. Mr. Foley's very first purchase was Lincourt (in 1996), a winery specializing in Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, followed by Foley Estates (1998) and the famous but faltering Firestone Vineyards (2007). There's a winery in Washington state (Three Rivers) and the possibility of an addition from Oregon, too—though what is on the market right now is overpriced or in need of too much work, according to Mr. Foley.

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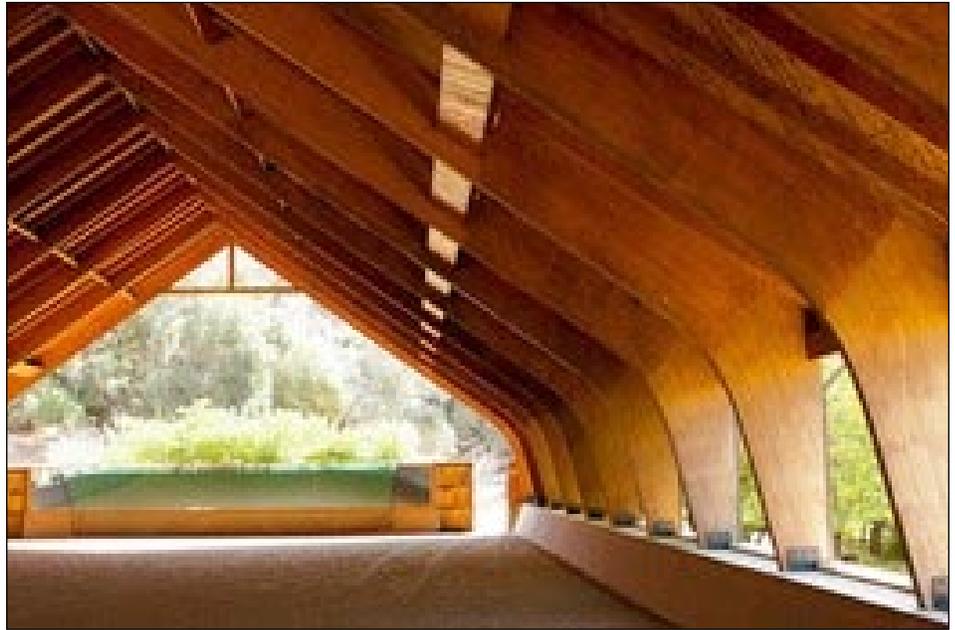
He is, however, quite bullish on New Zealand, where he recently purchased a number of wineries and a resort, too. Why New Zealand? Mr. Foley offered a country-by-country rationale: Australia had a bad exchange rate. Italy was “too hard to figure out,” and in France, he had been offered “a bunch of domaines” but “none felt right.” Spain was a “nonstarter,” and in Argentina, the problem was an unstable government. Ditto Chile. And South Africa? “Unstable government and bad wine,” said Mr. Foley. (Bad news for that country’s 300-plus wineries.)

Mr. Foley visited New Zealand more than 10 years ago and fell in love with the landscape, which put him in mind of Montana, though his feelings about the wines were mixed. He loved the Sauvignon Blanc but found the Pinot Noirs “wimpy.” Other factors added appeal: The Kiwi government was stable, and foreign property ownership was an appealing hedge against all his domestic holdings. Diversification is a Foley Golden Rule.

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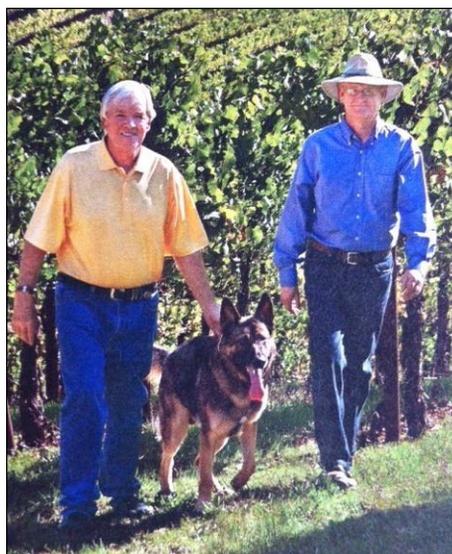
And, of course, Mr. Foley found some good deals: New Zealand vineyard owners overplanted during the boom years, and when the price of grapes dropped precipitously recently, Mr. Foley was there. He closed on New Zealand Wine Co. just two months ago—a company with brands that include Grove Mill, Sanctuary and Froghaven. (Mr. Foley already owned two other New Zealand properties: Clifford Bay and Vavasour.)

It’s noteworthy that Mr. Foley has managed to do all of this with his own money; he has never borrowed more than 25% and owns 95% of his business. The remainder is held by a tight circle of 15 lucky “wine buddies” who wanted a piece of the action early on and invested anywhere from \$12,000 to \$5 million in the business. Mr. Foley writes a “six- or seven-page” letter to these friends every year detailing the events of the past 12 months and plans for the future. And lately, the news has been very good. Foley Wine Co. is currently selling almost a million cases a year—Mr. Foley’s stated goal—and Foley Wine Group is set to announce the launch of the Foley Wine and Food Society later this month.



▲ The Riding Arena at Chalk Hill

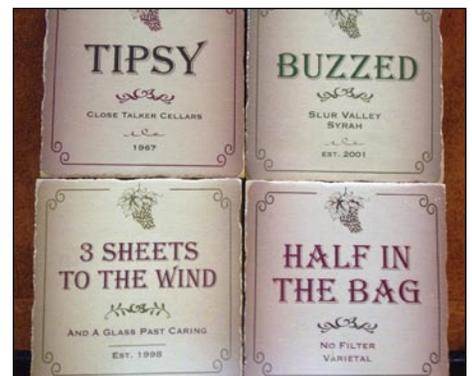
The Foley Food and Wine Society may well be the culmination of all of Mr. Foley’s hard work (not to mention relentless acquisition). And as Mr. Foley posited, “there may not be anything else quite like it” in the world. The Society is structured much like an airline mileage awards program, wherein Foley wine club members receive points for every bottle of Foley wine they purchase. The points can be redeemed for meals at Foley-owned restaurants, hotels and resorts all over California, Montana, Washington state and New Zealand. A glossy brochure is in the works and will be sent sometime within the next month.



▲ Bill Foley and vineyard manager Mark Lingenfelder with the vineyard dog Quarz at Chalk Hill

Meantime, Mr. Foley is still in the real-estate market. He has “every broker in Napa and Sonoma” working for him. Exactly what sort of properties is he looking for? “Guys older than me who have no succession plan,” said Mr. Foley with a laugh. Imprudent and/or heirless winery owners, you’ve been warned.”

Freed note: if you visit Bill’s Sebastiani Winery gift shop, you’ll see these nifty coasters for sale.



▲ Wine coasters for sale at Bill’s Sebastiani Winery. Check out the vintage on “Topsy”

Check out the date/vintage on the “Topsy” coaster on the top left. I doubt if that is a coincidence. Thanks to Ed Dewey, who can be found in wine shops everywhere, for bringing this to our attention.



▲ Bill Freccia and his daughter Stephanie, dentists extraordinaire

## Bill Freccia and his Daughter Profiled by the American Association of Endodontists

I received the following communication from Bill back in September:

“Good morning Freed: In preparation for an upcoming joint symposium on trauma between the endodontists and the pediatric dentists, the American Association of Endodontists wrote a nice article in their latest newsletter about my daughter Stephanie (USNA '96) and me. The meeting is in Scottsdale in November so looking forward to having dinner with **Gaynelle & Bobby Whaley** while we are there. Bill



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## One Family, Two Specialties

Traumatic dental injuries are commonly seen by both endodontists and pediatric dentists. Typically, the main difference is the age of the patient. While many injuries occur in young children before they have lost their deciduous teeth, most people have attained their permanent dentition when they are still a child (the average age is 13), making these types of cases perfect for collaboration between the two specialties.

Drs. William F. Freccia and Stephanie Heaney know all about this. Dr. Freccia has been a practicing endodontist for 31 years; he is currently located in Fayetteville, N.C., and is also an adjunct clinical associate professor in the division of endodontics at the University of Michigan, one of his alma maters. His daughter, Dr. Heaney, became a pediatric dentist in 2004, after completing her residency at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and practices in Wilmington, N.C.

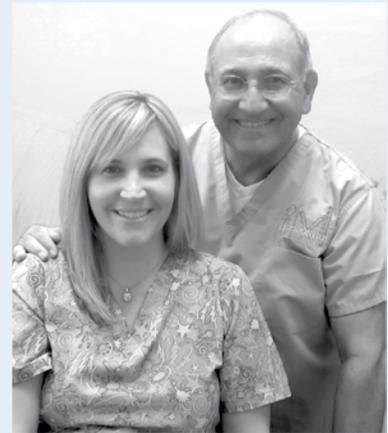
Though their practices are 90 miles apart, there are occasions where they will talk about cases either by phone throughout the course of the day or at the dinner table during family gatherings as they both strive to attain a common goal—preservation of teeth.

“I do call him on occasion with questions during my day at the office,” Dr. Heaney said. “He has even come into my office on the weekend to assist me in treating a patient who had trauma...I have had the opportunity to refer patients who live in the towns between us to my father as well.”

They've both encountered memorable trauma cases in their respective careers. One of Dr. Freccia's was a collaboration with Dr. Leif K. Bakland involving a young boy who fell and suffered trauma to teeth #7 and #8.

“Both teeth became intruded after the trauma,” Dr. Freccia recalled. “Tooth #7 eventually came back into occlusion but #8 did not. I surgically moved tooth #8 into alignment with the dentition, splinted it into place and performed endodontic treatment on it. Eight years later, the boy still has teeth #7 and #8 and is undergoing orthodontic treatment.”

For Dr. Heaney, “There was one case in particular, the first avulsion that I treated by myself. It was tooth #25, that a young girl (of course, I will always remember her name but won't mention it here) avulsed with a woven blanket that got wrapped around her tooth somehow while she was playing with her brother.”



Pediatric dentist Dr. Stephanie Heaney (left), and her father, endodontist Dr. William F. Freccia (right), are looking forward to the 2012 AAE/AAPD Joint Symposium this November.

“I think the cases I treated as a resident are memorable because, not only did we treat the trauma, but we had to complete any root canal treatment that was necessary too as we didn't have the option to refer to an endodontist then,” she noted. “I really appreciate being able to refer to endodontists now because of those experiences!”

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### There's Still Time to Register

The 2012 AAE/AAPD Joint Symposium will be held November 9 – 10 at the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, Ariz. Registration and housing are open at [www.aae.org/traumameeting](http://www.aae.org/traumameeting), with an early registration deadline (save \$100!) of October 1. Registration will remain open until November 2, or until it reaches capacity.



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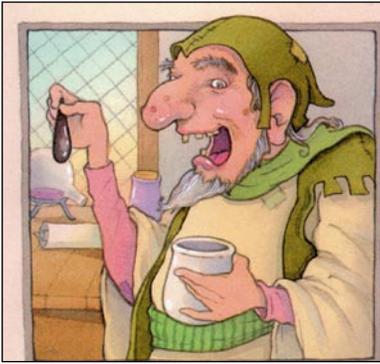
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**Twelve Classmates Have Received the Order of Military Medical Merit**

This information comes courtesy of Bill Freccia. The 12 class recipients of the Order of Military Medical merit include nine MDs – **Carl Savory, Randy Condos, Bob Griffin, Reggie Moore, Tom Parr, Jim Pryor, Al Seyfer and Grant Taylor** – and three dentists – **Bill Freccia, Mike Lascher and John Rollow**.

I'm not real sure what receiving the Order entitles one to, but it seems to me that all these worthy souls should at least spring for drinks at future reunions.

OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS DEPARTMENT



Several stellar examples of classmates excelling physically.

**Bob LaRaia Completed the Marine Corps Marathon and Lived to Tell the Tale**

Here's the proud note I received from Bob on 7 November: "Freed, Just wanted to let you know that I walked (with some running on down slopes) the Marine Corps Marathon on October 28 (just ahead of Hurricane Sandy) with a best time for me of 6 hours and 5 minutes (a 13 minute 49 second per mile pace). It was my 4th marathon. The route was terrific, through the monuments and sights of DC (and part of Georgetown). In a particularly poignant stretch, there were placards with the pictures and names of soldiers and marines who had died in Iraq and Afghanistan. One picture was the man's West Point graduation portrait. Seeing all those men as persons and not merely numbers really grabbed me and I had to hold back some tears. Take it easy and make 'em beat some more teams, especially Navy! Bob"

**Mike Mullane and his Daughter Conquer Mountains**

Here's the rest of the e-mail I received from **Mike Mullane** back in September: "Freed, I'm attaching two photos that you can feel free to pick from (or not) in your next publication. In July my daughter, Amy, and I climbed Mt. Elbert... Colorado's highest peak. And, over this Labor Day weekend, I climbed Mt. Rainier in Washington. Fortunately the weather was perfect on both occasions. (As we learned at WP, everything we ever accomplish in life we owe to our Beast Barracks squad leader. I just wished he had been there to carry my pack!)"



▲ Mike Mullane and his daughter Amy on top of Mt. Elbert, Colorado's highest peak

**Classmates Gather in Suffolk, VA, for the Alzheimer's Walk**

Several classmates gathered in Suffolk, VA, on 22 September to honor and support **Rick Grube** by participating in the annual Alzheimer's Walk. I think **George Kellenbenz, Jim & Karen Crowley, John & Barbara Garay Dean Risseuw, Rick & Carolyn Grube** and **Jim Tankovich** all participated. Here's a photo I received from John taken before the walk.



▲ Mike Mullane on Mt. Ranier in Washington



◀ George Kellenbenz, Jim Crowley, John Garay, Rick & Caroline Grube and Dean Risseuw before the Alzheimers Walk in Suffolk, VA

# MISCELLANEOUS RAMBLINGS,

*or short bursts overheard while teetering on the edge of the fiscal cliff  
waiting for some damn sanity to emerge from the morass*

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OK, here are some bits and pieces that have come my way since the last issue.

## Class Birthdays

Here's your birthday list for January thru March. I hope you've saved the last two issues; this is the last one to be published.

Name	Month	Day	Year	Name	Month	Day	Year
LTC Gregory A. Rice, USA, Retired	1	10	1943	Mr. Peter B. Krause	2	3	1943
LTC Peter P. Summers, USA, Retired	1	17	1943	COL Sterling W. McColgin, USAF, Retired	2	12	1943
Mr. Carl A. Bowen	1	5	1944	MAJ Lee E. Cage Jr., USA, Retired	2	1	1944
CPT Douglas J. Pringle, USA, Retired	1	8	1944	MAJ John E. Thomson, USA, Retired	2	6	1944
COL Asa A. Clark IV, USA, Retired	1	15	1944	LTC Timothy P. Gilbert, USA, Retired	2	6	1944
CPT Harry D. Hoskins III, USA, Retired	1	23	1944	Mr. Raymond A. Heath Jr.	2	9	1944
Mr. Dean M. Kunihiro	1	24	1944	Mr. William T. Platt	2	18	1944
Mr. William J. McDowell	1	27	1944	Mr. Charles P. Hernandez	2	22	1944
MAJ Max P. Bailey III, USA, Retired	1	28	1944	COL Wallace E. Walker, USA, Retired	2	28	1944
COL Richard A. Phalan, USA, Retired	1	30	1944	LTC Emmett E. Hughes, USA, Retired	2	3	1945
Mr. Colin C. Smith	1	3	1945	MG Herbert L. Altshuler, USA, Retired	2	3	1945
COL Joseph P. Jackson, USA, Retired	1	7	1945	COL Thomas M. Curtis, USA, Retired	2	4	1945
Mr. Jerry L. Nowels	1	9	1945	COL Jack B. Wood, USA, Retired	2	5	1945
Mr. William M. Langlois	1	9	1945	Mr. Loren H. Hohman II	2	6	1945
COL John A. Rollow IV, USA, Retired	1	10	1945	Mr. James M. Warner	2	7	1945
GEN Montgomery C. Meigs, USA, Retired	1	11	1945	Mr. Forrest D. Williams	2	8	1945
LTC George A. Rodriguez, USA, Retired	1	11	1945	Mr. James O. Vance	2	8	1945
Mr. Harry A. Tucker Jr.	1	12	1945	Mr. Richard V. Gladstone	2	9	1945
COL James P. DeSantis, USA, Retired	1	13	1945	Mr. & Mrs. Barry E. Nickerson	2	10	1945
Mr. Michael H. Warren	1	13	1945	Mr. Howard M. Harmless II	2	11	1945
LTC Michael W. L. Yap, USA, Retired	1	14	1945	COL Charles M. Rankin, USA, Retired	2	11	1945
Mr. Michael A. Heyne	1	15	1945	LTC Michael F. Delleo Jr., USA, Retired	2	11	1945
Mr. Thomas N. Thornton	1	15	1945	LTC Charles M. Stancil, USA, Retired	2	14	1945
LTC Robert N. Stromberg, USA, Retired	1	17	1945	Mr. Thomas B. Dyer	2	17	1945
Mr. Gerald J. Molnar	1	18	1945	Mr. Norman R. Jones	2	18	1945
Mr. John E. Cunningham	1	20	1945	Dr. James E. Pryor	2	21	1945
LTC Robert H. Evans, USA, Retired	1	23	1945	Mr. George E. Dials	2	22	1945
LTC Jonathan K. Burns, USA, Retired	1	24	1945	Mr. David S. Rowley	2	23	1945
LTC James C. Crowley, USA, Retired	1	24	1945	Mr. John C. Mackerer Jr.	2	23	1945
Mr. Jan P. Askman	1	25	1945	MG Mark R. Hamilton, USA, Retired	2	25	1945
COL Alexander R. Jansen, USA, Retired	1	26	1945	Mr. Thomas C. Rothrauff Jr.	2	26	1945
LTC Gregory L. Crawford, USAR, Retired	1	29	1945	Mr. James M. Miley	2	16	1946
Mr. Thomas R. Guignon	1	29	1945	Mr. Frederick R. Schremp CLU	2	28	1946
LTC Dennis E. Coates, USA, Retired	1	29	1945	MAJ Gordon L. Rankin, USA, Retired	3	8	1942
LTC Dean P. Risseeuw, USA, Retired	1	31	1945	LTC George R. Fischer, USA, Retired	3	9	1942
Mr. Robert J. Libutti	1	5	1946	COL David G. Blanchard, USA	3	6	1943
LTC William F. Freccia, USA, Retired	1	9	1946	LTC Robert R. Angeli, USA, Retired	3	25	1943
Mr. Karl D. Sakas	1	12	1946	COL James R. Baker, USA, Retired	3	3	1944
COL John P. Kuspa, USA, Retired	1	13	1946	Mr. John E. Adamson	3	3	1944
LTC James A. Alich, USA, Retired	1	14	1946	Mr. Richard A. Comi	3	11	1944
Mr. F. S. MacFarlane	1	17	1946	Mr. Michael A. Hood	3	12	1944
Dr. Gary A. Wikert	1	23	1946	Mr. Lewis P. Kasper	3	15	1944
Mr. Richard T. Newell	1	29	1946	Mr. Lawrence R. Smith	3	16	1944
COL Charles T. Heisler, USAR, Retired	2	23	1942	CPT Michael G. Riess, USA, Retired	3	16	1944

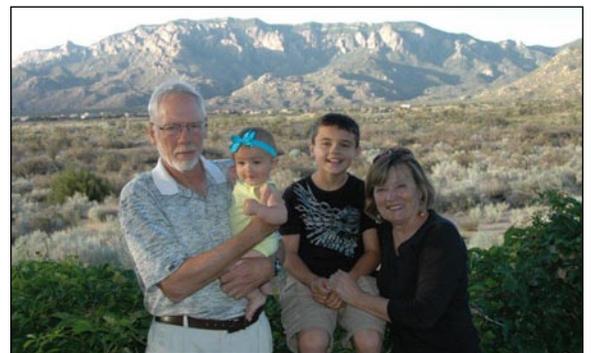
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Mr. Daniel P. Schrage	3	18	1944	Mr. Anthony H. Cortese	3	14	1945
Mr. Townsend S. Clarke	3	23	1944	Mr. Donis R. Wolfe Sr.	3	14	1945
Mr. Joseph C. Theis	3	30	1944	LTC William A. Richards, USA, Retired	3	16	1945
Dr. William R. Condos Jr.	3	1	1945	COL James R. Horton, USAR, Retired	3	17	1945
Mr. John J. Boretti	3	1	1945	COL Mike A. Andrews, USA, Retired	3	17	1945
Mr. William L. McMillan	3	2	1945	Dr. Thomas A. Petrie PhD	3	18	1945
LTC Robert A. Hixson, USA, Retired	3	2	1945	Mr. Edward J. Locke	3	18	1945
COL Anthony V. Nida, USA, Retired	3	2	1945	Mr. William E. Cates	3	19	1945
Mr. Lloyd P. Kinney	3	4	1945	COL Richard E. Waterman, USA, Retired	3	19	1945
LTC Alton P. Donnell Jr., USA, Retired	3	5	1945	Mr. Dean D. Hansen	3	20	1945
Mr. William F. Cusack Jr.	3	6	1945	Mr. Richard W. Anastasi	3	21	1945
GEN Thomas A. Schwartz, USA, Retired	3	7	1945	Mr. Richard T. Clapper Jr.	3	21	1945
Mr. Arlin C. Ruthven	3	8	1945	LTC John W. Thiltgen, USA, Retired	3	21	1945
COL Wayne A. Monroe, USAR, Retired	3	10	1945	LTC George F. Kolesar, USA, Retired	3	24	1945
Mr. Rufus H. Shumate Jr.	3	10	1945	COL David L. Tye, USA, Retired	3	24	1945
Mr. Richard H. LaBouliere	3	10	1945	Mr. Victor C. Pangle II	3	24	1945
MAJ Jack A. Ziemke, USA, Retired	3	11	1945	COL Michael F. Kush, USA, Retired	3	25	1945
LTC Val D. Millard, USA, Retired	3	11	1945	Mr. Richard W. Kline Jr.	3	30	1945
LTC Marshall K. Bolyard, USA, Retired	3	11	1945	LTC Richard E. Foelsch, USA, Retired	3	31	1945
Mr. Joseph E. Root	3	12	1945	Mr. James B. Cowart	3	31	1945
LTC John R. Hadorn, USA, Retired	3	13	1945	LTC Stephen K. Grove, USA, Retired	3	10	1946
Mr. Robert J. Carpenter	3	14	1945	COL Edward J. Dewey, USA, Retired	3	16	1946

**Class Kids**

**From Carolyn Donnell, on 3 July:** I included Carolyn Donnell’s report on the transfer of Tyler & Dena to West Point in the last issue, but for some reason failed to include the photos she sent of the kids and grandkids, so here they are, a bit tardy.

► Dena & Tyler Donnell with Devin and Avalin



▲ Alton & Carolyn Donnell with the grandkids Devin and Avalin



**From Don Nelson, on 18 October:** “Son - Drew Nelson - Pop up chest info.

HGSE (Harvard Graduate School Education) Student Government Association Senator representing MBE (Mind Brain Education - Studies) – Drew certainly must take after some Great Grandfather. BTY - One of his/our G-G-G- Greats was the first President of Yale (ATC Pierson). Runs in the other branch of the family - Not the ‘Fieldhouse/sports’ side.”

While this has nothing to do with his son, here’s a recent photo of Don participating in a local Shriner’s parade.

◀ Don Nelson riding in a local Shriner’s parade

**Class Grandkids**

**From Bob Haeffner on 28 August:** “Just a quick note of praise and thanksgiving for the birth of our sixth grandchild, Zane Michael Haeffner, born at about 12:30 pm on August 28th in Dallas TX to Robert (Jr) and Sandy Haeffner. Wt: ‘About 8 pounds.’ Hallelujah!”



**From Ed Sullivan on 4 October:** “Freed, here’s the newest grandson born to Mara on Aug 31 weighing in at 7’11” and 20.5 inches, Landon Reed Farr. For your next epistle. Ed”

◀ Ed & Mary Sullivan’s grandson Landon Reed Farr

**Long Lost Souls Department**

**Norm St. Laurent Finally Checks Into the Net**

Here’s a great report from Norm that was forwarded to me by **Bob Haeffner** back in September:



▲ Norm St. Laurent as a much younger super stud in Vietnam

“September 15, 2012. Thanks for your email Bob. Per your request, I hope that this will suffice as a “Hi” to reintroduce myself to the Class ’67. I have always had admiration and respect for you guys that graduated and especially to those who gave all for their country. I was moved by an article that **Bud Stann** posted for a classmate who had recently died. Subsequent to that I got in touch with Bud and he led me to apply for and connect with your web site Unsurpassed Fun.

My memories of Class ’67 have always been great ones. Way

back in 1966, I couldn’t figure out what twinkle twinkle little star, E=IR meant, so the Academy turned me back to the class of ’68 for a second try. I returned to West Point in Aug 1966 and proceeded to pass double E. Along the way I met my 1st wife Claire and believing strongly in the honor code, I left the Academy in Feb 1967 to get married in April 1967 (Claire died this past year).

Shortly after I got married, the Army called me to active duty in April 1967. I was commissioned as a 2nd Lt at Fort Sill in September 1967 via the Artillery OCS program then on to Fort Benning. This was followed by a tour in Vietnam (68-69) where I was wounded and spent five months in various hospitals. (To this day I have dreams about the brave soldiers that saved my butt and still find it difficult to believe that the President awarded me with far more than what I deserved with a SS and Bronze Star w/V device).

Since I had already spent two years at Notre Dame prior to my time at West Point, the Army sent me back to Notre Dame for a BA and to the University of Southern California for an advanced degree. Along the way I crossed Army paths with **Tom & Susan White** and **Ken & Sarah Strong**. I retired from the Army in 1988 as a LTC and then from Computer Sciences Corporation in 2002.

I met my current wife Lynanne while she was in the Air Force, we got married in 1997 and I accompanied her on her Air Force assignments for ten years. She retired as a Lt Col in Nov 2007 and we have been on the Outer Banks, North Carolina ever since. We have three adult children and six grandchildren.

Lately, I have had the pleasure of talking with Bud Stann and **Bruce Baccei**. Freed Lowrey has been kind enough to email me copies of the Pooper Scooper. The 45th reunion edition was great.

Thanks again Bob for letting me join your group. At your discretion you may use some, none or all of this for my “Hi” to the Unsurpassed Fun group.

My thoughts and prayers are always with you guys. God Bless you and all of our brothers from the great class of ’67.

Norm St. Laurent  
K2/B4  
[normstlaurent@mac.com](mailto:normstlaurent@mac.com)  
Retired LTC in ’88



▲ Norm & Lynanne St. Laurent on the Outer Banks, NC



▲ The St. Laurent family

**Class Daughter Colleen Kelly Joins the Fold**



▲ Colleen Kelly Karney with her husband Mike and daughter Olivia

I'm delighted to report that **Jack Kelly's** daughter **Colleen Kelly Kearney** has crawled into our ever growing tent. Here's an e-mail that was forwarded to me by **Dan Jinks** back in October; Colleen and I have corresponded a couple of times since then.

"Hello Dan!

I just read the Pooper Scooper and found your contact information re class e-mail lists. I am a class SFM. My dad was Captain John E. Kelly, Jr. When you have a chance, would you mind adding me to the USMA 1967 reunion e-mail list?

If the reunion list is limited to the reunions that are held only every five years, I would like to cast my net a little wider. I would like to receive announcements about any events that include SFMs. For example, when I read in the Pooper Scooper last night about the annual memorial service at the Vietnam Memorial, I couldn't remember seeing any announcement about that. (This is not to say that I didn't see it; it's just that I don't remember seeing it. :-)). The main news I receive now is in the Pooper Scooper, but I don't always manage to read every word because, to be honest, I'm too busy looking at the hilarious pictures. So, if there is an e-mail group that receives the types of announcements I seek, I would like to be on that list. I don't know whether my request leads to the reunion list or the class e-mail list. I'll trust you to decide.

I have not attended a Class event in quite a while because I live on the fringes of PA Dutch Country and I have an 8-year-old. Someday I'll get out into the wider world again . . . :-). Maybe some time we'll connect with the Class for the annual

visit to the Vietnam Memorial. Or, if Class members go fishing near here (or within a couple of hours of here) . . . my husband and my daughter love it.

I will likely pass on the Class news to my dad's six siblings and their kids, who include my dad's brothers Rick Kelly and Dick Kelly, as well as my cousin John Quigg - all West Point grads. I'm guessing that Rick was in the Class of '62 and Dick was in the Class of '70. But I could be off by a year in either case. John Quigg (son of my dad's sister, Jane "Michael" Kelly Quigg) graduated in '84. He retired from the Army last year and now works for McAfee, the computer security/anti-virus software company.

Thank you so much for your help! I so appreciate the efforts of the Class to include the SFMs. Take care!

Colleen Kelly Karney"

It's great to have Colleen active in the class family.

**Gerry Fox is a Chaplain for the VA**

Here's an email I received recently from an old friend of mine, a 1970 grad from my hometown. He mentions running into Gerry Fox at a funeral for a fallen Soldier in California.

"Freed - As much as I (and guys from other classes than '67 I spoken to) have enjoyed reading your class notes over the years, I know that it's been a deadline that, no doubt, looms large on a recurring basis for you and the other scribes. I've rarely contributed with information and updates, but I can report that I ran into one of your classmates, **Gerry Fox** (L-2, then B-4?), at a ceremony last week. Gerry, as you may know, is a chaplain for the VA in Long Beach.

I was standing in a crowd (turns out it was about a thousand, according to the news) to honor an Army Ranger whose body was being returned from Afghanistan (4th tour after 1 in Iraq) at the Los Alamitos Army Airfield not far from where I live. It was a very unusual event in Southern CA (maybe the East Coast is different) and Gerry said he wasn't aware of anything like this in our area before. The family of the slain soldier invited the public and I decided to attend. Gerry saw the crest on my jacket (I believe it was the one you gave me many

years ago when we saw each other at one of my reunions) and introduced himself.

I have to say it was one of the most moving events that I have attended and was extremely well done by the military. Seeing his widow, 4 year old son, and parents participate in the ceremony was truly heart breaking. After years of seeing your own classmates laid to rest from Viet Nam, I realize that my time in the Army was quite sterile.

<http://www.ocregister.com/news/macpherson-375884-son-day.html>  
Best wishes, Murray"

**Bob Stromberg & John Goodnow Continue to Train the Liberian Army**

I first reported on this in the August '12 issue; here's a recent update on their activities I received from Bob on 4 December:

"Freed, Here are a couple more photos from Liberia. On our last trip there, **John Goodnow** and I were able to attend the Marine Corps Ball. They hold these all over the world to celebrate the birthday of the Marine Corps. It was a pretty good party. The first photo is COL Pablo Estrade '88, Fombah Sirleaf '92, John, and me. By the way, Fombah Sirleaf is the son of the President of Liberia, Ellen Sirleaf Johnson. The second photo is John and me with the new US Ambassador to Liberia. Beat Navy! Bob Stromberg"



▲ COL Pablo Estrade '88, John Goodnow, Fombah Sirleaf '92 and Bob Stromberg at the Marine Corps Ball in Monrovia, Liberia



▲ Bob Stromberg and John Goodnow with the American Ambassador to Liberia

**Bill Freccia Escorts MG Loeffke at the Womack Hospital Ball**

The following note from Bill got past my spam filters on 9 December, just as I was about to flush this stool specimen off to the printer: “Hi Freed: This past Saturday evening I had the honor and pleasure of hosting/escorting MG (Ret.) Bernard (Burn) Loeffke '57 to the Womack Army Medical Center Holiday Ball held at the Pinehurst Resort. General Loeffke taught Russian at West Point during the years that we were cadets. He is a Distinguished USMA Graduate as you probably know. After he retired from the Army he went on to PA school, graduating in 1997, and has been traveling the world since donating his

time, talents and treasure to humanitarian efforts. In recognition his humanitarian efforts in the field of medicine, I nominated him for the prestigious Order of Military Medical Merit (O2M3) award that twelve of our classmates also have been awarded. MG Loeffke received his award along with several other medical corps officers and a deserving NCO. After he received his award, MG Loeffke addressed the audience for about 15 minutes talking mostly about his recent seven week trip to China and his latest book ‘China - Our Enemy?’ written by he and his son Marc, a recent Duke grad, who has accompanied his father on many medical missions across the globe. You could not believe the number of officers, wives, enlisted, guests who came up to MG Loeffke and Marc after his presentation to

shake their hands, meet them, and express their best wishes to them. As an aside, it was BG Bernard Loeffke who as CofS, XVIII Airborne Corps, was guest of honor at a DENTAC formal in February 1986. He led us in singing ‘God Bless the USA’, and placed the O2M3 award around my neck. I told MG Loeffke that Saturday night was ‘payback’ time!!!”

**Mike Hood Has a New Best Friend.**

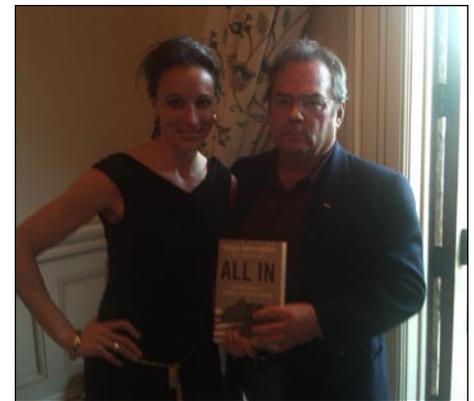
Mike’s circle of admirers and confidants just keeps getting bigger and bigger. Is there a published biography in his future? *All Out?*



▲ Bill Freccia with the Loeffkes at the Womack Hospital Holiday Ball at Ft. Bragg



▲ Bill & Millie Freccia at the Womack Hospital Holiday Ball at Ft. Bragg



▲ Mike Hood with his new best friend. Why is the photo so dark and fuzzy??

CLASS AUTHORS CONTINUE TO EXCEL

**Rich Adams Publishes his Second Book**

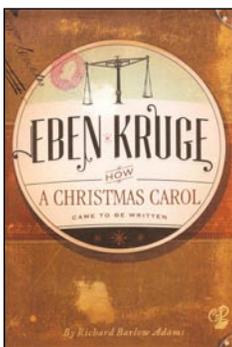
Fresh on the heels of his first literary success, *The Parting*, Rich has recently published his second novel, *Eben Kruge: How “A Christmas Carol” Came to be Written*. Here’s the write up on the book taken from PRWeb:

AN AUTHOR’S GIFT TO CHRISTMAS

*Charles Dickens’s 200th Birthday Inspires New Book About His Life*

*Author Rich Adams publishes the intriguing story about the man behind the most loved Christmas tale of all time*

*Eben Kruge: How “A Christmas Carol” Came to be Written*



▲ The cover of Rich Adams’ new book

In celebration of the 200th birthday of Charles Dickens, United Kingdom’s most prolific, adored, and influential author, and just in time for the Christmas season, author Richard Barlow Adams publishes *Eben Kruge: How “A Christmas Carol” Came to be Written*. Adams’s new book is the intriguing story about the man behind the most beloved Christmas story of all time.

What is it about Charles Dickens’s *A Christmas Carol* that propels so many readers, annually, to reread the “ghost story of Christmas” and watch its many film and play productions? What is the fascination? Did people not “get it” the first time, or fifth time, or twentieth time? Or is it, simply, that people are yearly drawn to old friends with whom they have “grown up”, and who have witnessed their “growing up;” friends like Jacob Marley, Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, old Fezziwig, the ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future, and, of course, Ebenezer Scrooge. Are people not drawn to the wonderful themes in the story that weave in and around the real meaning of Christmas?

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And what of the man who penned the *Carol*? What was he like—the writer, social reformer, businessman, husband, father, son, sibling, and friend? What circumstances framed his past and present when he sat down to write the *Carol*?

*Eben Kruge* is a story that explores these and other questions behind why Charles Dickens wrote *A Christmas Carol* in 1843, the first of five short fictions in a six-year period, termed his Christmas stories, which would include *The Chimes* (1844), *The Cricket on the Hearth* (1845), *The Battle of Life* (1846), and *The Haunted Man and the Ghost's Bargain* (1848).



Weaving together well-known and less known facts about Dickens, including the secret he took to his grave, which led to his frenzied writing of the most famous of all Christmas fables, *Eben Kruge*, not much longer than the *Carol*, is a story that invites readers to

◀ Rich Adams, prolific author

experience with Charles Dickens what triggered his imagination to write the Christmas classic.

Rich Adams ([www.RichardBarlowAdams.com](http://www.RichardBarlowAdams.com)), in the award winning historical fiction, *The Parting: A Story of West Point on the Eve of the Civil War*, tells a true story of the West Point Class of 1861, a small band of brothers, which is torn apart to face each other in battle, and draws upon his background as the first of three brothers to graduate from West Point. As he pursues his writing, Adams continues to serve as a consulting forensic engineer, and is a part-time ski instructor at Beaver Creek, Colorado. He also enjoys traveling, lecturing, golfing, hiking, and biking. He and his wife have two married children, several grandchildren, reside part of the year in Sandestin, Florida, part of the year in Denver, and are members of the Destin United Methodist Church.

*Eben Kruge* is available in hardback (ISBN 978-1-4797-4232-5), softback (ISBN 978-1-4797-4231-8), and eBook (978-1-4797-4233-2) from publisher Xlibris and from major bookseller websites (Amazon, Barnes & Noble, etc.).

## SHAMELESS COMMERCE SECTION

OK, I've been wanting to reinvigorate this feature for several years and finally I've got a little bit of grist for the mill. This is where all you business moguls and entrepreneurs out there can get some free advertising for yourselves and let classmates and family members see what good deals you have to offer.

### Ed Dewey Sells Really Good Wine through the Two Masters Wine Club.

I can't believe I'm actually endorsing anything that **Ed Dewey** does, but I must confess that I've been a member of Two Masters Wine Club for several years now and have never been disappointed. Indeed, he has provided consistently great value for superb wines. Here's what Ed has to say about the enterprise.

"Myself and four friends have started a wine club called Two Masters. Here's the link <https://www.twomasterswine.com/session/new>

So if there are five of us why did we call it Two Masters? Well, we are trying to bring Quality and Value together, thus Two Masters. A few classmates have joined, who I thank very much. However as you all know, new enterprises are always dependent on word of mouth to encourage growth. So thus the purpose of this email.

Unlike most wine clubs in which you only receive wines three or four times a year from the winery you joined, we are a bit different. We ship two different wines every month. We strive to find little known wineries who we believe are producing quality wines

at values that are not stratospheric. We offer three levels of membership and you may order white only, red only or mixed. There's no obligation for a specific amount of time. Join for one month and then leave – hopefully not, but permissible. If you like the wine(s) we send, we give you winemaker notes, their web site and/or telephone number to contact them to order more. So we are into introducing folks who are busy and aren't able to taste these lesser known, but still exceptional wineries. We've been fortunate and have found a number of wineries/wines that we offered and they subsequently received high marks from Wine Spectator, Robert Parker, etc. OK, I've taken enough of your time. Thank you in advance.

Thanks, Ed Dewey  
805-696-7228

OK Dewey, you know where to send the checks.

### Bill & Patti Pollitt Own an Art & Framing Gallery in Fayetteville, NC

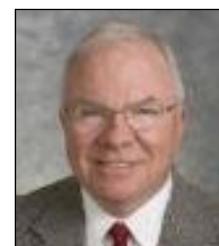
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*OK, it's flashback time, one of Paul Haseman's delightful stories of cadet life, back when men were men, cadets marched in four parades a week, the Hellcats included piccolo and flute players, women were our dates, not our classmates, and uniforms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

## **Plebe Swimming**

The basic unit at West Point was the Company made up of approximately 100+ cadets from plebes to firsties. From Company A-1 to M-2, 24 companies made up the Corps in 1963.<sup>1</sup> The Corps was divided into two regiments (later four), and each regiment into three battalions of four companies. The companies were then broken down into platoons and finally squads of eight to ten cadets. These were the official "squads" but there were also special squads for those in need of "special" training.

During Beast Barracks many of us became acquainted with the "Awkward Squad" that provided additional marching instruction. For us the concept of "Squads Right," requiring mastery of the intricate movements of eight different squad members, was far beyond our stumbling steps. Heck, we were challenged by such movements as "Left Face" and "Forward March." So with extra instruction on the Awkward Squad, you learned to distinguish your left foot from your other left foot (because, of course, you didn't get picked for the Awkward Squad unless you had two left feet). Often was heard that well-worn phrase, "No, Beanhead, your other left foot!" as one of our finest would execute a perfect step-pivot-turn and head south as the rest of the squad headed north. But the Awkward Squad disbanded by the end of Beast as most everyone got the hang of stepping off on their left foot and having that same left foot hit the ground on each BOOM of the big bass drum.

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<sup>1</sup>Yes, another footnote! For those with a penchant for counting on their fingers, they will note that A to M counts 13 and therefore, there should be 26 companies. But no, at West Point there is no "J" company because "J" and "I" are too similar in appearance. This minor oddity is carried out across the USA because West Point's initial mission was to provide engineers for young America. And as West Pointers surveyed and laid out cities across America, none will have a "J" Street thanks to West Point. Next time you're in Washington, D.C., try to find J Street.

But, the Awkward Squad was a piece of cake compared to the hated Rock Squad. The Rock Squad was a special instruction offshoot of Plebe Swimming for those who were actually almost-swimmers and oft times non-swimmers. The term "Rock Squad" appropriately linked its members to their propensity to sink like rocks. One second they're floating and the next they're five feet under. The only way to get off the Rock Squad was to pass the Soldiers' Swimming Survival Test. Now the Swimming Survival Test was not a test to help you survive deep water at some time in the future – what you had to survive was taking the test! It was a strenuous three-part test. First, you jumped 30 feet off the "Tower" into a pool with your legs held firmly together (otherwise, you sang soprano for the Glee Club). Second, you bobbed, which entailed a series of sinking to the pool bottom and lunging up diagonally to the surface for a gasping breath and then back down again. The purpose, of course, was to move forward on the diagonal ascent and thereby move across the pool. But for most Rock Squaders the idea of forward movement was lost in a series of interminable vertical ups and downs (with them being particularly good at the "downs"). Finally, you swam several lengths of the pool. One catch; you did your swimming in fatigue uniform, with your combat boots around your neck, and carrying your rifle?? Oh, yes!! And all the while Mr. Sorge, of OPE legend, is yelling "There are no walls out there!" as every Rock Squader made surreptitious grabs for the pool wall to catch his breath.

So some cadets stayed on the Rock Squad into Firstie year trying to pass this requirement for West Point graduation. Two much renowned Rock Squaders were Bobby Whaley and my roommate, Bill Donohue. Bill enjoys looking at the water but feels it is best used when mixed with single malt Scotch. Bill was all muscle, which naturally contributed to his high "sink quotient." So there we were, last semester Firstie year gathered at poolside to lend encouragement for Bill's last try. A couple of us decided to give Bill a little extra "support" by swimming with him on each side shouting "You can do it, buddy! (while on occasion secretly holding him afloat with a spare hand) as he churned and thrashed the water in a manner that could possibly be mistaken for swimming. Mr. Sorge made a fearsome guest appearance – perhaps because Bill was one of his favorites – and allowed our assistance this time to go unnoticed. In any event, Bill jumped and bobbed and swam (??) and, miracles of miracles, survived the Swimming Survival Test. And best of all, he graduated from the Rock Squad!

## MORE BLASTS FROM THE PAST

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### Oy, So Old We Are Now!

A few weeks back I received two e-mails from **Carolyn Donnell**, passing along some snap shots of much younger people she had recently found. Here's what she had to say about the photos:

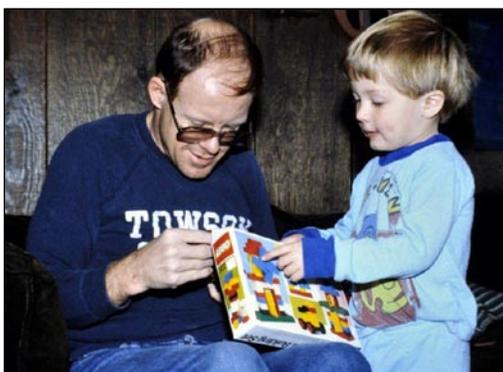
"We've been going through slides while we in the quiet of Angel Fire. Came across a couple of photos of very young people. First photo: **Alton Donnell, Gerry Misurek, Jim Lee (Class '66) and Ray Winkel**. Second photo - with spouses. Ray & Sally Winkel with Tyler Donnell, and Ray is telling Tyler - there has got to be some Physics in this box of Legos. Who would have ever thought that 30 years later, Tyler would be teaching in the Physics Dept. I know Ray is looking down on him and is so proud of what he is doing.....living Ray's dream - through Tyler, Ray is still teaching in the Physics Dept. He never wanted to retire. He loved teaching the cadets.



▲ Alton Donnell, Gerry Misurek, Jim Lee '66 and Ray Winkel a long, long time ago



▲ Donnells, Misureks and Winkels. Why are wives with the wrong guys??



▲ Ray Winkel giving Tyler Donnell one of his first physics lessons. That's cruelty to children



▲ Ray & Sally Winkel with a very young Tyler Donnell, future physics P

## POINTS TO PONDER

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Back in the 1990s I wrote a regular article for *Assembly Magazine*, which unfortunately is no longer published - I wonder if there's a connection that can be made there? The article was called "*Goat Poop, Reflections From the Last Section*." It wasn't my idea - well, the name was, but the article wasn't. This was the brain child of the editor of *Assembly*. (He's now retired from the AOG; I wonder if there is a connection there?) His marching orders to me regarding content were pretty vague, so I basically did my own thing, trying to find out where the editor's pain threshold was. Well, apparently I found it with the article I submitted for the November 1996 issue, as he refused to print it, considering it to be in extraordinarily poor taste.

Well, it took me a long time to write that article, and I felt strongly then as I do now that it was an important piece that provided a very necessary public service. Fortunately, *The Pooper Scooper* has absolutely no restrictions regarding standards of taste or propriety,

so all my hard, civic minded work won't be wasted because I can print the article here.

Actually, in the spirit of full disclosure, this isn't the first time I've printed this article in *The Pooper Scooper*. After it was rejected by *Assembly* I did exactly what I'm doing now - I printed it in the December 1996 issue of this rag (most of you had no idea you've been getting *The Pooper Scooper* in your junk mail for that long, did you?) However, at a dinner recently with **Jim & Linda Balkcom, Tom & Paige Dyer** and a few other classmates, I used one of my favorite words - callipygian - and Jim Balkcom refused to believe it was a real word. This made me realize that my earlier attempt to educate and expand the vocabularies of my classmates had not been 100% successful. So here once again (slightly updated to make it a bit more current), as a public service, is my idea of the ....

## 67 Essential Words That Everyone Should Know and Use

It has been said that the English language is the richest, most powerful language on Earth. I have to assume that statement is based on the size of the language—at last count, there were more than a million accepted, defined words in English—and the fact that English is so incredibly flexible and adaptable. It is not necessarily the prettiest tongue on the planet—I happen to think that Italian has a lock on that distinction, which is probably why I love Italian wines so much. Even if they tasted only half as good as their names sound, they would be marvelous. But I digress.

If English is the richest language, then it is also the most wasted. I am disturbed by the fact that, even as we add thousands of new words to the dictionary each year, most people's vocabulary remains distressingly, boringly stagnant. Indeed, I am convinced that people today actually learn and use far fewer words than they did when I was a kid growing up, and by far and away, the most important word in the vocabulary of anyone under the age of 45 today is the word "like." Not as in "I like you," but as in, "like, you know, like, that's like really cool."

I find myself asking the question, with all these words in the language that we don't use, why do we keep adding more? Let's start making use of what we've already got. There's some great stuff out there, just waiting to be sprinkled throughout our conversations. With that idea in mind, I decided to scour some of the better dictionaries and come up with a list of old, but really useful words for everyday life. In my search I discovered a marvelous dictionary: *Mrs. Byrne's Dictionary of Unusual, Obscure, and Preposterous Words*. No one should be without it.

So, in my quest for more picturesque and eloquent speech, I present to you Freed's List of 67 Absolutely Essential Words. I promise you, they're all real, and you can all find plenty of opportunities to use them every day. I'll even give you some examples.

**anserine** *adj.* stupid. The possible applications for this one are practically limitless.

**arfarnarf** *adj.* Very, very drunk. Been there, done that. Don't recommend it.

**assification** *n.* an assinine act. The act of making an ass of. A lot of folks claim I'm an expert at this.

**Augean** *adj.* Utterly filthy. Applies to the bedrooms of most teenagers, and the dialogue of many, if not most movies these days.

**bipennis** *n.* Nope, it's not what you think it is (too many *n*'s). It's a double-edged battle-ax. Of course, if it was two of those other things, it might be thought of as a double-edged battle-ax in some circles.

**boobocracy** *n.* government run by boobs. This seems to be a particularly relevant and useful term these days. I'm surprised we don't hear it used more often. And I bet you thought it was a government run by women.

**borborygm** *n.* the noise made by gas in the bowels; a fart. Wouldn't it sound nicer to ask "Pardon me, but are you responsible for that borborygm?" instead of "Hey, did you just fart?" (see *collywobbles*, *crepitus*, and *flatulopetic*)

**brimborion** *n.* something useless or nonsensical. I need to teach my colleagues at work this word. I think I would prefer being called a brimborion to what they usually call me.

**buff-ball** *n.* A party where everybody dances naked. Pretty self-explanatory. I'd love to go to one, even though I hate to dance.

**cacidrosis** *n.* smelly sweat. Now doesn't this sound better than BO. "Pardon me, but you're suffering from a bad case of cacidrosis. May I recommend Right Guard?"

**cacophrenic** *adj.* Pertaining to an inferior intellect. As in Marine Corps.

**callipygian** *adj.* Having shapely buttocks. This is one of the most useful words in the language, and one of my absolute favorites. (see *dasygyal*, *onolatory*, and *pygophilous*).

**cerebroathy** *n.* hypochondria resulting from too much thinking. I suffer from this. None of my kids ever will.

**cherubimical** *adj.* drunk. Would you believe there are at least 228 adjectives for this condition? What does that tell you about the importance of booze in our lives? (see *nimtopsical*)

**clinchpoo** *n.* a lout, jerk, clod, boor, slob, boob, fat-head, sap. Pretty self-explanatory.

**clinomania** *n.* excessive desire to stay in bed. I suffer from this, from Monday through Friday.

**colluvial** *adj.* pertaining to a mass of filth, as in a teenager's room, or some people's minds.

**collywobbles** *n.* pain or looseness in the bowels. Frequently comes after a third bowl of chili or a Mexican dinner from a bus station lunch counter. (see *borborygm*, *crepitus*, and *flatulopetic*).

**compotation** *n.* drinking together. Much better than drinking alone. **Compotator**, a fellow drinker. You get a bunch of these together, and you're bound to end up with an **afarnarf**.

**crapulous** *adj.* overeating or drinking; coarse. As in "You were utterly crapulous at the wedding reception/reunion/party/etc." This is frequently applied to me. I'll bet you thought it meant something else, though, didn't you?

**crepehanger** *n.* nope, this is not a person who hangs crepe-paper. It's a gloomy person, a pessimist. You probably know a few.

**crepitus** *n.* a fart. "Is that crepitus I smell?" "Are you the responsible for that crepitation?" Sounds better than "Who farted?" doesn't it?

**dasygyal** *adj.* having hairy buttocks. Okay in guys, but not a real popular trait in women.

**deosculate** *v.i.* to kiss affectionately. You know, as in when two people are trying to suck each other's faces off. You see this a lot in the movies and with teenagers.

**dysania** *n.* having a hard time waking up in the morning. Most of us suffer from this on any morning we have to get up, as in Monday through Friday. On the other hand, I never suffer from it when I don't have to get up.

**ebriection** *n.* mental breakdown from too much boozing. I'm not there yet, but the way things are going it's just a matter of time before I have the mother of all ebriections.

**ephemeromorph** *n.* low forms of life that defy animal or vegetable classification (as in politician)

**ergasiophobia** *n.* A fear or aversion to work. My children all seem to suffer mightily from this malady. Wonder where they got it from.

**ergophile** *n.* someone who loves work. These people need professional help.

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**eructation** *n.* belching or something produced by belching. Frequently accompanied by crepitation. In Arab countries, considered a compliment to the chef.

**excerebrose** *adj.* having no brains. The uses are virtually limitless.

**eximious** *adj.* most distinguished; excellent. I really like this word. It's classy. You can apply to people as well as things. Me, for example. ☺

**facundity** *n.* eloquence. This is another really useful word. We need more of it in our speech. That's what this little primer's all about. You should strive to be known as a very facund fellow. (This is similar to *fecund*, intellectually productive.)

**firkytodding** *n.* This is a wonderful word, but if I tell you what it means, the editor probably won't print it. Use your imagination, or look it up in Mrs. Byrne's dictionary. OK, OK, it's a cool word for foreplay.

**flatulopetic** *adj.* Pertaining to gas production in the bowels, as in "Goodness, but aren't you a flatulopetic person!" Actually, I prefer the second usage: pretentious, pompous, inflated. We've all known a few flatulopetic folks, haven't we?

**fyrdung** *n.* an army prepared for battle; a military expedition. I figure that all West Pointers would want to have this word in their vocabulary. I mean, saying "Stand to it, men, we're off on a fyrdung" sounds so much better than "ruck up, maggots, we're going outside the wire again."

**galuptious** *adj.* delightful, excellent, superb, wonderful, terrific. Can be applied to many wines, small batch micro-brew beers, single malt Scotch, Vicki's cooking and some women. (see *eximious*)

**grivoiserie** *n.* lewd and lascivious behavior; a lewd act. Unknown to West Point graduates, but a common occurrence at Canoe U and Zoomie U.

**gyneolatry** *n.* worship of women. A dangerous, but common addiction. Can lead to nothing but heartache.

**gynophobia** *n.* fear of women. Another dangerous, but common malady. Hard to determine which is worse, gyneolatry or gynophobia. I suspect a little of each is healthy.

**hebetude** *n.* dullness, stupidity, as in "he suffers from a serious case of hebetude." This is far more polite than saying "he suffers from a serious case of the dumb-ass."

**high-pooped** *adj.* fat-assed. That's pretty self explanatory. You've got to love this word. "Yo, there goes old high-poop."

**hircine** *adj.* goatlike, especially in smell; lewd. As in the hircine homilies of The Pooper Scooper.

**hircismus** *n.* having stinky armpits, usually as a result of too much **cacidrosis**.

**hypomnesia** *n.* impaired memory. I suffer greatly from hypomnesia, especially anything my wife tells me not to forget.

**immund** *adj.* filthy, dirty; filthy dirty. (see *Augean*)

**impavid** *adj.* utterly fearless. I am like this after several drinks.

**impeccant** *adj.* sinless. This cannot be applied to me. Actually, I'm not sure who it could be applied to, but I'm sure there are lots of folks out there who will be happy to let me know.

**infandous** *adj.* too horrible to mention; unspeakably awful. Frequently applies to my behavior.

**nescient** *adj.* uneducated, unaware, ignorant, stupid. Describes an awful lot of people we meet every day, doesn't it? Many of them seen to be in politics. (see *cacophrenic* and *hebetude*)

**nimtopsical** *adj.* drunk. Another of the 228 synonyms for this condition. This isn't all bad. You can get hammered for 228 straight days, and call it something different every day. (see *cherubimical*).

**obtund** *v.t.* to dull. Better yet, try **obtunded**, which means slightly more alert than stuporous. This is a great word. I have worked with several people who were in a semi-permanently obtunded state. Been there myself a few times.

**ombibulous** *adj.* someone who drinks everything. This normally causes one to be more than a little obtunded, not to mention cherubimical and nimtopsical.

**onolatry** *n.* ass-worship. No, we're not talking about donkeys. Referring to someone as an onolatarian is a more refined term than saying someone is a tush lover (see *pygophilous*).

**pollaver** *n.* fawning behavior; gross flattery. A good synonym for a pusillanimous sycophant or a few bosses I've worked for.

**pornerastic** *adj.* licentious, lascivious, lewd, and horny. Know anybody whose behavior could be described this way? Got any teenage boys? (see *grivoiserie* and *rammish*).

**proctalgia** *n.* a pain in the ass. Put this at the top of your new words list. You should be able to use it at least 10 times a day.

**pygophilous** *adj.* buttock-loving. Another name for a tush person. (see *onolatry*).

**quidnunc** *n.* one who is curious to know everything that is going on; a gossip. Your class scribe and the author of *The Pooper Scooper* is a quidnunc.

**rammish** *adj.* 1. Lustful and horny. 2. Rank-smelling or tasting. I suspect there is a logical connection between those two definitions. (see *pornerastic*).

**rectalgia** *adj.* a pain in the ass. Ranks right up there with **proctalgia**. Considering how many pains in the ass we have to deal with every day, it makes sense to have more than one way to describe them. I suppose a real **double doo-doo** pain in the ass could be called a rectalgic proctalgia.

**spurcical** *adj.* foul mouthed. A growing phenomenon among young people. They need to read this list.

**squabbish** *adj.* thick, fat, and heavy. Better than calling someone lard ass.

**steatopygous** *adj.* fat assed. More refined, but not nearly as fun as **high-pooped**.

**supernaculum** *n.* a liquor drunk to the last drop; excellent booze. Many single malt Scotches and Irish whiskeys can be so honored. Actually, I can't think of any booze that doesn't apply.

**ventricumbent** *adj.* lying face down; prone. This condition usually comes from **ombibuling** too much **supernaculum**. I have experienced this condition on several occasions.

**ventripotent** *adj.* fat-bellied; gluttonous. Nothing worse than a **ventripotent**, **anserine**, **squabbish**, **steatopygous rectalgia**. Had a boss like that once.

Okay, sports fans, there you have it—my list of the 67 best words to color your vocabulary and enliven your speech. Enjoy. Until next time, take your vitamins, eat your liver, and **BEAT NAVY**.

# DEAD FISH & ANIMAL FLICKS

OK Sports Fans, back by popular demand, photos of folks showing off their prowess as hunter-gatherers, strutting their stuff and proving they've got what it takes to put a good meal on the table. It doesn't get any better than this. It's kind of the off-season now so not much quantity, but excellent quality. Enjoy



▲ Doug Pringle showing off a couple of nice Mahi Mahi (Dorado) he caught off Cabo in September



◀ Sheri Pringle shows off her catch. I think it is bigger than Doug's



▲ Carl Kraft and John Severson gloating over a bunch of dead pheasants they murdered in North Dakota

◀ George & Pam Dials' 13 year old granddaughter Kamryn showing off the 5 lb Largemouth bass she caught in Hilton Head Thanksgiving day

## EPILOGUE

OK fellow old farts and grizzled Warriors, I'm out of steam/gas/booze and inspiration, not to mention functioning brain cells, so that's it for this stool specimen. Hope it helps to keep you engaged with the greatest bunch of Unsurpassed folks on the planet.

A couple of ideas looking to the future. About a month ago the class e-mail net was lit up for about a week in response to the following warning e-mail posted by **Rog Arango**:

“Classmates: I am posting this note on the wider class listserve at the urging of **John Kuspa**. You may find it useful and it might even save your life--we aren't getting any younger :)

Leaving aside the politics of the week, I would like to relate a situation that befell me this weekend. My Lady and I were out playing golf in Heber Springs, AR -- just finished the 7th hole where we both went one over. As we walked away I could not formulate a coherent sentence. Kay and I had actually “rehearsed” what to do in the case of a stroke. She checked my pupils, made me smile, put my arms out, and asked me to speak a sentence. I did OK on all but the sentence thing. I knew what I wanted to say but the words didn't come out. She got some guy to run me back to the clubhouse and called 911--as it turns out it was TIA, a form of ‘mini stroke,’ which affected only speech and by the time I got to the ER via ambulance, I was pretty well back to normal (the brain cat scan was negative--no comments please :) Rehearsing the actions takes only a few minutes and there is lots of information on line. Take care of yourselves! Cheers, Rog”

Well, this posting ignited a flurry of similar stories and close calls from classmates and wives all over the country. This back and forth lasted for more than a week. Many of the stories were compelling, some scary. They all reinforced the fact that we're not as young as we used to be, and we really need to be more proactive about our health.

Some time ago in these pages I urged our many class doctors to volunteer some of their time and energy and write a regular column for this literary road kill, on a subject of their choosing but hopefully that would apply to all of us as we low crawl into our golden years. I'm reissuing that plea now: I'd really like to start a Medical Advice column here – we'll call it something like Quacks Corner or something catchy.

Second item. After the reunion and the cemetery tour, a couple of folks stepped forward and suggested we start doing, as a regular feature, family histories, especially for those classmates with long, multigenerational ties to West Point and the military. I think it's a great idea. **Alton Donnell** has already provided some input, and I'm sure lots more of you have fascinating family military histories that would generate lots of interest. I'd like to start doing this with the next issue, which hopefully will be in April.

Keep your information and photos coming, mes amis. *Calix Meus Inebrians*.

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