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The USMA Prep School color guard passes in review at their graduation parade on 17 May. Note the Class of 1967 colors proudly waving.



▲ The USMA Prep School at West Point



◀ The Prep School Color Guard and cadet candidate staff singing the National Anthem at Their Founder's Day celebration

▶ Ed Beck, guest speaker at the USMAPS Founder's Day dinner, wows the crowd. He was cheered to an echo



# THE CLASS 50 YEAR AFFILIATION WITH THE PREP SCHOOL IS A HUGE SUCCESS

As I reported in the last issue, our class decided to think outside the box in regard to the 50 year affiliation program by which we affiliate and bond with, as well as mentor, the Class of 2017. Unlike previous 50 year affiliation classes, we started this relationship a year early with the young men and women in the USMA Prep School who will join the Class of 2017 on R-Day this July 1st. This was largely the brainchild of **Ed Beck**, who has gone to heroic lengths to insure we provided a meaningful experience for these cadet candidates and, by all reports, the results have been magnificent.

As testament to the success of this program, the Commandant of the Prep School, LTC Stephen Ruth, sent the following e-mail and letter to the Class on 18 April:

*“Dear West Point Class of 1967:*

*Thank you for your tremendous support during our inaugural year of the Vanguard Project.*

*The Cadet Candidates have been quite responsive to all of your encouragement resulting in a 95% Retention Rate this year! The USMA Class of 2017 will have some well-developed, competent, peer leaders joining their ranks from the Prep School this summer. THANK YOU!*

*We would be honored to have members of the Class of 1967 attend our USMAPS Graduation Week Activities from 17-18 MAY 2013. Please refer to the attached letter for the schedule.*

*Thank you again for all of your participation!*

*None Shall Surpass,  
SRT*

*V/r,  
LTC Stephen G. Ruth  
26th Commandant  
US Military Academy Preparatory School  
950 Reynolds Road, West Point, NY 10996”*

Attached to LTC Ruth’s e-mail was the following letter:

*“Dear West Point Class of 1967:*

*I hope that this letter finds all of you and your families in the best of health.*

*The United States Military Academy Preparatory School has been immensely blessed by your participation in the **Vanguard Project**. Thank you for your hundreds of letters of encouragement throughout this school year and your most recent contributions to the Class Messaging Program: “Captains of Industry”. **Mr. James Balkcom, George Dials,** and **Tom Petrie** provided some very insightful perspectives, highlighting the value of their West Point experience in the Army and in the business world. This has given the Cadets a more holistic appreciation for what they are learning and its relevance for their future.*

*Last month, we celebrated **West Point Founders Day** and were fortunate to have **Mr. Ed “Papa” Beck** as our Keynote Speaker. Mr. Beck really gave a moving speech that brilliantly captured West Point’s illustrious history and creatively portrayed the Class of ’67 contributions to our Nation over the past 46 years. What an amazing legacy and the best Founders Day Ceremony that I have ever witnessed! Congratulations again to all of you!*

*As this academic year comes to a close, we would be honored to have members of the Class of 1967 attend our **USMAPS Graduation Week Activities** from 17-18 MAY 2013:*

**Graduation Review:** 17 MAY at 0900hrs., USMAPS Football Field

**Graduation Awards Ceremony:** 17 MAY at 1030hrs., USMAPS

**Graduation Ball:** 17 MAY at 1700hrs., IKE Hall Ballroom

**Graduation Ceremony:** 18 MAY at 0900hrs., IKE Hall Auditorium

*Once again, thank you for your outstanding support in preparing another generation to become productive members*



STEPHEN G. RUTH

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As LTC Ruth mentioned in his letter, one of the things that Ed arranged for was letters of encouragement from select members of our class. These framed letters were put on display, along with other artifacts provided by classmates such as awards and decorations and photos, to inspire the cadet candidates. Classmates have also attended a number of functions at the Prep School – in the last issue I provided coverage of **John James** and **Alton Donnell** doing the coin toss for a couple of the Prep School football games. Also, our class colors have been proudly on display at the Prep School for this entire academic year, and as you can see from the photos on the cover, our colors are proudly carried by their color guard for all occasions.

On 18 March we were represented at the Prep School’s Founder’s Day celebration by **Ed Beck, John & Gael James, Sally Winkel, and Tyler & Dena Donnell**. Ed was the principal speaker for the evening and I have it on good authority he was cheered to an echo, despite the fact he is handicapped in speech-making by his vocabulary of only twelve syllables.



▲ LTC Stephen Ruth, Commandant of USMAPS, and our own Ed Beck, USMAPS alum extraordinaire



▲ Ed “Papa” Beck waxing poetic about life as a cadet and in the Service



▲ Class attendees at the USMAPS Founder’s Day dinner. LtoR: LTC Stephen Ruth, Commandant; John & Gael James; Ed Beck; Megan Blaney (Mike Blaney’s granddaughter); Cindy Beck, Sally Winkel; and Dena & Tyler Donnell. Tyler is now teaching physics (shudder) at West Point.



▲ Cadet Candidates chowing down during the USMAPS Founders Day dinner

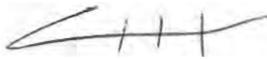


▲ John James, Ed Beck and a cadet candidate at the USMAPS Founder’s Day dinner

Apparently all of the efforts to inspire these future leaders are paying off. One classmate who wrote a letter to the Prepsters was **George Dials**, under the auspices of their "Captains of Industry" program (LTC Ruth has developed various categories, including outstanding career Soldiers, Captains of Industry, etc.) In early March **John James** forwarded seven letters written by cadet candidates to George, thanking him for his inspiring letter and expressing how much the affiliation with our class has meant to them. All of the letters were outstanding; I'm sharing two of them with you here.

"Dear Class of '67,

Thank you for the mentorship and outreach to the USMA Class of '17. I felt inspired and motivated to continue with upholding the standards; living a moral-ethical life, and helping my battle buddies. At the end of the letter, you placed the quote, *"Follow your passions, love your families, take care of the troops, serve the greater good, and hold true to Duty, Honor, Country; you will thereby live productive and accomplished lives."* Those words stuck out to me, and I felt as if that quote summed everything up that I am striving for and wish to accomplish. Thank you for the mentorship, kindness, and thoughtfulness to stay in touch with my class. We will all benefit from the past experiences that many of the Class of '67 have experienced through keeping in touch and listening to the guidance that many of you have given the USMA Class of '17.



Charles Howard Chandler III"

"Mr. Dials,

On behalf of the USMAPS Class of 2013, Thank You! Because of your constant support and dedication to our class, the current cadet candidates have a deeper appreciation for the many challenges that lie ahead. We take pride in being considered the Vanguard Class of USMA 2017, but, most importantly, we take pride in being affiliated with such distinguished, patriotic, and dedicated soldiers.

You conveyed vital messages in your letter that encompasses the core belief of our nation, the Army, USMA and, USMAPS; however, the two main points that stuck out the most, in my opinion, were: Do something you love and look out for the troops. As our leadership have expressed to us, vision and purpose are key ingredients for success. If a person finds something that he or she truly enjoys, then the tasks that come with that undertaking will never be work, just a hobby. "By perseverance, hard work, and eternal desire, any man can become great"- Gen George Patton. To the second aspect, we, as future Army leader, will be tasked with an extraordinary mission- to lead America's sons and daughters who have the courage to put on their nations uniform. This is not a task my classmates and I shrink from, but one we welcome.

As you expressed, it is vital that we understand mission first, but people always. Always look out for your soldiers because they, in turn, will do the same. Leaders have to express and demonstrate their deep concern for their subordinate due to the fact this occupation is a people's business.

Because of you, your fellow classmates, and our USMAPS leadership, we have learned how to provide a worthy example for those we will, unquestionably, lead. We will always uphold and maintain the high "Esprit de Corps" of the prep school and USMA; constantly remained of the "three hallowed words that reverently dictate what we ought to be, what we can be, what we will be- DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY!" My classmates and I look forward to working with you and the Class of 67 in the near future. May GOD continue to bless you and, as always, GO ARMY!!!!BEATNAVY!!!

Very Respectfully,  
Tetrenc J. Thomas"

The Prep School graduation will be on 18 May. Hopefully we can have a large number of classmates on hand to congratulate these outstanding young men and women and encourage them as they start the next part of their life journey: entering West Point with the Class of 1917 on 1 July. Put it on your calendar. It's a good excuse for a party.

By the way, **Tom Blaney's** granddaughter Megan is one of the Prep School candidates who will be entering the class of 2017. **Alton & Carolyn Donnell's** son Tyler, who is at West Point teaching physics (Guns don't kill people; Physics does), and his wife Dena have volunteered to sponsor Megan. I'm not sure if that qualifies as adult supervision or not.

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While Ed Beck has accomplished great things by including the Prep School in our 50 year affiliation program, the guy who is overall class coordinator for all things having to do with the 50 year affiliation program is **Tom Parr**. (He must have been asleep at the business meeting during the reunion when **Tom Dyer** asked for “volunteers.”) Tom has been putting together an ambitious schedule of events for class participation. The first big event is R-Day for the Class of 2017, which is 1 July. Here’s an e-mail Tom put out on 29 March looking for volunteers:

*“Classmates, this is the Procrastinator’s Special. So far, I have a reasonable amount of volunteers to come to West Point for R Day, to console and counsel the parents of the Class of 2017. However, I would like 10 more volunteers. I’m looking for folks who represent the broad spectrum of our class--those who made the military a career, and those who stepped off into other areas of life and livelihoods. Grads who had kids attend the Academy would be especially valuable assets for those parents who had just heard for the first time that they had exactly 50 seconds to say good bye to their new cadets.*

*Our class would love to have you come to West Point on R Day, July 1, to represent us with the parents of the Class of 2017. We will have a dinner at Cosimo’s in Central Valley on Sunday night, June 30, to discuss all you need to know for the following day.*

*Currently representing our class will be **Caren & Mike Aeillo, Joyce & Bob Doheney, Carolyn & Alton Donnell, Janet & Ed Dewey, Tom Dyer, Gael & John James, Dave Jones, Bill Koch, Maija & John Kuspa, Joannie & Tom Parr, Mila & Mike Yap, Freed & Vicki Lowrey, Dean Risseeuw** and possibly **Mike Kush**.*

*If your name is not on this list, please consider adding it. In addition to the satisfaction of easing some of the angst of a number of parents of new cadets, you will receive your very own, ultra cool polo shirt, touting our class and its affiliation with the USMA Class of ‘17.*

*In order for **Sandy Jones** to custom make your shirt for you, we need to have a commitment by about the 10th of April. We won’t turn you away if you find you can commit after that date, but we may not have the cool shirt in your size. Hotel space in the area is still available, but will fill up soon.*

*Thanks, Tom”*

Classmates seem to be getting into the spirit of our 50 year affiliation, as evidenced by this e-mail I received on 17 March from Macy Brown:

*“Freed, Attached is a picture of 4 members of the class of ‘67 with 3 candidates for our 50 year affiliation class of ‘17. Classmates are **Kent Kraus, Macy Brown, Bill Brigadier and Dick Black**.” The photo was taken at the Huntsville, AL, Founder’s Day dinner.*



▲ Kent Kraus, Macy Brown, Bill Brigadier and Dick Black with three future members of The Class of 2017, at the Huntsville, AL, Founder’s Day dinner

# In Memoriam

## BE THOU AT PEACE

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

### ✧ RICHARD A. ANKENER ✧



▲ Richard A. Ankener

nephews and cousins throughout the country. Richard was born in Jamaica, N.Y. on October 7, 1941. He was an educated man who

I learned of Dick's passing on 15 April. Here is the obituary that appeared in the 12 April issue of the Richmond, VA, Times-Dispatch on 12 April.

"**ANKENER, Richard Adrian**, 71, of Richmond, Va., passed away on Friday, April 5, 2013 of Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He is survived by his sister, Karen Spitz of Port Washington, N.Y.; his son, Michael Ankener of Lawrenceville, N.J.; and his two grandchildren, along with nieces,

received his bachelor of science degree in English and a master of science in operations research. He was a West Point graduate from the class of 1967 and was in active duty in the USAF from 1967 until 1975, with his highest rank being Captain. Richard received The Air Force Commendation Medal while stationed in the Philippines, for meritorious service as Ground Electronics Officer. From 1976 to 1993, he was employed at Philip Morris in Richmond, Va., as a member of the Management Sciences Department. After his retirement, he was an activist in many organizations and became a very-involved homeowner of Treetop Condominiums. Richard was very passionate about saving animals and trees and had a kind heart, helping others in need. He will be buried in New York. There will be a gathering of family and friends at Treetop Condominium's grounds, on Saturday, April 13, at 12:30 p.m., weather permitting. If there is rain, the gathering will be held instead at Meadowdale Library at 12:30 p.m. Donations may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the American Forest Foundation."

### ✧ JACQUELINE L. EGGERING ✧



▲ Jacqueline L. Eggering

**Bill Eggering's** wife **Jacki** lost her battle with brain cancer on 4 March. Here is her published obituary.

"Jacqueline Eggering passed peacefully on 4 March, 2013 in her home. A Celebration of Jacqueline's Life Memorial Service will be held at the Amos Family Funeral Home, 10901 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS, on Saturday, 16 March, 2013 at 1:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to The St Luke's Hospital Foundation,

On 18 May, 1980, Jacqueline married William H. "Bill" Eggering, who survives in the home. After Bill retired from the US Army, he and Jacqueline opened a bed and breakfast in Leavenworth, the city in which they retired in 1993. Jacqueline ran the bed and breakfast with an assist from Bill, who also held a corporate position with a defense contractor in Leavenworth during that time. Upon discovering in August, 2011 that Jacqueline had brain cancer, both Jacqueline and Bill retired for the last time, especially so that Bill could care for his stricken wife.

In addition to being a licensed optician, Jacqueline earned the distinction of being a Certified Coding Specialist under the auspices of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). She was also a charter member of the Nifty Thrifty Red Hatters of Leavenworth.

4225Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64111-2304, or [www.saintlukesfoundation.org](http://www.saintlukesfoundation.org).

Jacqueline was born Jacqueline Marie Andrezzi on 8 July, 1944 in Pittsburgh, PA. After spending her early childhood years at home and then in an orphanage in Pittsburgh, she was adopted by her stepfather, Richard Weir, of the US Army, in 1953 and became an Army brat, travelling to Panama, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, Fort MacArthur, CA and Fort Bliss, TX with her parents.

In 1964, she married Joseph T. Larremore, a US Army officer, with whom she had two sons: Michael C, of Wichita, KS; and Wayne A, of Valencia, CA, who survive. They were divorced in 1977.

In addition to Bill; Wayne, wife Shannon and their daughters Jacqueline and Alyssa; and Michael; Jacqueline is survived by two sisters, Marsha Warner (Chuck) in Pittsburgh and Anna DiBucci (Richard) in Hawaii; two brothers, Joe Weir (Katie) of Pittsburgh and Rick Weir (Connie) in Germany, plus a host of others, primarily in the greater Pittsburgh, PA area but some in other parts of the continental US.

Inurnment will follow at the West Point Cemetery at the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, on 4 October at 1:30pm."

(Freed Note: Hopefully we can have a good group of classmates and family here for Jacki's inurnment)

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✧ ROBERT L. SELLARS ✧



▲ Bob Sellars

I reported on Bob’s passing in the December ’12 issue, but a couple of events honoring Bob have occurred since then and I wanted to report on those.

Bob was cremated and his ashes were scattered near his Montana home. A “Celebration of Life” memorial service was held for Bob in Big Fork, Montana on 19 December. **Fred Schremp** and **Bill Foley** were both able to attend. Here is a report from Fred: “Here is a picture of a table set up at Bob’s memorial service. **Edie** and her brother had a color guard, bag pipers played Taps and the flag was given to Edie. Many, many friends were in attendance. A significant number got up and spoke to Bob’s great sense of humor, his friendship and his zest for life. One of Bob’s brothers was there as well and told of their youth and their dad’s passing at an early age and how that impacted their lives.”



▲ Impromptu memorial for Bob at his “Celebration of Life” service in Big Fork, MT

In January Bob’s widow **Edie** traveled to Santa Barbara, CA where another memorial service honoring Bob, arranged in large part by **Brick Anderson**, was conducted. Here’s a report on that ceremony from Brick: “In attendance were about 30 friends and classmates including **Cindy** and myself, **John & Sue Montanaro**, **Dean & Julie Hansen**, **John & Trudi Mackerer**, **Ed & Janet Dewey**, **Jack & Ann Boyt**, and **Joe & Bev Hardin**.



▲ Classmates celebrating Bob’s life in Santa Barbara, CA: Dean Hansen, John Mackerer, John Montanaro, Eddie Sellars, Brick Anderson, Ed Dewey and Jack Boyt



▲ Better Halves at the Santa Barbara celebration in honor of Bob Sellars: Trudi Mackerer, Susan Montanaro, Julie Hansen, Eddie Sellars, Cindy Anderson, Janet Dewey and Ann Boyt



During the ceremony Brick presented Edie with one of **Rob Herb’s** class crest plaques and a class coin. Brick also made some brief remarks which are presented here:

“On Edie’s behalf, thank you for attending this remembrance celebration for Bob Sellars. Edie, thank you for coming all the way from Montana to join us, and to bring pictures of Bob for us to enjoy. Chris Turk, thank you for coming to support Edie. Cindy, thank you for finding pictures of some of the initial Highland Falls Ski Team and its erstwhile members, including Bob and Edie. I hope they will provide some levity.

We have gathered here in accordance with Bob’s wishes to have a party after his passing. Bob had visited Arnoldis on several occasions to have dinner and play bocce and enjoy being with his Santa Barbara friends. I think Bob would approve of our choice this evening.”

◀ Brick Anderson presents Edie Sellars with one of Rob Herb’s class crest plaques

Bob passed away suddenly on 11 December much to everyone's surprise and shock. Since that day I have been in contact with dozens of Bob's friends who recounted their own personal fond and often humorous escapades with Bob.

Edie, you know that they all send you their love and support.

To a man, a unifying description of Bob included references to his integrity, friendly and selfless support of others, quick smile, loyalty and intelligence. Bob was a catalyst serving to gather friends together in order to support and to enjoy each other's company. Bob was a wonderful friend and I know he considered all of you his wonderful friends.

Edie, this is called a "challenge coin". Its origins date back to WWI. It is traditionally given to a member of a military organization to prove their membership when challenged. This coin is given to you by the members of the class of 1967 to forever prove that you will forever be a part of our class.

In 1999, Rob and Judy Herb, a classmate and his, wife began the daunting task to locate the Surviving Family Members of our classmates who died in Viet Nam. They set about this task in order to bring SFM back into our fold and to reinforce the bond they we had forged many years ago.

Rob and Judy designed and made a frame of a class crest to be presented to SFM, the first of which was presented and dedicated at The Wall in June 2002. Since that first presentation, Rob and Judy have painstakingly and lovingly made a plaque for the SFM's of every class member who has departed our ranks. They have traveled the length and breadth of our country to make these presentations or have arranged for other classmates to do so. I am honored to be asked to perform this duty. Please except this representation of our love and intent to support you in the years to come.

Edie, in several of our conversations over the past month, you referred to Bob as "My Soldier." It reminded me of a paragraph that I came upon about 15 years ago. It is entitled "Why Veterans Unite." I have kept it ever since then. I cannot read it because I am afraid I will get too emotional so I will pass it out to read at your convenience. As described in this paragraph; Bob is my comrade and I will carry his reputation, his memory with me.

I trust that you will allow us to remember Bob as our soldier too.

Last night, Edie showed me a card that accompanied a flower arrangement she had received and told me how touched she was by the inscription on that card. I am not sure if Edie knew the origin of that inscription. Edie, That inscription is part of a stanza in The Alma Mater.

And when our work is done,  
Our course on earth is run,  
May it be said, 'Well Done;  
Be Thou At Peace.'

Well done, Bob. Be thou at Peace."

Here is the poem Brick referred to. Like him, it has always been one of my favorites too.

#### Why Veterans Reunite

"I now know why men who have been to war yearn to reunite. Not to tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep. Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted at their best; men who suffered and sacrificed, who were stripped of their humanity. I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate and the military. But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust. They were willing to guard something more precious than my life. They would have carried my reputation, the memory of me. It was part of the bargain we all made, the reason we were so willing to die for one another. As long as I have my memory, I will think of them all, every day. I am sure that when I leave this world, my last thought will be of my family and my comrades. Ahh, Such good men."

-- Author Unknown --

Please keep Dick, Jacki, Bob and all of their families in your thoughts and prayers.



“Dear Classmate,

Yes, what you saw in my last missive is true, our next reunion, in 2017, is our 50<sup>th</sup>, and, from what we are told by those who have experienced theirs, it will be our most memorable. I hope you will join in making it an incredible time of fellowship, and a celebration of our place in *The Long Gray Line*.

In this letter, I want to give you the particulars of our **50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion Gift Project**, for which we are seeking a total of \$1,250,000. There are two funds in this project:

1. One is \$1,000,000 for an Academy gift, selected from among sixty different needs expressed by the Academy. ***This will be our last class gift to the Academy***, and our goal is total support from class members, **regardless of the amount given. Please return your pledge card for this in the gray envelope.**
2. The other is \$250,000 for the Class Admin Fund for publishing the *Pooper Scooper*, providing gifts to families of deceased classmates, having seed money for the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, and funding our affiliation project with the Class of 2017. ***Please return your pledge card for this in the white envelope.***

Our Academy gift will follow “in the footsteps” of our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion gift that established a Permanent Chair in the Physics Department in the name of our beloved **Ray Winkel**. Our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion gift will honor **Woody Held**, Head of the Department of Foreign Languages from 1994 to 2007 and will be called the **BG William G. Held Program for Study Abroad**. This gift will fully endow three scholarships for cadets to study abroad for a semester each year for many years to come. Annual earnings from the endowment of about \$40,000 (conservatively invested) will fund three scholarships each year, with the endowment principal being untouched. This endowment keeps on giving and will expand the current semester abroad program. When Woody became head of the Department of Foreign Languages there were exactly two slots for the foreign studies program, and both went to France. Today, thanks to Woody’s initiatives and emphasis on the program, about 150 cadets study abroad each year! When Woody was approached for his consent to attach his name to the class endowment, he was extremely humbled...but then that’s Woody...an unsung stalwart of our class.

Expanding on our class gift, it will help promising cadets gain fluency in the languages of strategically critical countries, e.g., countries where Arabic, Chinese, and Russian are spoken, reinforcing the reality that relationships matter, as does awareness of other, very different, cultures in developing critical thinkers who can work through complex problems and operate well outside their comfort zones. Case in point, in male-dominated Iraq a female officer, West Point graduate (second generation) and fluent in Arabic (and Spanish) from her semester abroad, was assigned as an MP Officer. The officer assisted an infantry battalion as they operated in a village in Iraq. She made contact with the village leader and developed a good rapport with him and other key individuals in the village due in great part to her language capability. On a later intelligence gathering operation the battalion returned to the village and sought the chief. The chief wanted to know where the female officer was as she was the one with whom they felt most comfortable in dealing. When the battalion returned with the female officer, the battalion was much more effective in gaining support and information from the locals.

As we consider our individual responses to this request to donate to the last gift our class will give the Academy, may we reflect on our years at West Point, our bond as members of a class that we, plus other classes, truly believe is unsurpassed, and the opportunities and benefits that have come our way as we have lived our lives as members of the Class of 1967 and *The Long Gray Line*.

Sincerely,

John Severson, Gift Committee and Your Class Officers

P.S. Over the next few years you will undoubtedly be called by someone from “West Point” asking for a donation for a worthy cause, such as the Superintendent’s Fund—and there are many others. Be advised that donations to these other worthwhile causes do not go into the “1967 Gift Fund” for the study abroad program or the “Class Admin Fund”. Be sure to designate your gifts accordingly so they are credited to our class.”

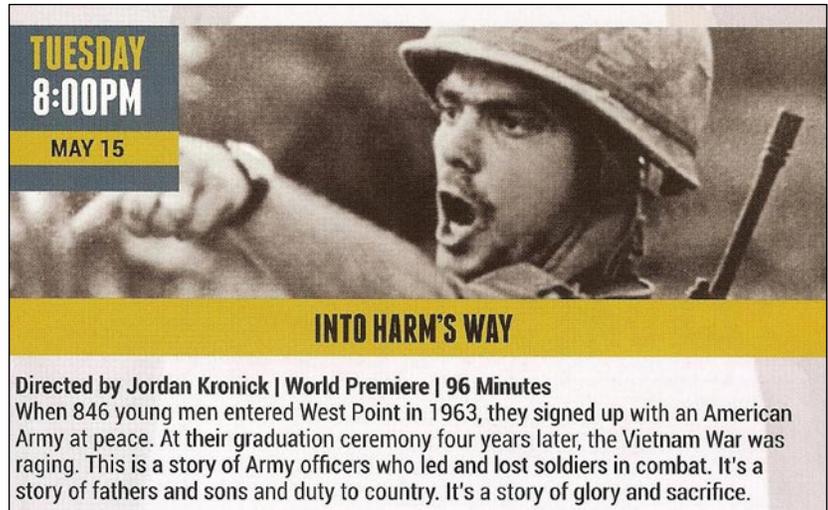
OK, notice that Sevo referred to two pledge cards: one for the gift to West Point, and one for the gift to our Class admin fund. We really need you to support both. **It is really, really important that when you send in your gift, you don’t confuse the pledge cards!** Pledges/gifts are going to two separate accounts. The Class gift to West Point goes to the AOG where it is put into our class gift account. The gift to our admin fund goes into our class bank account that is completely separate from the AOG. You’ll notice on the pledge card that the mailing address for the admin fund gift is my home. Don’t screw this up; I don’t want to be burdened with the massive task having to get money that was meant for the admin fund but sent to the AOG out of their account. I know lots of you from all the last sections we were in together are accidents waiting to happen. Please, not this time.

Remember, all gifts to both West Point and to our Class Admin Fund are fully tax deductible. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

## The Class Documentary Film "Into Harm's Way" to be Aired in May on PBS

I mentioned this in the last issue but wanted to give you a reminder since most of you have attention spans and long term memory measured in nano-seconds. I was hoping to be able to give you a listing of the PBS stations across the country who will be airing the show but as of this writing I don't have that info yet. You might want to call your local PBS station and ask if they will be showing *Into Harm's Way*.

► Class documentary film ad from the GI Film Festival program



**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.

## We Still Need Volunteers to Write Memorial Articles for Deceased Classmates

Here's an e-mail sent to the Class by **John James** back on 22 March:

Dear Classmates,

Below please find an update from Randy Pais regarding the status of memorial articles for deceased classmates.

**NEW!:** As Randy indicates, you can now click on the **yes** or **no** entry in the rightmost column of the table and be taken to an AOG web page which **provides the Classmate's memorial article** (if **yes**) or an AOG web page where a testimonial can be added (if **no**).

**NOTE!:** Please contact Randy directly, [rpais@aol.com](mailto:rpais@aol.com), if you would like to help Randy complete a memorial article for a Classmate who does not have a memorial article.

Concerning your own memorial article, a few classmates have taken advantage of the service used for the last reunion to begin to assemble information which can be used for their own memorial articles. As you may recall, for the last reunion, the Reunion Book was prepared from data contained in the '67Class Data Base, much of which was personal information entered by classmates through their entries in the set of web pages which comprise the '67 "Ward Book," [http://wardbook.west-point.org/display\\_grad.cgi?class\\_id=1967](http://wardbook.west-point.org/display_grad.cgi?class_id=1967). There is a specific section in your personal web page where you can enter memorial article information. You can restrict access to this information so that it is not viewable by others until you release the restriction on viewing the information. If you have forgotten your userid and password for your "Ward Book" entry, you can obtain them from the web page: <https://tools.west-point.org/users/acctrequest.mhtml>.

Cheers,

John

**From:** Pais, Randy [[mailto:Randall\\_Pais@kindermorgan.com](mailto:Randall_Pais@kindermorgan.com)]

**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2013 1:04 PM

**To:** James, John R CIV US USA USMA

**Cc:** 'rpais@aol.com'

**Subject:** FW: Deceased classmates with/without TAPS articles

John I would appreciate if you could share with the Class the status of Memorial Articles written and those still in need of an Article. There are 21 Articles that still need to be written. (Several listed as No are in the process of being drafted or are pending final publication.)

The good thing with the listing below is that if the yes tab is hit the article for our Classmate will be printed on the screen. Thus everyone will now have a quick access to these Articles for future reference.

If someone would like to help complete a Memorial Article for one of the Classmates which has not be written they can contact me directly.

Thanks for sharing this with the Class for me.

Randy

27113	Adams, James Robert	Graduate	A3	3/20/1968	1996 May/Jun 1996 ASSEM	Yes
26843	Ankener, Richard A.	Graduate	B2	4/15/2013		No
27199	Begin, Robert J. P.	Graduate	C3	11/21/2011		No
27054	Bickford, Richard Oliver	Graduate	C3	10/18/1968	1979 Mar 1979 ASSEM	Yes
27132	Bishop, David Michael	Graduate	D2	10/19/1983	2009 Fall 2009 TAPS	Yes
26774	Brierly, James Kenneth	Graduate	D3	12/12/1968	2004 Jan/Feb 2004 TAPS	Yes
26983	Brown, John Patrick	Graduate	D1	5/21/1968	1998 Nov/Dec 1998 ASSEM	Yes
27218	Brown, Hugh Bernard	Graduate	C2	7/20/1968	1994 Jan 1994 ASSEM	Yes
27048	Burkett, Philip A.	Graduate	C3	4/12/1985	1994 Jul 1994 ASSEM	Yes
27170	Cano, Arnoldo A.	Graduate	D2	7/26/2000		No
27088	Carlson, Gary William	Graduate	B1	6/19/1969	1994 Jan 1994 ASSEM	Yes
27050	Corley, John Thomas	Graduate	F1	9/8/1968	1970 Fal 1970 ASSEM	Yes
26849	Dietz, Donald William	Graduate	A2	9/17/1969	1970 Spr 1970 ASSEM	Yes
26986	Dwiggins, Donald Homer	Graduate	C1	11/9/1969	2001 Jul/Aug 2001 ASSEM	Yes
26863	Emerson, Tom	Graduate	B1	3/24/1969	1997 Jul/Aug 1997 ASSEM	Yes
27213	Enners, Raymond James	Graduate	B1	9/18/1968	1971 Fal 1971 ASSEM	Yes
27150	Etheridge, Hampton Allen	Graduate	F2	7/15/1969	1970 Spr 1970 ASSEM	Yes
26985	Frazer, Ronald Lloyd	Graduate	D1	5/24/1968	1997 Jul/Aug 1997 ASSEM	Yes
27139	Fulkerson, Roger Alan	Graduate	A1	9/25/1968	1970 Fal 1970 ASSEM	Yes
27093	Gray, Douglas Taylor	Graduate	F4	12/9/1969		No
27187	Graziano, John Arthur	Graduate	B4	4/15/1968	1986 Dec 1986 ASSEM	Yes
27172	Greene, Ellis David	Graduate	E3	5/23/1970	1997 May/Jun 1997 ASSEM	Yes
27081	Herman, Claude P.	Graduate	A1	11/12/1992	2003 Jul/Aug 2003 ASSEM	Yes
27221	Hewett, David K.	Graduate	E4	3/20/2001	2004 Jan/Feb 2004 TAPS	Yes
26893	Hickey, Charles M.	Graduate	C1	4/22/2012		No
26924	Hill, Frank Allen	Graduate	A4	8/3/1969	1999 Jan/Feb 1999 ASSEM	Yes
27092	Honzo, Steven G.	Graduate	C4	9/26/2007	2010 April 2010 TAPS	Yes
27228	Horwath, Charles S.	Graduate	F2	6/28/2012		No
26842	Hyde, Gary Lee	Graduate	B1	5/29/1976		No
26683	Izzo, Lawrence Leonard	Graduate	C1	10/25/2003		No
27186	Jordan, Edwin N.	Graduate	F1	3/1/2003		No
27015	Kelley, Michael Dirk	Graduate	B3	9/8/1980	1982 Mar 1982 ASSEM	Yes
26727	Kelly, John Edward	Graduate	A4	7/25/1969	1984 Mar 1984 ASSEM	Yes
27212	Ketter, Terry Lee	Graduate	E1	5/10/1970	2002 Nov/Dec 2002 ASSEM	Yes
26995	Kokonowski, Paul Richard	Graduate	C4	10/8/1976	1995 Sep/Oct 1995 ASSEM	Yes
26971	Lascher, Michael Francis	Graduate	A1	7/20/2000	2004 May/Jun 2004 TAPS	Yes

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27163	Lenz, Robert James	Graduate	C3	3/28/2012		Yes
27179	Mahoney, Brian E.	Graduate	A3	11/1/2010	2011 TAPS	Yes
26830	Marlin, Lawrence Hugh	Graduate	D2	8/26/1972		No
26886	McManus, Thomas Parnell	Graduate	E3	3/11/2011		No
27029	Mengert, Robert J.	Graduate	F4	7/1/1981		No
26690	Miller, Robert Howard	Graduate	B3	6/11/2008		No
26742	Mills, Karl William	Graduate	E1	6/11/1969	2002 Sep/Oct 2002 ASSEM	Yes
27195	Nathe, Michael Leo	Graduate	B1	8/29/1968	1982 Mar 1982 ASSEM	Yes
26672	Nesterak, Norman Louis	Graduate	E3	9/3/1969	1999 Sep/Oct 1999 ASSEM	Yes
26965	Neuburger, Daniel Leo	Graduate	D1	8/14/1968	1969 Sum 1969 ASSEM	Yes
26905	Nii, Michael Noboru	Graduate	B2	12/15/2005		No
27096	Parr, Michael Gramling	Graduate	E1	11/27/1968	1969 Sum 1969 ASSEM	Yes
27133	Pena, Jose Manuel	Graduate	C2	8/25/1968	1969 Win 1969 ASSEM	Yes
27226	Perkins, George Edward	Graduate	E2	11/9/1967	2000 Jan/Feb 2000 ASSEM	Yes
638850	Peterson, Michael B.	Cadet Deceased		7/16/1965	2008 Jan/Feb 2008 TAPS	Yes
26832	Pettit, Thomas Christopher	Graduate	E4	2/15/1997	2010 Fall 2010 TAPS	Yes
27116	Platt, Richard W.	Graduate	B2	7/18/1997		No
26731	Powers, David Lewis	Graduate	D3	12/20/2009		No
26996	Preston, Leonard Lee	Graduate	A2	3/21/1969	1999 Nov/Dec 1999 ASSEM	Yes
26910	Robinson, Gus Blakely	Graduate	A3	4/12/1970	1997 Nov/Dec 1997 ASSEM	Yes
27107	Rodriguez, Benjamin	Graduate	A2	9/14/1990	1997 May/June 1997 ASSEM	Yes
27051	Ruhl, James F.	Graduate	A3	8/22/2011		No
26749	Sands, Warren Michael	Graduate	B4	5/17/1968	2008 Sep/Oct 2005 TAPS	Yes
26697	Saxon, Vernon Parker	Graduate	C2	4/27/1997	2007 May/June 2007 TAPS	Yes
27242	Schaltenbrand, Wayne Keith	Graduate	C2	5/14/1969	2010 April 2010 TAPS	Yes
27111	Sellers, Robert Lawson	Graduate	E4	12/11/2012		No
27162	Sutton, George Ronald	Graduate	E3	10/4/1969	1970 Sep 1970 ASSEM	Yes
26718	Swett, Thomas Norman	Graduate	D3	2/23/1993	1998 May/June 1998 ASSEM	Yes
26839	Taylor, Harry Oliver	Graduate	E2	2/14/1991	1993 Mar 1993 ASSEM	Yes
26833	Thompson, Thomas Donald	Graduate	C1	3/2/1969	1983 Mar 1983 ASSEM	Yes
26890	Tieman, Marvin LaVerne	Graduate	D4	4/23/2009		No
26945	Uberecken, Henry Mathias	Graduate	C3	10/3/2006		No
26805	Vissers, Christian Frank	Graduate	E1	12/19/2011		No
26682	Winkel, Raymond John	Graduate	F1	8/30/2011		Yes
26948	Wysocki, Robert Adam	Graduate	A4	1/23/2008		No
26754	Yankus, John Anthony	Graduate	D1	10/27/1994	2003 May/June 2003 ASSEM	Yes

## Donating Class Rings for the Ring Melt Program

This is another topic I've discussed before (see *PS 21*, Aug 2010), but now that we are actively involved with the 50 year affiliation, it's important to tickle your memories, such as they are. The AOG collects class rings donated by surviving family members of deceased graduates and the gold from those rings is melted and added to the gold used to make the new Senior Class rings. This is all conducted in a formal ceremony that has become a very popular program, especially with cadets, since it was started about 10 years ago. The idea of being forever connected to the Long Gray Line by the gold in your ring really resonates for the cadets.

Several class surviving family members have already indicated they plan to donate rings for the Class of 2017 ring melt. It's a wonderful idea. If anyone else out there wants to donate a class ring for the Class of 2017, hang on to it until the class reaches Cow Year in fall of 2015 before sending it to the AOG. Another alternative, suggested by **Bob Kunselman**, is for the class to rent a safety deposit box, which we can do at our local bank in Highland Falls, and collect and store all rings until they are called for the Class of 2017. If anyone wants us to pursue that route, let me know.

## Participate in Ethics Education for the Class of 2017

Another key player in our 50-year affiliation with '17 is **Lee Murfee**, who is heading up our program to participate in the Class of 2017 professional military ethics education program, or PME2. The last two issues of this rag have included descriptions of the program as it is evolving. On 12 April Lee e-mailed me and asked me to include the latest version of our role in this issue as there have been some changes (the most important change being that our participation won't begin until 2014). So, here's the latest from Lee on this very important program. (Please note: this info will also be listed on our class web page).

*"Hello! Attached is a word regular and pdf file for the Pooper Scooper; the main change is that we will start our participation in the fall of 2014 and not this fall in 2013. The current anticipated format is now situational setups for cadets to discuss approaches and the issues - a leader challenge format.*

*Reminder for others: Fall of 2014 is the start of our real participation. Two or three of us will probably go to USMA for an orientation in the spring of 2014. For this fall, there will be no conflict with any DC area social functions. I suggest some appropriate remarks be made at upcoming 1967 DC gatherings or other 1967 gatherings ... as Mike Yap has done in the past... continue to spread the word; ask good friends to join you; ask interested classmates to ask fellow classmates to join in ... The specific dates for our participation will be determined well in to 2014."*

### ***1967 Classmates Have Opportunity to Participate in USMA 2017 PME2 Class Session, STARTING in the FALL OF 2014***

You may make some plans to visit West Point with fellow classmates to assist cadets in the class of 2017. 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 third and second class years at USMA. Our participation will start at the academy in the fall semester of 2014 (this is a change from the initial plan of starting in the fall of 2013). Graduates can be facilitators along with a current cadet upperclassman for small groups of about twenty cadets from a cadet company. Our participation is voluntary and at our expense. Up to 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 PME2 sessions. 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 cadet upperclassmen, the 1967 graduate is to facilitate meaningful discussions among the cadets - with very little, or no presenting or lecturing. Cadets have no tests or grades for their PME2 sessions. 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

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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.

Currently, a leader challenge format is the model for the PME2 sessions for the third and second class cadets. Small groups of about twenty cadets with subgroups of four or five cadets consider situations that ask cadets, "What would you do?" "What are the key issues of the presented situation?" The winter 2013 edition, pages 36-39, of the West Point magazine at [WestPointAOG.org/wpmag](http://WestPointAOG.org/wpmag) presents a flavor of the current leader challenge format.

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.

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 or interact with different cadets each visit. Specific topics and dates will be announced as they become known – perhaps in May or June 2014.

Lee Murfee is our 1967 class coordinator for the 2017 PME2 support: 813 886 6144; [waltermurfee@gmail.com](mailto:waltermurfee@gmail.com)  
CPT Graham Davidson is the USMA PME2 officer: 845 938 3028; [Michael.Davidson@usma.edu](mailto:Michael.Davidson@usma.edu)

General Information for 1967 PME2 Volunteers

You may Google "PME2" for several sites of information. The first site is: <http://www.usma.edu/scpme/SitePages/Home.aspx>

If a 1967 graduate desires to participate in the PME2 program for the class of 2017, just let Lee Murfee know. Initially, provide date or period of interest and contact information: full name, USMA company preference (if any), mailing address, email address, and contact phone numbers. Lee will compile information from volunteers and pass it on to the USMA PME2 office, CPT Davidson. CPT Davidson will then request additional information and provide specific PME2 session material as well as contacts with company TAC's

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



## Annual Class Ski Reunion, 2013 Edition

OK, it's in the history books. Here's the report I received from **Carolyn Donnell**.

The advanced party of **Alton & Carolyn Donnell** and **Sally Winkel** arrived in Angel Fire on Saturday to get ready for the gang to arrive on Tuesday, January 29th. It was looking pretty brown and temperatures too warm for snow; instead we had rain falling on the slopes....oh no!!!

So, Carolyn started doing the "Snow Dance" and sure enough the snow started falling Monday night. It continued all day on Tuesday, so now we were worried whether everyone would make it in OK. Everyone was ascending to Angel Fire from different directions and keeping us informed of their progress.

The snow was still falling and driving over the pass from Taos to Angel Fire wasn't fun. First to arrive were **Ed & Janet Dewey** with **Chuck & Carol Swanson** in close pursuit. Somehow, the Deweys arrived before the Swansons, who left earlier. Ed was the early candidate for the Purple Butt award (no longer limited to those who are the victims of accidents), because he sped right by the Swanson's who had slid off into the ditch. Dewey was totally focused on the road and not looking around to find any classmates, despite Chuck's attempts to flag down any passing traffic to get a pull out of the ditch.

The **Kuspas** got stuck with a road closure because of an accident on the road from Taos so they waited it out and were the last to pull up to 41 Woodlands behind **Mac Hartley**. Anyway, good news is that everyone arrived safely. The luminarias were lit, soups warm on the stove, and fire in the fireplace with snow still coming down outside.

Day One - Clear Blue Skies, fresh powder and a frosty 3 Degrees. Whoppee!!!

The night before Alton very carefully went over the week's events and passed out ski tickets. Everyone was up bright and early ready to hit the slopes. Hats, gloves, goggles...yep got it all.

Five minutes after everyone walked out the door -

*First call* - Kuspa's - do you know where our ski tickets are??? NO. After searching - found those left on the bench by the front door.

*Second call* - Swanson's - do you know where our ski tickets are?? NO. Chuck found them finally in the sleeve of his coat, which he mistook for a pocket.

Alton herded all the chicks and finally everyone was on the slopes by 10 AM or so. Beautiful clear blue skies and although cold the new snow made Day One fun.

### EXCEPT...

*Third Call* - Carol loosened the leash on Chuck so he could ski some of the fresh powder on "Free Flight" alone with the promise to meet her at the bottom. He never showed, so Carol was certain something was terribly wrong and called Carolyn to report that Chuck was missing. After almost an hour, 3 voicemails that she left with no response, summoning the ski patrol and being convinced that he was hurt/injured/dead, she then learned that he was skiing on the back side and looking for her there. By now, her blood pressure was sky high despite her meds because her headache was unbearable. Her chest pain, which usually responds to deep breathing, did not as she was lightheaded & nauseous. So she reported to first aid. Her BP was 177/ 111 and they summoned an ambulance for the ER in Taos. Once there, the chest pain

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▲ Classmates gather for sustenance during the ski reunion: Maja & John Kuspa; Jennie Cates, Alton Donnell, Sally Winkel, Chuck Swanson, Carolyn Donnell, Ed Dewey, Mac Hartley, Carol Swanson and Janet Dewey.



▲ John Kuspa, Ed Dewey, Alton Donnell, Chuck Swanson, Mac Hartley and Paul Haseman plant a class flag at the Angel Fire VN War Memorial

protocol kicked in, and she had a mandatory overnight stay. They determined that she was OK after a stress test the next morning and the episode was the result of Carol's overwhelming fear & concern that Chuck was hurt. Learning that he was fine all the time just aggravated the problem. Chuck was in a big hole and trying to fight his way out, but it looked like the Purple Butt Award was already his. BUT.....still a long week ahead.

Day Two proved uneventful as the gang headed to Taos to ski for the day and Sally and Carolyn picked up Carol at the Taos Hospital. They then went shopping, shopping, shopping. Sorry Chuck!!

On Day Three, some took a mid-week break and others skied Red River. The temperatures were rising, the sun was shining with not a cloud in the sky and the troops were happy. **Leslie Nelson**, her friend Richard, **Paul & Vivian Haseman**, and **Jeannie Cates** arrived, all being smarter than the contingent who battled the snow-packed and icy road over the Palo Flechado Pass three days earlier.

Day Four was skier's choice and everyone choose Angel Fire with even warmer temperatures, and the snow holding up. The non-skiers enjoyed some snow-shoeing on the golf course behind our cabin and shopping in Taos.

Sunday morning, we held a short Memorial Service in the chapel, open 24/7, at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Angel Fire. John Kuspa prepared the very nice service with scripture readings, class reflections and finishing with the Cadet Prayer, the USMA Alma Mater and humming Taps. We remembered our fallen soldiers, reflected on our Nation and its wars and rededicated ourselves to "finish strong". <http://www.vietnamveteransmemorial.org/>

Some went off for a last few hours of skiing in Angel Fire (you can't beat five minutes to the slopes and home in time for a nap before the festivities), while others prepared for the Super Bowl Party. It was a nice relaxing way to finish off the week and enjoy everyone's company with way too much food and drink.



▲ Maija Kuspa, Carolyn Donnell, Sally Winkel, Vivian Haseman and Leslie Nelson Partaking of après ski refreshments



▲ Nice shot of the whole ski reunion crowd: Sally Winkel, John & Maija Kuspa, Carol & Swanson, Carolyn & Alton Donnell, Janet & Ed Dewey, Mac & Janice Hartley, Vivian & Paul Haseman, Leslie Nelson and her beau Richard Williamson



▲ Ed Dewey proudly presenting the Ed Dewey Memorial Purple Butt Award to Chuck Swanson

◀ The ski reunion crowd at the Angel Fire, NM, Vietnam War memorial. Front row: Carolyn Donnell, Carol Swanson, Sally Winkel, Janet Dewey, Leslie Nelson, Jennie Cates, Vivian Haseman Back row: Maija & John Kuspa, Chuck Swanson, Alton Donnell, Mac Hartley and Paul Haseman

FINALLY – Ed Dewey presented the Purple Butt Award after taking nominations from the floor. It was a hands down victory for Chuck Swanson for his many mishaps over the course of the week. Putting his car in the ditch as they made their way to AF, losing ski tickets on first day, leaving Carol stranded on the ski slope resulting in an over-night hospital stay and, finally, after the award was already his, leaving something on in his car resulting in a dead battery as they tried to leave AF on Monday.

Preliminary plans for next year are still to be firmed up. We are tentatively looking at Salt Lake City and vicinity in the days leading up to Super Bowl XLVIII. Any other suggestions??

It was a fun week with good snow, beautiful sunshine, good food and drink and best of all special friends sharing great times together. Having laughter and people in our cabin in Angel Fire is exactly what we like. We had many chuckles playing Catch Phrase into the wee hours of the night and special thanks to Janet for her affection towards my Ragdoll Cat – Vanilla.

Remember, the doors are always open both in the mountains of Angel Fire and in the desert of Albuquerque.

Thanks for the great memories.  
Carolyn and Alton Donnell”



◀ Alton Donnell, Chuck Swanson and Ed Dewey getting ready to tackle the black diamond slopes at Angel Fire



▶ Yes! People actually did ski during the ski reunion. Or at least they dressed for it. Alton & Carolyn Donnell on the slopes



▲ Richard Williamson, Leslie Nelson and Alton Donnell relaxing with some healing water



▲ Carolyn Donnell, Sally Winkel and Leslie Nelson feeling no pain



▲ Sally Winkel and Alton Donnell shoveling snow. Better than shoveling something else.

## Update on Plans for Class Mini Reunion at the Army – Hawaii Football Game

Here's the latest on how to register, courtesy of John James and Mike Yap:

*“Dear Classmates,*

*The registration web site for the 2013 mini-reunion in Hawaii is now open, <https://secure.west-point.org/usma1967/reunion/minireunion.mhtml>. Like the registration web site for the 45<sup>th</sup> class reunion, the mini-reunion registration web site is hosted by West-Point.org on their secure server and enables on-line selection of reunion activities and on-line payment using a credit card. Also, like the 45<sup>th</sup> reunion, you can initially just register yourself and your guest(s) and come back later and register for additional events once you firm up your schedule and decide which events you choose to attend. The initial deposit is \$300 per person and covers the cost of the reunion bags, the amortized costs of the busses to the football game, hospitality room, administrative expenses, and a small amount for incidentals.*

*Attached is a letter to the class from Mike Yap which provides an overview of the mini-reunion and the many events he and the reunion committee have arranged for the class to enjoy. Additional information referenced in the letter are available on the mini-reunion page 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)*

*Some links you might want to visit early are:*

- *The draft schedule: [http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1967/news/2013\\_Hawaii\\_Mini-reunion/4\\_Draft\\_Schedule.pdf](http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1967/news/2013_Hawaii_Mini-reunion/4_Draft_Schedule.pdf),*
- *The reunion hotel, the Hale Koa, information sheet: [http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1967/news/2013\\_Hawaii\\_Mini-reunion/5a\\_Hale\\_Koa\\_Information.pdf](http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1967/news/2013_Hawaii_Mini-reunion/5a_Hale_Koa_Information.pdf), and*
- *The Hale Koa reservation form: [http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1967/news/2013\\_Hawaii\\_Mini-reunion/5b\\_Hale\\_Koa\\_Reservations\\_Form.pdf](http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1967/news/2013_Hawaii_Mini-reunion/5b_Hale_Koa_Reservations_Form.pdf)*

*Cheers, John”*

### Here's Mike's letter, dated 20 March:

“Aloha!

It is hard to believe we are eight and a butt months out from the Mini-Reunion in Hawaii. It seems like just yesterday when I started to socialize this idea with the classmates in Hawaii. Once I knew that I would have support locally, I started socializing at classmate events in the National Capital Region (NCR), Tidewater area and Albuquerque. The response was very positive and received class leadership support to proceed. So here we are. The following is some background to understand the purpose of the various documents posted on the class website:

1. Concept paper. This was the living document that I used to capture the process, who we met with and what was discussed and decided. It is the document of record for this mini- reunion. The latest version is from 23 January 2013. I recommend that you read this concept paper only if you intend to plan a mini-reunion or are a glutton for punishment and want to see how sausage is made.
2. Hawaii Committees. This is the planning committee, both the local host committee in Hawaii and the planning committee, mostly here in the NCR. These are the folks that kept me in check and offered immeasurably helpful suggestions as we proceeded. Although not listed, many classmates, spouses and SFM offered help as I discussed the plans for the mini-reunion. We have an immensely talented class family.
3. FRAGO. Mahalo to **Bob McEldowney** for coming up with idea and providing the first draft. It is soooo much better than my dry, draft OPLAN, which I discarded. The FRAGO provides the overall guidance to the mini-reunion participants.
4. Draft Schedule. This is the overall timeline for the mini-reunion. Notice it is titled “draft”. I expect changes over time ... but it is close as published. This is the 5 March 2013 version.
5. FRAGO appendices. Note that contained in the FRAGO are appendices devoted to each item on the schedule. **Al Bornmann** was kind enough to do the research and produce the appendices. The purpose of the appendices is to help participants decide which activities in which they wish to participate. They also provide administrative data.
6. Draft Cost Estimate. This is also a document of record. Some costs are a straight forward per person cost. Others are more complex. The biggest variable was bus transportation. I learned from working on the 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> Reunions that some things are done to ease the burden on the planning staff ... bus transportation is an example of this. Rather than charge each participant for bus transportation each time they get on a bus (which would require someone on each bus to keep a record on who boards), I make an estimate of the number of participants, order sufficient busses and then amortize those costs

with all participants. This is also important with the two meals (Sunday brunch and Friday dinner). I do not want to issue tickets. So those costs will be common. I am still working on how to pay for the luau and magic show. Stand-by for future communication. One further word on the brunch and dinner. The cost was based on 75 people participating. In order to get a better menu, I committed to the cost for a 100 participants. So the meals are a little more expensive ... but for a better menu. This is the 26 February 2013 version.

7. Appendix 22 Class Cruise. Self explanatory. **Ev Lucas** is in charge of the cruise.
8. Hale Koa reservations. Two poop sheets were provided by the hotel. How to contact them and make reservations is contained in one of the poop sheets. Note the specific number to call. If you made separate reservations already, let me know so I can transfer you over to our group.
9. Registration form. Note that I have set the person registration fee at \$300 pp. About \$125 for the reunion bag and another \$150 pp for amortized costs and a final \$25 pp to provide a reserve for deposits and other incidentals. This is the initial form ... I will send out a later form for sizes and other data.  
The on-line registration form can be found at: <https://secure.west-point.org/usma1967/reunion/minireunion.mhtml>

Some items will be handled directly:

1. Rides from the Honolulu International Airport (HNL) to the Hale Koa and back. In the future we will post the Roberts URL and you can reserve a round trip for \$20. This is a super deal. The return trip can be either the airport or the cruise ship.
2. Football tickets.
3. Potentially rally and tailgate tickets (West Point Society of Hawaii has not yet decided)
4. Luau tickets at the hotel Activity Desk
5. Magic show tickets at the hotel Activity Desk
6. Golf, deep sea fishing and tennis costs

I hope many of you can participate in this mini-reunion. It should be really special and a lot of fun. For many, it will be the first time back in paradise since R&R!

Mahalo! Mike”



▲ Beach Doheny, Mike Hardy, Ed Sullivan and Doug Williams trying to crack the case. It looks like they already cracked a case of booze.



**Doug & Debbie Williams Host a Murder Mystery Night Party**

Neat idea, sounds like it was a lot of fun. Here’s the story as told by **Doug Williams**:

“Freed

Debbie and I hosted a Wine Murder Mystery dinner game in mid-February for some of our classmates. The event takes place at the Napa Valley Underwood estate/vineyard where the body of the owner (Barry Underwood) who disappeared five years ago has just been discovered under the wood floor following an earthquake (get it? He was “Barry’d under wood” – J; it gets worse). Invites with info were sent out ahead for players to begin to get into character and also get a costume. The following folks, whose job it was to figure out who killed Barry, played the roles and wore costumes according to their character below (photos enclosed):

- Papa Vito – Vineyard worker and wine devotee brought from Italy to the estate six years ago (**Beach Doheny**)
- Hedy Shablee – Neighboring vineyard owner and competitor (**Joyce Doheny**)
- Ralph Rottengrape – Barry’s cousin and heir-apparent (and black sheep of the family) – now Vineyard manager (**Ed Sullivan**)
- Tiny Bubbles – Wife of the Vineyard manager and Fiancée to Barry at his time of death (**Shannon Hardy**)
- Marilyn Merlot – Previous Wine Princess (wore her crown for this event) who went on to become a successful Actress (**Mary Sullivan**)

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◀ Debbie Williams, Mary Sullivan, Joyce Doheny and Shannon Hardy are on the hunt for the scoundrel



▲ Shannon Hardy uncovers a major clue. Where is the scotch?

Otto Von Schnapps – A boisterous and fun-loving Wine merchant in Lederhosen (**Mike Hardy**)

Bonnie Lass – Scottish tourist and mystery novelist (**Debbie Williams**)

Bud Wizer – Crass FBI agent who guzzles beer, likes cigars and dislikes wine (**Doug Williams**)

The game took about three hours with dinner in the middle – the mystery is scripted, facilitated by a CD, and provides for verbal interaction among the players with clues tossed out at the appropriate time (sort of). A great time was had by all (many one-liners and laughs) and the murderer was discovered at the end.



▲ Shannon Hardy, Mary Sullivan and Joyce Doheny, obviously feeling no pain.

BTW, the “1967” wine is a chianti from Italy (2009) and can be purchased at Trader Joe’s in our area for under \$10. Not sure about elsewhere.

Doug”

Here’s **Beach Doheny’s** take on the evening:

“It was an absolutely superb evening!! Otto’s (Mike H.) command of quips in multiple dialects was unsurpassed. I forwarded the pictures to Hedy (Joyce) up in Beantown as she is helping our daughter in law prep for her first birth. I let her take some of my old (too small) belts to bite down on...



▲ A bottle of 1967 Merlot from Trader Joes.

Along those lines, I need to go on record that I have been preparing in character for this role as Big Papa Vito for a couple of years now. Other than losing my hair, which comes naturally, I have had to consume copious and obviously excessive quantities of vino, pasta, and all types of fatty meats to display the proper presence. Your camera shows that I was quite successful achieving “Dunlop” status even with suspenders! I need to start working on my next character...do you have any “Thin Man” mysteries planned? Ralph (Ed) could lend me his ‘stache... If not a mystery, Perhaps Bridge “Over the River Kwai” I need to start prepping... It was super, thanks again, Beach”



▲ Millie & Bill Freccia

**Freccia’s Host MG Burn Loeffke ’57 at Womack Hospital Ball**

Here’s the note I received from Bill on 10 December:

“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 7 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!!!



◀ l to r, MG (R) Burn Loeffke ’57, Bill Freccia, Marc Loeffke, COL (R) Warne Mead ’57 at the Womack Army Hospital (Ft. Bragg, NC) annual ball

**Annual Army Football Alumni Golf Tournament Coming up in July**

Our class always has a great turnout for this event and it always generates some excellent photos and stories. This year I think we're going to set a new Pool and Academy Record, as reflected in this cyber fart I got from **Mike Neuman** on 7 March:

*"Freed, Hope all is well with you, and the end of USMA "Gloom Period" is in sight.*

*As you may have heard we are expecting 22 classmates to attend the Football Club Golf tournament in July. We hope you are available to join us for some of the festivities. Many attending for the first time. (Balcom, Fabish, Baggett, etc.) Barry Nickerson spearheaded this as the 50th Reunion of our 1st football season together. The amazing number of 22 attendees allows us to plan a "scrimmage", 11-on-11, at Michie late Friday afternoon, July 12. If you are on campus that day would you be able to provide photographic coverage? Some photos and a short video-- which I'm certain would go "viral". I'm arranging uniforms and a ball. Will provide more details as they become available. Mike"*

Unfortunately I won't be at West Point that day, but I do dearly hope that someone will be on hand with a good camera to record this historic event. I also hope that there will be several ambulances on standby. Some of these fools are almost 70 years old now.

**Plans Being Made for Class Luncheon in Williamsburg, VA, in June**

Here's the head's up I received from Dean Risseeuw:

Classmates in eastern Virginia will be gathering for lunch at Noon on Saturday, 15 June, at the Opus 9 restaurant in Williamsburg, Virginia. It should be a nice weekend to explore the Historic Triangle of Colonial Williamsburg, Historic Jamestown, and the Yorktown Battlefield, so bring your families!

Please let me know if you're able to join us so I can get a head count to the restaurant by Monday, 10 June.

Dean Risseeuw  
757.258.4887  
Dean.Risseeuw@gmail.com

**Classmate Comings and Goings**

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



**12 December '12, Joe Casey takes his Grandsons to the Army – Navy Game.**

"Freed,  
Our two older Grandsons (our elder daughter Jennifer Maier's)...Owen (11) and Charlie (9) meet the legend! Tragically we were on the 15 yard line 16 rows up when FB Larry Dixon coughed it up to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, rewarding 2013! Joe"

◀ Joe Casey's grandsons Owen and Charlie meet Pete Dawkins at the Army – Navy game

**Christmas '12, Susan and Cinder White tour South Africa**

Tom & Susan's Christmas letter had this bit of news: "You will note that the envelope that includes our normal Christmas card this year contains a picture that is a departure for the **White** family. First, the picture is of **Susan** and **Cinder**, not handsome young Thomas IV as is normally the case. Second, the ladies are standing in front of an airplane, and third it's a very small airplane. The occasion was flying from one bush camp to another on a recent trip to South Africa and conspicuous in his absence was your truly, once again derailed by work."

▶ Susan and Cinder White with their bush plane in South Africa



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**25 December '12, Greg Crawford and Jim Milliken Get Together to Compare Pimp Mobiles**

Here's the report from Jim:

“Freed, Just a note to pass on to you that **Greg Crawford** dropped down for the night and brought his new ‘Baby’ (his girlfriend Diana has named her ‘Baby’). My girlfriend and I helped Greg detail the car then took this pic of two old Grads with their latest automotive acquisitions. Greg has loved that particular T Bird with that particular color since it came out in 2002. His son located this one in Orlando with less than 25,000 miles on it and when it got to my house it was washed for the first time since he has owned it. Greg says he plans to retire in about two more years so is filling his garage down here with this car while he remains in Pittsburgh working.



I'm heading up to Orlando on Wed to meet up with my buddy's dau, Austen Boroff, who is a Cow and just returned from a semester abroad at Trinity College in Ireland. She is doing Disney with her brother's girlfriend...who is in Afghanistan. My buddy's son, Alex, class of '11...just started his tour in Afghanistan in Nov with Armor. He is a platoon leader doing convoy escort. Hooah for the Cadets and the Long Grey Line!”

◀ Jim Milliken and Greg Crawford showing off their latest Pimp Mobiles

**23 January '13, Joe Casey, Wes Spincic, Fred Schremp, David Rivers and Joe Hardin Get Together to Hunt Golf Balls**

No report attached, just a photo from Joe and a note saying the four of them had gotten together to play golf at Joe's club near Santa Barbara, Birnam Wood CG.

▶ John Boretti, Wes Spincic, Joe Casey, Fred Schremp, Joe Hardin and David Rivers after a tough day hunting golfs



▲ Jim Milliken, on the right, with friends on the edge of Boiling Lake in Dominica

**25 January '13, Jim Milliken Visits Dominica**

Here's Jim's cyber fart about his trip:

“I just came back from two weeks on the Island of Dominica in the Windward Islands. It got independence from Britain in about 1977 and is a volcanic island of about 70,000 souls whose main claim to fame is its nickname ...Nature Island. Did a lot of hiking, exploring beaches, etc. This was my first test to see if my health is really back and can take some athletic stress...everything worked well. I'm flying up to Newark next month to attend the first Women's Boxing Tournament at West Point. My buddy Joel's daughter Austen is coordinating the meet and boxing in it...twice I hope. It will be on the 8th and 9th and we have rooms at the Five Star for Fri night...courtesy of Joel's wife who taught up there year before last.

The pic is of my friends from Panama Days 68-9 and our Dominican Guide at the edge of Boiling Lake in the bottom of one of the 'quiet' volcanos on the island. If you fell in you would be cooked before they could get you out and the water is literally boiling from the heat coming up from the volcanic vent. This was a six hour hike.”



**29 January '13, Hood, Sevo, Krause, and Anderson Go Hot Tubbing Together**

I've gotta be honest with you – this picture kind of scares me a little bit. I got it from **Mike Hood** today. It shows **Pete Krause**, **Brick Anderson** and **John Severson** having way too much fun together. There was no narrative with the e-mail, just this photo.

◀ Bob Carpenter, Brick Anderson and John Severson getting way too relaxed with each other

**5 February '13, Altshulers Visit the Madsens in Florida**

Here's what **Sandy Madsen** had to say about the visit:

“Hi Freed, **Jeff** and I have been having a ball down here in The Villages. **Buz & Kathi Altshuler** visited us and we went kayaking so I am forwarding a few pictures. We kayaked with the Manatees. When Buz was a cadet, he went on a scuba diving trip to FL and saw Manatees, so when he came back to West Point he ran around imitating these big cows and as soon as we moved to Florida, Jeff was determined to get Buz back with the Manatees. We saw so many and were able to pet them. Great.”

▶ Kathi & Buz Altshuler struggling to keep up. Doesn't Buz look excited?



▲ Sandy & Jeff Madsen kayaking in Florida



**10 February '13, Don & Janet Albers and Friends Ski at Park City, UT**

Some of you may remember (highly unlikely, I know) that one of the highlights of the Class 45<sup>th</sup> reunion last April was the auction on the final night to raise money for the Class admin fund. One of the items donated for auction by **Ron & Suzanne Naples** was a ski trip to their Park City, Utah, condo. **Don & Janet Albers** were the high bidders for that and they, along with friends and family, have just completed their visit. Judging by the photos, a grand time was had by all.



▲ Ray Schwartz, Tammy Schwartz with her daughter Katie, Pattie Schwartz Ray's wife, Becah Schwartz Ray and Pattie's daughter in Law, James with Daughter Skylar, Don and Janet Albers



▲ Don Albers, Ray Schwartz, Tammy Schwartz (Ray's Daughter), James Schwartz (Ray's Son and expert snow boarder), Becah Schwartz (James' wife) enjoying the skiing at Ron Naples' condo

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**22 February '13, Classmates Sing at VETStravaganza**

Got the following from **Mike Kush** today:

“Freed! The West Point Alumni Glee Club held a concert last weekend in conjunction with the Cadet Glee Club and a few additional singing groups. Concert was at Lisner Auditorium at GWU in DC. Purpose was to encourage companies here in the area to hire vets, especially disabled vets, and/or their spouses. We invited former members of the Glee Club to join us and 15 accepted our offer. One of those was our own **Craig Butler**. Took a photo of the Class of 1967 Members who participated. **Al Bornman** and I are fulltime members. None Shall Surpass Mike”

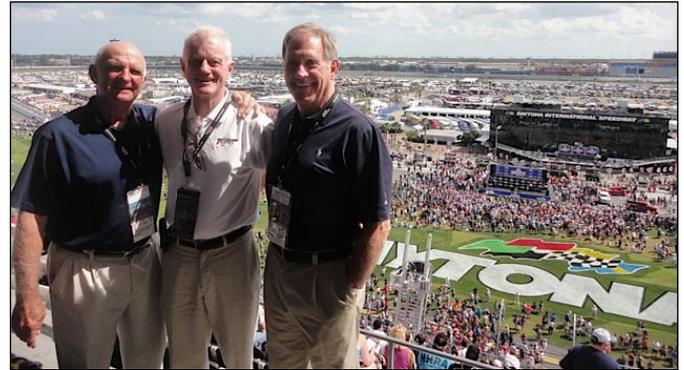
◀ Glee Clubbers Mike Kush, Al Bornman and Craig Butler

**7 March '13, Casey, Krause and Dyer Attend Daytona 500.**

Got the following from **Joe Casey**:

“Freed, Left to Right: Me, **Pete Krause** and **Tom Dyer** at Daytona Nationwide race on Saturday, 2/23/13 that ended in the well chronicled multi-car crash. Pete had us in the Toyota Racing Suite about 40 feet directly above the tragic accident...cold beer, free food, Fan Vision audio head sets and video screens, et al...it’s nice to have influential classmates! Joe”

▶ Joe Casey, Pete Krause and Tom Dyer at the Daytona 500



◀ Vicki Lowrey and her Australian “niece” Lauren Black celebrating Lauren’s wedding in Hawaii



▲ Freed Lowrey at the USS Arizona Memorial in Hawaii

**10 March '13, Freed & Vicki Lowrey Escape Gloom Period for a Week in Hawaii**

The real reason we went was to attend a dear friend’s wedding (Vicki’s sort-of niece...long story), but we took advantage of the event to spend a week on Oahu and play tourist. Did the usual – Pearl Harbor (very sobering), Punchbowl Cemetery of the Pacific, etc. and hung out at the Ko’Olina Marriott Resort. We both learned one valuable lesson – we’re really not Hawaii type people. We love mountains and cold rushing streams loaded with trout and, yes, cold weather and four real seasons. But we did have fun.

**12 March '13, Rich Adams was Guest of Honor at The Villages, FL, Founder’s Day Celebration**

Rich continues to reap the benefits of his book *The Parting*. Here’s the report I received from **Jeff Madsen** today on Rich’s latest speaking engagement:

“Freed, **Rich Adams** was the Guest of Honor at The Villages West Point Alumni group Founders Day Celebration on Sunday, March 9. Rich spoke in the character of each of the five principal Cadets and one of the ladies about whom his book, *The Parting* was written. Rich’s stories were extremely well received by the audience as they brought some of the history of West Point into the room. He also made some remarks about Benny Havens from his presentation given at our 45th Reunion.

The attached photo shows Rich & **Debbie Adams** and Jeff & **Sandi Madsen** (the Adams’ hosts) celebrating at a dance later that evening. Note the Tee-Shirts! Jeff”



▲ Rich & Debbie Adams and Jeff & Sandi Madsen in The Villages, FL



▲ Bill Groman sampling some of the local healing water in Italy



▲ Bill Groman shopping for state-of-the-art wine making equipment in Italy

**24 March '13, Bill Groman Depletes Italian Wine Supplies**

“Freed, I hope all is going well... Just wanted to reassure everyone that I only deal with wineries that have the most up to date equipment and technology. Photos from my March trip to Italy... (Calabria, Campania, and Tuscany) Bill”

**29 March '13, Gerry & Ellie Fox go on a Mission to Nepal**

This is very cool. I hope they take lots of photos for the next one of these barf bags. Here's the note from Gerry:  
 “We will be celebrating a “heavenly” Easter as our plane departs 5 minutes before midnight Saturday, Mar 30, for our mission trip to Nepal. We arrive early Monday morning in Hong Kong en route to Kathmandu. We will be taking part in a retreat for local Nepali missionaries as we teach, encourage and spend time getting to know the missionaries and families. After 4 days we go to Pokhara and spend another week providing support and instruction at the base where their School of Biblical Studies and Discipleship Training School and other dynamic ministries are happening. We pray that God will knit the hearts of our 6 person team together in love and use us to build into the lives of those with whom we come in contact. We rejoice and are so excited God has seen fit to entrust this mission to us. We thank the Lord for this phase of our lives. Now being retired from teaching, we have much more flexibility in pursuing other options which the Lord may bring our way. I still am able to be chaplain with the VA in Long Beach on a part time basis and also spend time in ministry with International Students and the Long Beach Rescue Mission as well as at our church.”



**16 April '13, Guignon, Thiltgen and Waterman debauch Together in Hilton Head**

Got the following from **Dick Waterman**: “Freed, **Tom Guignon** and **John Thiltgen** were at Hilton Head to play some golf but took time out to visit with **Debbie** at night. We hit the beach on our way to dinner. It was great to see Tom whom I hadn't seen for over a decade. Although I have seen John more often but it was a wonderful visit. Dick”

◀ Tom Guignon, Dick Waterman and John Thiltgen on the beach in Hilton Head

**10 April '13, Mike Mullane Visits with Grant & Janet Taylor**

“Freed, I've attached a photo of **Harvey “Grant” Taylor** and me. I was recently in Charlotte, NC for business and met up with my old roommate from C-1. Grant's an oncologist in Charlotte. **Janet**, his wife, joined us at dinner and we had a great time reminiscing about the old days...between the moments of talking about our aches and pains. But you'll notice we've hardly aged at all from our Howitzer graduation photos!

I hope all is well for you and the family. We're doing well except that **Donna** fell on the sidewalk and is now scheduled for rotator cuff surgery (ouch). I told her I was going to require her to wear a helmet and use hiking poles when she's out and about in the future so as to avoid a repeat performance. I'm still trying to extract a hiding pole from a sensitive part of my body.

Take care. Mike”

OK, I have to ask: what the hell is a “hiding pole” and what “sensitive part of the body” would it fit in??



▲ Mike Mullane & Grant Taylor

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▲ Janet & Ed Dewey in Tiananmen Square, Beijing



▲ Janet & Ed Dewey reviewing the Pass in Review of the Chinese terra cotta army

**24 April '13, Ed & Janet Dewey do China**

I really don't have any details about this trip. All I know is that every day for the past couple of weeks, e-mailed photos from Ed have managed to get past all of my spam filters, and they all appear to be from China, so I'm assuming they took a trip there. They may still be there for all I know.



▲ Ed & Janet Dewey on the Great Wall



▲ The Deweys with a local brain surgeon in Tibet

**27 April '13, Freed Lowrey Visits California and the Albuquerque Crowd**

On 17 April I accompanied the West Point Director of Athletics Boo Corrigan and the Head Football Coach Rich Ellerson on a day long visit with **Bill Foley** at his Chalk Hill Winery. Bill was an extremely gracious host. He set up a special wine tasting for us in the cave at one of his newest wineries, Livingston Winery, and served us an incredible dinner in the pavilion at Chalk Hill. A grand time was had by all.

- Freed Lowrey, Army football coach Rich Ellerson, Army athletic director Boo Corrigan and Bill Foley enjoying some of Bill's wine at Lancaster Estate



While on AOG fund raising business to New Mexico the week of 23 April, I was able to break bread and share some fine healing water with some of the Albuquerque contingent. **Alton & Carolyn Donnell** were kind enough to offer me a place to stay, and gathered **Bill & Karla Cates** and **Mark & Joan Fischer** for dinner at local restaurant. A fine time was had by all.

- ◀ Bill Cates, Alton Donnell, Freed Lowrey and Marc Fischer at the Donnell's home in Albuquerque

# CLASS HEROES

## Darrel & Roseann Mooney Riding Bikes Across the USA to Support CAUSE

Now, here is something really cool. On 7 January I received the following e-mail from **Doug Williams**:

“Freed, you may not be aware of this but a ‘67 Class event will occur this summer on behalf of CAUSE. This whole thing came out of our trip with the **Mooneys** to Ireland this past summer – they were going to do this trip already. Recently, **Deb** and I hosted a dinner with the **Caldwells, Dohenys, Mooneys, and Sullivans** to set up a plan for **Darrel & Roseann Mooney’s** bike trip across the US this summer on behalf of CAUSE. As a result of the Mooney’s visit this fall, a few meetings have been held and Roseann has produced a planning brochure for dissemination.



▲ Mooneys, Caldwells, Sullivans, Dohenys and Doug Williams



▲ Joyce Doheny, Ed & Mary Sullivan, Roseann Mooney & Doug Williams

▶ John Caldwell, Beach Doheny, Judy Caldwell and Darrel Mooney



It’s an unbelievable trip of about 4,300 miles in three months beginning on the west coast the day after Roseann’s retirement from dentistry. The bike is really interesting in that it is both tandem and has reclined seats for better efficiency/endurance.



▲ Darrel & Roseann Mooney with their tricked-out bike



Also, they will pull a “support trailer” with food, water, supplies, tent ... and wine. They will camp, hotel and visit others along the way. It is hoped that support will be gained along the whole trip with a web site for contributions, a blog to follow the journey, and interface with classmates on/near the route and with the local populace (via Chamber of Commerce or other organizations) for further interaction/contributions. We also have to begin setting up information flow/advertising about the trip.

Deb, as the CAUSE “PM” for this effort, tasked her “staff” to forward this to you for information and further dissemination. To that end, included are the brochure (with the stand alone images) and for grins, some shots from our dinner at the house. It is hopeful this whole activity will garner financial support on behalf of our wounded. Let us know what you think or if you need further info.

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Thanks for any assist. Regards, Doug & Deb”

OK, so here is the brochure, along with a map of the route.



The wars may be drawing down but the wounds of war never go away for America's military wounded and their families.



With an estimated 320,000 suffering from TBI, an estimated 400,000 living with PTSD, and over 1,500 amputees, the time to support America's military wounded is now!

In 2013, Comfort for America's Uniformed Services (Cause) is taking our message across the nation with the inaugural Cause Warrior Ride and asking America to take the "I'm here" pledge in supporting our nation's heroes.

**Ten Years of Being "here for those who are there for us"®**

Since 2003, Cause has provided:

- At least one program to 315,000 military wounded and their families.
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**"This really helps my pain and depression...therapists are really in tune with what we need."**  
- Fort Hood

**"My stress level is negative 1; I feel relaxed in my body and mind."**  
- Double amputee, WRNMMC



**Take the Pledge**

Beginning June 2013, U.S. Army veterans Darrel and Roseann Mooney, will ride across the United States asking America to be "here for those who are there for us"®.

For America's military wounded, the war is never over. Cause needs your support to continue to change the lives of America's military wounded.

Stand with Cause and say

**"I'm here"!**

Saying "I'm here" is more than a slogan, it is a commitment. Find out how you can support the 2013 Cause Warrior Ride below.

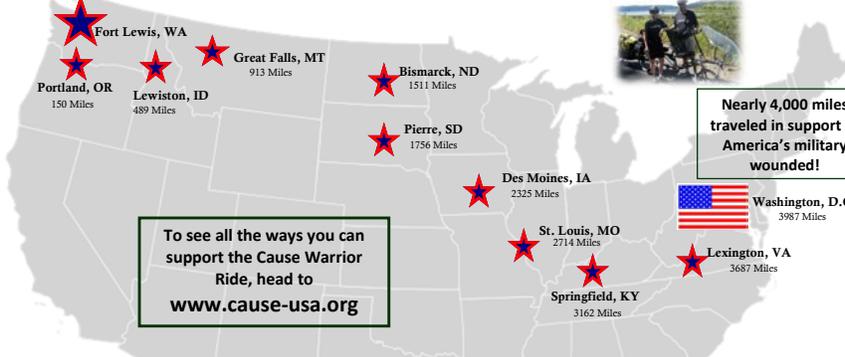
**Do you want your company logo or name on the jersey of the riders?** Limited sponsorships are available. Contact Tyler Gately, at (703)591-4965 or [marketing@cause-usa.org](mailto:marketing@cause-usa.org).

**Want to support every mile of the journey? Just want to make a simple donation?** Head to [www.cause-usa.org](http://www.cause-usa.org) and check out mileage sponsorships and the many ways you can support the Cause Warrior Ride.

To learn more about PTSD and TBI visit [www.ptsd.va.gov](http://www.ptsd.va.gov)



Join U.S. Army Veterans Darrel and Roseann Mooney as they ride a tandem bicycle across America asking citizens to take the "I'm Here" pledge for America's military wounded.



Location	Distance from Fort Lewis, WA
Portland, OR	150 Miles
Lewiston, ID	489 Miles
Great Falls, MT	913 Miles
Bismarck, ND	1511 Miles
Pierre, SD	1756 Miles
Des Moines, IA	2325 Miles
St. Louis, MO	2714 Miles
Springfield, KY	3162 Miles
Washington, D.C.	3987 Miles
Lexington, VA	3687 Miles

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"This is the first time I have been able to relax in two months."  
- WRNMMC

"I feel better after one Cause massage than after three months of physical therapy."  
- Ft. Belvoir

"Comfort, I haven't felt that in so long." - Ft. Belvoir




Finally, here’s an e-mail I received from Doug on 9 April with more details and a daily schedule of the trip:

“Classmates, our classmate Darrel Mooney and his wife Roseann (both retired Army dentists) will travel nearly 4,000 miles this summer on a cross-country bicycle trip from Washington state to Washington DC to support Cause (Comfort for America’s Uniformed Services). This trip, beginning 29 June at Ft Lewis WA, is about 13 weeks in duration and will traverse America in the northern sections initially utilizing bike trails along the original Lewis and Clark expedition route (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, North/South Dakota and Iowa). Once arriving in St Louis, MO they will then traverse through Illinois, Kentucky, and Virginia, arriving at the DC national mall on Sunday 6 October. Along this route they will be passing through many towns, but we have captured specific dates for 70+ towns and cities to detail their route. That detailed schedule is included herein.

It is hoped that Darrel and Roseann can meet with classmates along the route to support this effort. It is also hoped that folks along the way can participate as they ride through and provide fund-raising support in your areas. To that end, I am also enclosing the Warrior Ride Fundraising Menu which outlines various events that can be held to support this trip. Lastly, <http://cause-usa.org/main/home.cfm?PageID=163> has active links to discover much more detailed information about the ride. There is also a link that describes various methods by which to donate to Cause. One of these is by the mile; that is, if one were to donate a penny a mile, the donation would be \$40.00, a nickel would be \$200.00, and so on. Sponsorships are also available for individuals and organizations and start at \$250.00.

Blog and Twitter accounts have already been established which will allow us to follow the Mooneys as they progress along their arduous route. These communications will also contain photos and stories about the regions through which they pass which will bring us closer to the trip and closer to this grand expanse we call America. Those links are also on the web site.

If you have any suggestions or ideas about events in your areas, or in general, please contact me or Tyler Gately (contact information below). On behalf of Cause and the wounded warriors that it supports, we look forward to your support and hopefully your involvement with us in the Cause Warrior Ride this summer.

Best Regards, Doug Williams

Here’s the daily schedule and the fund raising menu:

States	Date	Week Day	Day	Start From	Stop At	MAP #	Day Miles	Trip Miles	Notes
Washington / Oregon	29-Jun	Saturday	0	FORT LEWIS, WA	N/A				TRIP KICKOFF
	30-Jun	Sunday	1	FORT LEWIS, WA	CHEHALIS, WA	CUSTOM	55	55	LEWIS & CLARK MAP
	1-Jul	Monday	2	CHEHALIS, WA	RANIER,OR	CUSTOM	50	105	
	2-Jul	Tuesday	3	RANIER,OR	PORTLAND, OR	111.112.113	45	150	
	3-Jul	Wednesday	4	PORTLAND, OR	SKAMANIA, WA	110.111	37	187	
	4-Jul	Thursday	5	SKAMANIA,WA	BIGGS,OR	107.108.109	73	260	
	5-Jul	Friday	6	BIGGS,OR	PLYMOUTH,WA	104.105.106	77	337	
Idaho / Montana	6-Jul	Saturday	7	PLYMOUTH,WA	WAITSBURG, WA	102.103.104	77	414	
	7-Jul	Sunday	8	WAITSBURG, WA	LEWISTON, ID	100.101	75	489	
	10-Jul	Wednesday	9	LEWISTON, ID	WINCHESTER, ID	99,98,97	41	530	
	11-Jul	Thursday	10	WINCHESTER, ID	SYRINGA, ID	97,96,95	67	597	
	12-Jul	Friday	11	SYRINGA, ID	ALMOST LOLO, ID	95,94,93	70	667	
	14-Jul	Sunday	12	ALMOST LOLO, ID	MISSOULA, MT	92,91	59	726	
	15-Jul	Monday	13	MISSOULA, MT	OVANDO, MT	A.B	52	778	
	16-Jul	Tuesday	14	OVANDO, MT	AUGUST, MT	C.E.F	84	862	
	18-Jul	Thursday	15	AUGUST, MT	GREAT FALLS, MT	F.G	51	913	
	19-Jul	Friday	16	GREAT FALLS, MT	GERALDINE, MT	68.69.70	80	993	
	20-Jul	Saturday	17	GERALDINE, MT	LEWISTOWN, MT	66.67.68	73	1066	
	21-Jul	Sunday	18	LEWISTOWN, MT	WINNETT, MT	64.65.66	55	1121	
	22-Jul	Monday	19	WINNETT, MT	JORDAN, MT	61.62.63	77	1198	
23-Jul	Tuesday	20	JORDAN, MT	CIRCLE, MT	58.59.60	66	1264		
24-Jul	Wednesday	21	CIRCLE, MT	WIBAU, MT	55.56.57	71	1335		

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North Dakota / South Dakota	25-Jul	Thursday	22	WIBAUS,MT	DICKINSON,ND	52.53.54	73	1408		
	30-Jul	Tuesday	23	DICKINSON,ND	NEW SALEM,ND	46A.49.50.51	72	1480		
	31-Jul	Wednesday	24	NEW SALEM,ND	BISMARK,ND	45.45A.46A	31	1511		
	1-Aug	Thursday	25	BISMARK,ND	SOUIX COUNTY	43.44	55	1566		
	2-Aug	Friday	26	SOUIX COUNTY	MOBRIDGE, SD	41.42.43	64	1630		
	3-Aug	Saturday	27	MOBRIDGE, SD	A RESORT,SD	39.4	66	1696		
	4-Aug	Sunday	28	A RESORT,SD	PIERRE,SD	37.38	60	1756		
	6-Aug	Tuesday	29	PIERRE,SD	LOWER BRULE,SD	35.36	65	1821		
	7-Aug	Wednesday	30	LOWER BRULE,SD	CHAMBERLAIN,SD	34.35	40	1861		
	8-Aug	Thursday	31	CHAMBERLAIN,SD	BURKE,SD	31.32	68	1929		
	9-Aug	Friday	32	BURKE,SD	PICKSTOWN,SD	30.31	49	1978		
10-Aug	Saturday	33	PICKSTOWN,SD	YANKTOWN,SD	27.28.29	67	2045			
Iowa	11-Aug	Sunday	34	YANKTOWN,SD	SOUIX CITY IA	25.26.27	75	2120		
	13-Aug	Tuesday	35	SOUIX CITY IA	LAKEVIEW IA	CUSTOM	82	2202		
	14-Aug	Wednesday	36	LAKEVIEW IA	JEFFERSON, IA	CUSTOM	51	2253		
	15-Aug	Thursday	37	JEFFERSON, IA	DES MOINES, IA	CUSTOM	72	2325		
	17-Aug	Saturday	38	DES MOINES, IA	OSKALOOSA, IA	CUSTOM	62	2387		
	18-Aug	Sunday	39	OSKALOOSA, IA	FARMINGTON, IA	CUSTOM	80	2467		
Missouri	19-Aug	Monday	40	FARMINGTON, IA	QUINCY, MO	CUSTOM	59	2526		
	20-Aug	Tuesday	41	QUINCY, MO	CLARKSVILLE, MO	CUSTOM	65	2591		
	21-Aug	Wednesday	42	CLARKSVILLE, MO	MARTHASVILLE, MO	CUSTOM	63	2654		
	22-Aug	Thursday	43	MARTHASVILLE, MO	ST LOUIS, MO	CUSTOM	60	2714		
Illinois	28-Aug	Wednesday	44	ST LOUIS, MO	CHESTER, IL	CUSTOM	62	2776		
	29-Aug	Thursday	45	CHESTER, IL	MURPHYSBORO,IL	113.114	32	2808		
	30-Aug	Friday	46	MURPHYSBORO,IL	GOREVILLE, IL	115	38	2846		
	31-Aug	Saturday	47	GOREVILLE, IL	EDDYVILLE,IL	116	37	2883		
	1-Sep	Sunday	48	EDDYVILLE,IL	CAVE IN ROCK,IL	117	32	2915		
Kentucky	3-Sep	Tuesday	49	CAVE IN ROCK,IL	CLAY,KY	118	34	2949		
	4-Sep	Wednesday	50	CLAY,KY	BEECH GROVE, KY	119	29	2978		
	5-Sep	Thursday	51	BEECH GROVE, KY	WHITESVILLE, KY	120.121	37	3015		
	6-Sep	Friday	52	WHITESVILLE, KY	MCDANIELS, KY	121.122	35	3050		
	7-Sep	Saturday	53	MCDANIELS, KY	SONORA, KY	122.123	38	3088		
	9-Sep	Monday	54	SONORA, KY	HOWARDSTOWN,KY	123.124	24	3112		
	10-Sep	Tuesday	55	HOWARDSTOWN, KY	BARDSTOWN, KY	124.125	27	3139		
	11-Sep	Wednesday	56	BARDSTOWN, KY	SPRINGFIELD, KY	124.125	23	3162		
	12-Sep	Thursday	57	SPRINGFIELD, KY	BRYANTSVILLE, KY	125.126	38	3200		
	13-Sep	Friday	58	BRYANTSVILLE, KY	BEREA, KY	126.127	32	3232		
	15-Sep	Sunday	59	BEREA, KY	MCKEE, KY	128	24	3256		
	16-Sep	Monday	60	MCKEE, KY	BOONEVILLE,KY	129	26	3282		
	17-Sep	Tuesday	61	BOONEVILLE,KY	CHAVIES, KY	130	33	3315		
	18-Sep	Wednesday	62	CHAVIES, KY	HINDMAN, KY	131	34	3349		
	19-Sep	Thursday	63	HINDMAN, KY	VIRGIE, KY	131.132	35	3384		
	20-Sep	Friday	64	VIRGIE, KY	ELKHORN CITY, KY	132	31	3415		
	Virginia / DC	22-Sep	Sunday	65	ELKHORN CITY, KY	COUNCIL, VA	133	30	3445	
		23-Sep	Monday	66	COUNCIL, VA	MEADOWVILLE, VA	134	34	3479	
		24-Sep	Tuesday	67	MEADOWVILLE, VA	TROUTDALE, VA	135.136	40	3519	
25-Sep		Wednesday	68	TROUTDALE, VA	WYTHEVILLE, VA	136.137	37	3556		
26-Sep		Thursday	69	WYTHEVILLE, VA	NEWBERN, VA	137.138	33	3589		
27-Sep		Friday	70	NEWBERN, VA	DALEVILLE, VA	139.14	48	3637		
28-Sep		Saturday	71	DALEVILLE, VA	LEXINGTON, VA	141.142	50	3687		
30-Sep		Monday	72	LEXINGTON, VA	REEDS GAP, VA	142.143	35	3722		
1-Oct		Tuesday	73	REEDS GAP, VA	WHITEHALL, VA	143.144	30	3752		
2-Oct		Wednesday	74	WHITEHALL, VA	MINERAL, VA	144.145.146	67	3819		
3-Oct		Thursday	75	MINERAL, VA	GUINE STATION RD	35.36	72	3891	ATLANTIC COASTAL	
4-Oct		Friday	76	GUINE STATION RD	OCOQAN, VA	34.35	66	3957	MAP	
6-Oct		Sunday	77	OCOQAN, VA	CAPITOL MALL / DC	33.34	30	3987		
					TOTAL:		3,987			



## **You can help our nations heroes heal from the wounds of war.**

Hold a fundraiser in your community to support the Cause Warrior Ride that benefits Cause programs from California to Germany. If you are interested in holding a fundraiser to benefit the Cause Warrior Ride, please contact Tyler Gately, Cause Development Coordinator, at (703)591-4965 or [marketing@cause-usa.org](mailto:marketing@cause-usa.org).

### **Mileage Sponsorship**

Get a group of family members, friends or co-workers and sponsor every mile of the Cause Warrior Ride by purchasing a mileage sponsorship. Sponsorships start at just \$40.00 with the “Penny-a-Mile” sponsorship.

### **Game Night**

Have a group of friends who love to play card games or board games? You can raise money for the Cause Warrior Ride by organizing a game night and inviting friends and family over for a little friendly competition! You may also want to include some fun prizes as incentives.

### **“I Am Here” Support Banner**

Show your support for the Cause Warrior Ride by creating an “I am here” banner. Ask your community or social group to make a donation and sign the banner showing their support. Each banner will be displayed at the finish line celebration of the Cause Warrior Ride.

### **Hold a Breakfast or Luncheon**

Holding a breakfast or luncheon is a great way to pull a community together to support the Cause Warrior Ride. Whether you serve breakfast or lunch, simply choose a date, a location (usually VFW, Lions, American Legion are great places) and advertise for your event to gain support. Also, be sure to ask local food suppliers to help by donating food and cooking supplies.

### **Hold a Bake Sale**

Bake sales are a fun, easy and a scrumptious way to bring attention to the Cause Warrior Ride! Bake Sales can be held virtually anywhere from outside grocery stores, farmers markets, at yard sales and inside the mall. Spice up your presentation with decorative bags, ribbons or boxes for your delicious treats!

### **Hold a Car Wash**

A Car Wash is always a simple and fun way to fundraise, but you want to make sure that yours stands out from the others! You can spice up your car wash by providing a snack bar for your participants. This encourages everyone to get out of their car, socialize and raise more funds. Your snack bar can include items such as candy bars, crackers, cookies, bottled water, soda or juice boxes. These items can be purchased in bulk at a low cost or you may seek to have them donated.

### **Company Grants**

Check to see if your company participates in company grants for their employees whom volunteer. Many companies will give grants to those organizations that their employees actively volunteer with.

### **Corporate Matching**

Create a fundraiser at work and see if your company will match what you raise.

### **Wine and Cheese Tasting**

For this event you will want to reach out to your local winery, wine cellar, vineyard, wine retailer, a local restaurant or even your local grocer. You may host your event at numerous locations such as a vineyard, a winery, a local restaurant, a banquet hall or even your own home. This event may be a large event, or an intimate event. Creativity is endless for hosting a Wine and Cheese Fundraiser. You may want to have individual tables set up with each table featuring wines from different countries or regions of the United States or only feature wines from your favorite vineyard. A cheese pairing is just one option; you may also try pairing your wine with cupcakes, or a special dish. Be sure to inquire about your state and local laws on serving alcohol at a fundraiser prior to planning.

### **Sports Tournament**

Have a little fun in the sun! Especially when it’s for a great cause! Gather the community at a local park, local high school or even your local racquet club for some sports fun! Make sure you have enough volunteers for this event, there will be lots to do! Also, ask around at your local nutrition and sports apparel shops to get some fun prizes donated. You may maximize this event with pairing it with a bake sale, auction or another sports tournament. Don’t forget the sunscreen!

### **Dress Down Day**

Who doesn’t love a relaxed dress down day? Especially one at work! Organize an official dress down day at your company. For a set donation, employees will be able to dress down for that day. You may also inquire about corporate matching for this event.

**Classmates Once Again Rally to Support Doug Pringle and Wounded Warriors**

Back on 25 January **Doug Pringle** sent this e-mail to the class:

“First, thank you to my many classmates who donate to my organization. I appreciate your support. Disabled Sports changed my life after I lost my leg in Vietnam and, still today, it positively impacts the lives of people with disabilities. Recently a wounded warrior disabled in Iraq said to me, “you’ve given me a reason to live”.

The first week of April we will host 25 disabled wounded warriors at a winter sports camp, The Ability Challenge, designed as a part of their rehabilitation and community reintegration. You can find more about it at [www.disabledsports.net](http://www.disabledsports.net)

I ask you to join me in giving wounded warriors disabled in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan a reason to live, a way to heal and a future full of possibilities. Specifically, I’m asking you to join my Ability Challenge team by making a donation. Seriously, I need your support. Obviously, more than \$20 is great too. If 100 of you do this, it’ll be way to cool!!

I would appreciate it if you would go to my team webpage and make a contribution: [www.grouprev.com/dp](http://www.grouprev.com/dp)  
Thank you, Doug aka The Fat daddy”

Well, as might be expected from the Unsurpassed Class the response was immediate and overwhelming. On 2 April Doug sent the following:

“Gentlemen,  
I am heading out the door to help pick up the disabled wounded warriors for our camp including those our class has sponsored. Three double amputees and spouses sponsored. 62 teams entered the Ability Challenge and mine, meaning the class of ‘67, has contributed the greatest amount by \$3000. We are again, Unsurpassed. If so inclined check [www.grouprev.com/dp](http://www.grouprev.com/dp) to see what you have contributed (now over \$18,000). Meanwhile attached is the up to date roll call. Thank you all.”

Here’s the roster of classmates who contributed. What’s really neat is that a lot of classmates made contributions in the name of/in honor of many of fallen brothers.

**HONOR GUARD**

Donations have been made to honor these members of our class KIA in Vietnam or gone out on point:

- |               |                   |                     |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Jose Pena     | Gary Carlson      | Gus Robinson        |
| Ellis Greene  | Doug Gray         | Jim Brierly         |
| Donnie Dietz  | Mike Lascher      | Claude Herman       |
| Bob Sellers   | Larry Izzo        | Wayne Schaltenbrand |
| Hank Ubrecken | Hugh B. Brown III | Larry Marlin        |
| Carl Mills    | Al Etheridge      | Don Dwiggin         |
| Frank Hill    | Jack Kelly        | Bob Lenz            |
| Bob Wysocki   |                   |                     |

**FIRST PLATOON**

- |                   |                |                 |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Mike Mullane      | Tim Russell    | John Tiltgen    |
| Reggie Moore      | Jim Tankovich  | Jim Cali        |
| John Montanero    | Joe Hardin     | John Douglas    |
| Vic Pangle        | Don Nelson     | Rich Estes      |
| Bill McDowell     | Pete Economos  | George Dials    |
| Phil Kinney       | Mark Fischer   | Bob Griffin     |
| Mike Norton       | Ed Hubschman   | Dan Wells       |
| Greg Crawford     | Terry Atkinson | Tom Schwartz    |
| Jon Burns         | Dave Kelley    | Barry Nickerson |
| George Kellenbenz | Stephen Grove  | Bill Groman     |

**SECOND PLATOON**

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|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Bill Haines    | “Monk” Meyer | Bob McEldowney |
| Mike Kush      | Bill Obley   | Jim Reilly     |
| Bill Freccia   | Freed Lowrey | Doug Williams  |
| Gordie Brown   | Trey Mathews | Nick Horn      |
| Bob Portney    | Doug Starr   | Ernie Heimberg |
| Bob Libutti    | Joe DuBois   | Randy Kinnard  |
| Bill Gonser    | John Behrens | George Newman  |
| Bill Brigadier | Jeff Madsen  | Chuck Rankin   |
| Frank Fabish   | Greg Rice    | Chuck Thomas   |
| George Fischer | Bob Frank    | Bud Stann      |

**THIRD PLATOON**

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|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| John Jorgenson | Everett Lucas | Razor Heath     |
| Harry Rothman  | John Caldwell | Ernie Natalini  |
| Randy Pais     | Dick Newell   | Joe Stock       |
| Rick Hausman   | Dan Jinks     | Michael McBride |
| Eddie Marion   | Don Wolfe     | Steve Doty      |
| Don Albers     | Grant Taylor  | Bill Pentington |
| Dean Risseuw   | Mike Spinello | Denny Huyck     |
| Jim Fowler     | Rob Walker    | Ed Locke        |
| Bob Kunzelman  | Ed Sullivan   | Tom Dyer        |
| John Hall      | Chris Biltoff | Tom Thornton    |
| Wilbur Jones   | John Mackerer | Bob Nolan       |

**FOURTH PLATOON**

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|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Ed Beck           | Al Bornman        | Jack Wood      |
| Malcom Philips    | Rich Adams        | Dick Gladstone |
| Tom Condon        | Ed Moore          | Tom Lanyi      |
| Ed Smith          | Hap Trainor       | Ken Strong     |
| Marc Ducharme     | Mike Cox          | Steve Toelle   |
| Sterling McColgin | Lee Murphy        | John Boretta   |
| Dick Ehrenreich   | Steve Frankiewicz | John Gale      |
| Tom Parr          | Ron Dionne        | Gary Downs     |
| Tom Jackson       | Pete Gizzi        | Rich Kiper     |
| Bill Koch         | Dave Hadly        | Dick Gladstone |
| Rich LaBouliere   | Bob La Raia       | Mick Mekkelsen |
| Al Nahas          | Jon Shuler        | John Stewart   |
| Jack Ouellette    |                   |                |

Pop it up, Sports Fans, you done good

**Mike Kush Plans to Participate in the “Carry the Load” Relay Run**

Here’s a neat blurb I got from **Mike Kush** on 19 March. Perhaps some other classmates might be interested in this event.

“Freed! As you know I am an avid runner. I have decided that I would like to combine my love of running with my love of the Army and am considering joining Team RWB. One of the upcoming activities is a national relay called “Carry the Load” – a relay from West Point to Dallas, TX. It is focused on honoring those who have given the last full measure. I would like to join the relay by walking one of the legs here in DC area and “carry the load” for our fallen Classmates.

My question: Do you believe I could secure some meaningful item that belonged to each of our fallen Classmates to carry in the relay? If so, then I will register to join the march. It is also a fundraiser for support to the families of the fallen.

URL with more info is below. <http://carrytheload.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?event=1056758&lis=1&kntae1056758=9F023A09EAC9486CA1DB4DA7719FB7EB&team=5429727>

None shall Surpass! Mike”

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

## George Dials Recognized For His Great Work Building Our Nation's Nukes!

Here's a copy of a You Done Good resolution that found its way into my inbox back on 25 March:



▲ George Dials, keeper of our nations nukes

### RESOLUTION

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF MANAGERS IN LIEU OF MEETING BABCOCK & WILCOX TECHNICAL SERVICES Y-12, LLC

The undersigned, being all of the Managers of the Board of Managers of Babcock & Wilcox Technical Services Y-12, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), pursuant to Section 7.6(a) of the Operating Agreement of the Company, hereby adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Mr. George Dials has provided outstanding service and leadership as President and CEO of the Y-12 National Security Complex over the past two years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dials began his tenure at the helm of B&WY-12 at a time of great challenge. He championed modernization and transformation in a particularly effective manner, jumpstarting HEUMF from a stop work and delay status to a now 72% completion status. The project is now on target for completion by August 2008. Through his leadership, the project management organization and leadership was much strengthened, resulting in significant improvements in quality control and construction oversight that has eliminated the weaknesses responsible in part for the stop work directive in early 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dials has created an enhanced work culture of improved communication and understanding with all employees. He has been particularly effective in building bridges of cooperation with Union leaders, resulting in a vast improvement in labor management relations; and

WHEREAS, through Mr. Dials' leadership, overall employee morale has improved, as evidenced by the theme "What you do counts!" and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dials has selected a highly effective business development team that has implemented a renewed emphasis on "Work for Others- Complementary Work"- a campaign encouraged by our customer to augment declining defense program budgets and share Y-12's unique and specialized capabilities with others in the federal, state and private sectors; and

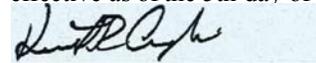
WHEREAS, Mr. Dials led the effort to create a new strategic plan for the Company that is aligned with our customer and reflects the goal of transformation, now the key objective of the Nuclear Weapons Complex; and:...

WHEREAS, Mr. Dials challenged the Company by designating Safety and Health as our number one core value. This has resulted in the creation of a sustained work culture of putting Safety first in everything we do; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dials has provided a renewed sense of community between and among Y-12 and the citizens and leaders of the greater Oak Ridge, Knoxville, and East Tennessee area; thereby resulting in new synergy and understanding for the mission of the Y-12 National Security Complex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Managers of Babcock & Wilcox Technical Services Y-12, LLC, hereby afford to George E. Dials their appreciation and commends him for his outstanding service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Unanimous Resolution effective as of the 5th day of February, 2008.



Kenneth R. Camplin



Craig D. Weaver



David M. Walker



Thomas F. Gioconda

**Here's what George Dials had to say about this recognition:**

"In the world of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and the Nuclear Weapons Complex that it manages progress is often cloaked in obscure terms. For example, given my challenging work to effect a turn-around at the Y12 National Security Complex, you could hardly tell from the attached Board resolution that the work had to do with nuclear weapons refurbishment, modernization, dismantlement, and highly enriched uranium processing and storage. The facility mentioned is the now completed \$575 million Highly Enriched Uranium Management Facility (HEUMF). Y12 was created during the Manhattan Project and became the source of enriched uranium to the early nuclear weapons programs, and it ultimately became the manufacturing facility for the uranium components of modern nuclear weapons systems. These are essential to our nuclear stockpile and the readiness status of our nuclear deterrent. As an Army trained nuclear weapons specialist, I was pleased to be involved in facilitating their assured and timely availability to the Navy and the Air Force strategic forces. Go Army! Beat Navy and Air Force!"



▲ Dr. Tom Parr, carpenter  
extraordinaire

**Tom Parr Recognized as a Top Doctor! (Who would have thunk it?)**

Here's a note I received in February from **Joannie Parr** bragging on **Tom**:

"Freed, Tom will never tell you, but I know you want to know this. First, last year Tom took and passed the Orthopedic Surgery Sports Medicine Subspecialty Boards, becoming one of less than 2,500 to have done so in the United States in the history of these board exams. Then at the end of

2012, he was recognized as a TOP DOCTOR by the physician rating organization, Castle Connolly, in the category of Orthopedic Sports Medicine. Only 199 Orthopedic Surgeons in the United States received this recognition. Joannie"

Pop it up Tom, make sandwiches and take big bites.

**John Mikula Finds His Lost Class Ring**

Here's a neat news article that came my way courtesy of **Dick Ehrenreich**.

**Ernst: Mystery of the lost West Point ring**

John Mikula had all but given up hope when he lost his West Point class ring on Golden Beach in Venice. The ring which was struck by a bullet in the Vietnam war was found a few days later by local treasure hunters Jay and Karen Ganz. The Ganz's answered an ad in the Herald Tribune asking for help in finding the ring. After three days of searching they found the ring and returned to its rightful owner, Mr. Mikula. Photo/ Matt Houston )

By [Eric Ernst](#)

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*West Point Class Ring. Lost near Golden Beach. Reward. Call ...*

The classified ad ran Feb. 27 in the Herald-Tribune's LOST category, its 10 words hardly conveying the mix of hope and desperation behind them.

John Mikula's ring meant a lot to him. To explain why, he tells two stories.

First of all, he says, at West Point, there's a ceremony when graduates receive their rings. It's a big deal. More recently, the families of graduates who have died return the rings to West Point. They are melted and recast for new recipients, to provide them an extra bond with those who have gone before them.

In the irreverence common to the military, West Point officers are often called "ring knockers," a reference to the higher-ups who sit at desks and try to call attention to themselves and their positions of authority by drumming their rings.

Ring gets damaged? "He couldn't communicate with Washington any more because the crystal was gone." Get a bad assignment? "His ring wasn't working."

You get the picture.

In 1967, shortly after Mikula bought his ring and while he trained as a ranger at Fort Benning, Ga., someone broke into his locker and stole it. He searched every pawn shop in Columbus, Ga., with no luck. Soon, he took his first assignment at Fort Hood, Texas, where a former West Point classmate called him.

The classmate had been on an airborne operation when he noticed the private next to him wearing a West Point ring. Knowing an enlisted man would not have graduated from West Point, he asked to see the ring. He spied Mikula's name, tracked him down and returned the ring to him.

Six months later, Mikula was in Vietnam. He commanded a company in the Army's 4th Infantry Division. They were advancing up a hill in the central highlands when North Vietnamese regulars ambushed them.

A firefight ensued. When it ended, Mikula looked down. His hand was bleeding. Then he glanced at his ring. Its blue spinel gemstone had been shot out. He looked over to his first sergeant, who was digging a hole with his helmet.

"Hey Top," he said. "Look at my ring."

The sergeant paused ever so slightly from his digging. "You goddamn West Pointers; you're worrying about your ring," he said. "Dig a hole!"

Mikula never did replace that stone.

The ring developed a legend of its own at West Point, where Mikula returned to finish out his military career, teaching Russian language from 1984-88. Cadets used to come to his home after hours to see the ring that had lost its stone during mortal combat.

If the ring has stories, so does Mikula.

Did he mention he played on legendary coach Bobby Knight's first team at Army? Mikula was the guard who didn't shoot that well. You might have heard of another guard on that team: Mike Krzyzewski.

Mikula was in Berlin when the Wall fell. He helped knock it down. He still has a piece at his home.

He was in Czechoslovakia when the Russians pulled out. He lined the road with the Czechs as the tanks and jeeps and trucks rolled past, heading back to the Soviet Union. The people along the road didn't throw rocks. They didn't jeer. They formed a silent gantlet to usher the occupiers from their land. Afterward, celebrations broke out in every town, Mikula says. People appeared with American flags they had hidden in their attics.

Mikula spent his post-Army career with a small consulting company that advised businesses expanding to eastern Europe.

He met his wife, Vera, in Australia, while on leave from Vietnam. Within two days, they knew they wanted to marry, which they did shortly afterward in his hometown of Dayton, Ohio, before Mikula's second tour.

The couple has been renting a condo in the Golden Beach neighborhood of Venice, where they plan to move as soon as they sell their house in Annapolis, Md.

That brings us to last Thanksgiving. Mikula was on the beach and in the water with his grandson for much of the day. Then he noticed his ring missing. When he discovered the ring was not in the tissue box where he often leaves it, the family scoured the

house. No ring. For two days, Mikula walked the beach, retracing his steps. Still no ring.

Storms came and went. The topography of the beach changed. In February, on a whim, Mikula placed the ad.

That's how he met Jay and Karen Ganz of North Port. Jay, a retired pharmacist, and Karen, a former nurse, search for treasures along beaches, metal detectors and wire baskets in hand.

They're good at it; so good, lifeguards give their phone number to people who lose valuables. The couple have found 82 gold and platinum jewelry pieces, mostly rings, in the 32 years they've plied their hobby. In many cases, they've had to do some detective work to reunite items with the owners who lost them.

On March 11, Karen Ganz entered 65-degree water that was too rough for Jay, who has two artificial hips, to navigate. Waves tore her first scoop from her hands and emptied half its contents into the water. On her second scoop, just before she was ready to call it quits because of the conditions, she found the ring.

"It was like something drew me to that spot," she says. "We had already told ourselves that if we never retrieved another piece of jewelry, we wanted to get that ring. It meant so much to him. It brings tears to your eyes."

Mikula calls the Ganzes a wonderful couple. As for the ring experience, "It's just life," he says. "How things happen, there are so many variables."

On Friday morning, he ran another classified ad, this time under the category FOUND.

*"West Point Ring found by Jay and Karen Ganz in Gulf and returned to owner. Thanks to all who offered help."*

Eric Ernst's column runs Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Contact him at [eric.ernst@heraldtribune.com](mailto:eric.ernst@heraldtribune.com) or (941) 486-3073.



▲ John Mikula with his found class ring

**Al Seyfer Recognized as the Outstanding Teacher for 2012 at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences**

Got the following from **Al Seyfer** on 29 January:

“Dear Freed: Per your instructions (when **Glenna** and I stopped by your office last summer to see you), I herewith submit the only news that I have – other than being thankful to the good Lord for our health. I leave it up to you as to whether it’s actually newsworthy, but I recently received an award from the med students and faculty as the outstanding teacher for 2012 here at USUHS, where I serve as Course Director for Anatomy. What made this honor special to me is that our med students (some 680 students) are all active duty military officers.

In the attached photo, I’m in the white lab coat; Charles Rice, MD (USU President) is on my left; and Larry Laughlin, MD (Dean, School of Med) is on his left; several honors students & faculty members are also present.”

Well done, Al, pop it up.



▲ Dr. Al Seyfer, outstanding Teacher of the Year

**Randy Pais Recognized as Distinguished Graduate by the Houston West Point Society**

And richly deserved, too. I love the bemused (confused?) look on Randy’s face in the photo. Here’s Randy’s announcement: “Thought you might like the attached picture from West Point Society of Houston Founders Day Program.

For some reason I was selected as their Distinguished Graduate Recipient. **Tom Parr** had the chore of say something nice.”



◀ Tom Parr presenting Randy Pais with the Houston West Point Society Distinguished Graduate Award. Why does Randy look so bemused?

**John Caldwell Mentioned in a Book About the Vietnam War**

I got this info from **Terry Atkinson** back in March. He filed the following report:

“This excerpt showed up on my Facebook Group Page from another former member of the 2/17th Cav. I haven’t read the book, but I may have to get it. Note the mention of **John Caldwell** in the last paragraph. Maybe John’s exploits will go viral. Way to go, my friend!

Thought I would pass along this from some 11th Cav history. This pretty much sums up what my time or at least the bulk of it was spend doing. Also the part about L Troop was where one of my guys was killed and 2 others wounded. I knew it was in March but didn’t really know the day until I seen George Sarborough’s name on the virtual wall. This is from the book *Mounted Combat in Vietnam* written by then Col. Starry CO of the 11th Cav during much of my time there.

“Colonel Starry was convinced that to cut enemy supply lines successfully ground had to be held, and that control of the ground followed from constant use of the ground. The operational pattern of the regiment, therefore, was one of extensive patrolling, day and night, and the setting up of an intricate network of manned and unmanned ambushes all along the trail system. The cavalry soon came to know the enemy’s trails well, and by clever use of automatic devices reduced enemy logistical operations to a trickle. The ambush net cost the enemy ten to thirty casualties each night. Every site was checked, and electrical devices were moved and reset each day. It was like running a long trapline. Monitoring enemy radio traffic, the 11th Armored Cavalry learned that enemy units to the south were desperate for food and ammunition. Enemy relief parties were killed in ambushes or by cavalry units that took advantage of information gleaned from careless enemy radio operators. Enemy messengers sent along the trails were killed or captured; their messages and plans provided information for setting up more traps. The enemy, reluctant to confront the cavalry directly, attacked only by fire in War Zone C, and tried to outflank the net of ambushes. The 209th North Vietnamese Army Regiment lost over 200 men when it ran headlong into **Captain John S. Caldwell’s** Troop L, 3d Squadron, in the Loc Ninh rubber plantation in March. Later, in April, the 95C North Vietnamese Regiment, trying to move west around the ambush system, encountered Lieutenant Colonel James B. Reed’s 1st Squadron near Katum. With the cavalry and tanks of the 1st Squadron heavily engaged, Colonel Starry alerted Colonel Brookshire to move two troops from the 2d Squadron west to join in the fight. The enemy now had two battalions locked in combat with the 1st Squadron, while a third battalion was escaping to the north. Realizing he faced the cavalry regiment, the enemy commander panicked and began broadcasting instructions to his battalions in the clear. As the enemy troops tried to disengage, intercepts of the instructions they were receiving were passed to Colonel Reed. Armed with this information, the 1st Squadron blocked the enemy. In the ensuing melee the cavalry squadrons virtually destroyed the two battalions opposing Colonel Reed. Some of the third battalion to the north escaped despite air strikes and artillery fire placed along the escape routes.”

**Not to be Outdone, Monty Meigs and Mike Shelton also Get Mentioned in Dispatches**

Here’s a note I received on 21 April from Dan Rice, an ’88 grad (whom I do not know). While it’s obviously intended to generate sales for a book, it does provide good info about a couple of our stellar classmates.

“We hope you have had a chance to view the attached video featuring the former Superintendent Lieutenant General Franklin “Buster” Hagenbeck introducing this new book *West Point Leadership: Profiles of Courage*’ that should have been sent to you via email on Friday. You’ll be proud to know that two of your classmates are subjects of this book: **General Monty Meigs** and **Rear Admiral Mike Shelton, USN**. Both of these graduates have led interesting lives and were fascinating to interview and document. We were honored to be able to work with them to include as two of the 180 graduates whose lives are memorialized in this book.

Please view LTGHagenbeck’s introductory video to the book: <http://www.leadershipprofilesofcourage.com/multimedia.html>

This inspirational book features biographies of 180 West Point graduates who have shaped our world. The entire project took over three years. Most of these stories have never been told before and the book includes over 2,000 unique photographs from history. If you review the 20 authors of the book you’ll find many of the thought leaders who have helped educate West Point classes over the past thirty years- retired Majors, Lieutenant Colonels, Colonels and a Brigadier General all co-authored this unique book. The book not only highlights inspirational Generals, heads of state, Medal of Honor recipients, politicians, combat leaders, but also highlights successful business leaders, scholars, coaches and athletes. In every area of the American experience- West Point graduates have proven to be outstanding leaders and are highlighted in this book for the first time.

Please forward to classmates and friends of West Point- and as always- thank you for your service.

Sincerely, Dan Rice USMA 1988”

**OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS DEPARTMENT**



**Classmates Win the Member Guest Golf Tournament**



◀ Participants in the Canteen Cup Competition and Montecito Golf Club Member – Guest Tournament:  
 Front row, L to R: Bill Foley, Brick Anderson, Ed Dewey and Joe Hardin.  
 Back row, L to R: Chad Keck, Joe Casey, John Severson, Bob Carpenter, John Boretti, John Montanaro and David Rivers.  
 The photo must have been taken by Hood, since he’s not in it.



▲ Brick Anderson, David Rivers, Joe Hardin, Mike Hood, Wes Spincic, Ed Dewey, Fred Schremp and Bob Carpenter ready to do battle on the golf links

▶ Bob Carpenter and Bill Foley



▲ Apres golf celebration

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◀ Joe Casey proudly displays his Canteen Cup

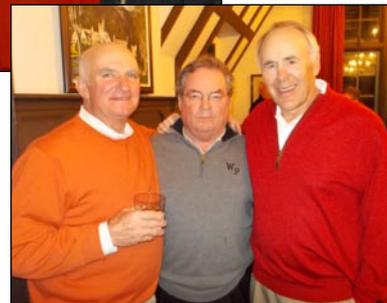


◀ John Montanaro, Chad Keck, David Rivers, John Severson and Ed Dewey comparing war stories

▶ Chad Keck, David Rivers, Brick Anderson (the Commissioner), Fred Schremp and Ed Dewey show off their cups



▶ Joe Casey, Mike Hood and John Severson relaxing after a hard day hunting golfs



Here's the press release:

# SANTA BARBARA NEWS-PRESS



THE VALLEY CLUB  
of Montecito

## West Pointers Finish First and Second in Montecito

January 31, 2012

Since opening in 1929 the tradition at the Valley Club of Montecito has been to hold its annual Member-Guest Golf Tournament on the fourth Thursday of January. Hence the date of January 24, 2013 had been locked in long ago. The 335 members began filling their scorecards with ringers from out of the area to try to win this coveted Tournament. Four Valley Club West Pointers from the class of 1967 huddled in late fall of 2012 and developed a plan as intricate as those of the D-Day Invasion. Invitations went out, lodging was planned, practice rounds established, meals arranged, teams formed and instructions went out in preparation for the Tournament. **Brick Anderson** was chosen as the coordinator in chief/commissioner for the West Pointers. What a job he did. No detail was too small, no contingency plan to remote and no stones were left unturned for Anderson.

Early in the week the West Pointers began to arrive to acclimate themselves to the area and, more importantly, develop a feel for the greens and fairways of Southern California. Anderson herded them around like a no nonsense trail boss, and the boys followed his every command. Practice rounds went on without a hitch. Meals were attended on time, and at taps all the heads were on the pillows.

Finally the great day arrived, and the Unsurpassed Class rose to the challenge. Bad weather was the word of the day. While driving rain and howling winds damped the enthusiasm of lesser men, the West Pointers looked at this as just another day. In the Army the old saw is that "If it ain't rainin' it ain't trainin' ", and that attitude solidified their faith in each other and in their ability to win the day. And that they did. The team of **Ed Dewey, John Boretti, Chad Keck and John Severson** posted the low net score of the day. Closely behind was the fivesome (playing a rotation-no-ball-no-call format) of **Brick Anderson, David Rivers, Bob Carpenter, Mike Hood and Joe Casey** who finished a solid and close second place.

It should be noted that a third team of West Point graduates was also entered in the Championship. However, as they left for the course they took a wrong turn and ended up at...a **Bill Foley** Winery. Unable to break themselves away from such a delightful place, the team of **Bill Foley, Wes Spincic, Joe Hardin and Fred Shremp** spent the day hitting the wine bottles versus the golf ball. Who knows what the outcome had been had Spincic turned left rather than right when directed by Schremp?

SUBMITTED BY: Mr. Emerson Goodnight, Secretary, Valley Club of Montecito (and USNA 1962.)



▲ The coveted Canteen Cup

## The Canteen Cup

A big thanks is in order to Mr. Goodnight who posted the official report of the Valley Club Member-Guest Tournament. An equally prestigious event preceded that Tournament and was used as a training exercise for the West Point Class of 1967 participants. Planned by the four hosts and run by the Commissioner, Brick Anderson, it was called the Canteen Cup (CC). It was like Ranger School in preparation for Vietnam. Well, let's get down to the details.

Classmates began arriving in Santa Barbara on Monday, and the first practice round was Tuesday. Teams were scrambled to test chemistry and handicaps, and then another round was held on Wednesday. In both days of the CC and even on the Tournament Day, side bets were made, games went on inside of games and all data was accumulated and computed by the Commissioner. Then the bets were paid off. The big winner each day was Ed Dewey who "played the best game of my life" each day. With a 28 handicap he netted a huge boatload of cash from his classmates. The term "sandbagger" came up about 35 times, and not the type we did in combat. Dewey, as always, was nonplussed by any barbs and continued his "best round" story until the very end.

Bill Foley was a busy guy fitting in golf between business takeovers, board meetings and winery IPOs. Once a scratch golfer (hey, the Supe said it at the dedication of the Foley Center, so it must be true), he has backed off a bit from those days, but he still hit the ball with his usual flair and putted with the touch of a safe cracker. He proved to be a valuable teammate with his ever present smile, good nature and knowledge of the course.

Some interesting pairings came up over the three days. One was that of the "Johnny's", that is Boretti and Severson. Severson, a student of the stock market, played like - well, the stock market. Up and down were his scores. His drives would start one way and end up another. Spectators avoided the sidelines when he strode to the tee complaining of the risk of getting hammered. Boretti, on the other hand, played like he was back at West Point performing his feats on Doubleday Field. His tee shots and long irons were reminiscent of the line drives he used to zing over the heads of opposing infielders on the baseball diamond. He showed he has not lost his consistency or his tenacity in competition.

A pair of "Joes" was a crowd favorite. Casey and Hardin, two superb athletes showed they had not lost their edge. Casey was awesome off the tee with drives that cut the fairways right down the middle and reminded classmates of his accuracy with the soccer ball while playing for Coach Palone. Hardin, whose best asset is his attractive wife Barbara (just like all the other hosts at Santa Barbara. What is with these gorgeous CA wives anyway?) was hobbled a bit by a bad back, knee, hip, elbow, wrist and neck, but nevertheless played on bravely and quite well. Seeing those two Joes as opponents brought fear into the hearts of several competitors.

Fred Schremp and Wes Spincic were again paired on the teams. Schremp, who has never had a bad day ever, displayed the same tendencies on the course as he did as a cadet. His "good all-around, never get in trouble, straight shooter, helpful to mates" attitude endeared him to whomever he was paired. Spincic was the ever calm, sharp shooting iron player and dead center putter that got him the low score on the treacherous Sandpiper Course the day before the big Tournament. If bids had gone out for partners on Tournament day, he would have commanded a steep price.

Parker (yes, that is what they call him in Santa Barbara) Anderson and David Rivers were another interesting twosome. Anderson was a local favorite, since he lives there and since his game is so solid-hence the name "Brick" that we have for him. He consistently hit high, booming drives off the tee that led to the chant "Make It Rain" from the assembled fans when he addressed the ball. Not to disappoint, he did bring the rain on Friday, as Mr. Goodnight reported. Rivers was a just complement to Anderson. He absolutely crushed the ball off the tee just like he crushed Roger Staubach for a safety in the end zone during one of the greatest Army-Navy games of our time. A modest Rivers(?) claimed that he merely fell on Roger, but he does get credit for the safety in the record books.

Bob Carpenter played his usual stellar game, to reflect his star man status as a cadet. What was interesting was to see Carpenter (#5 in our class) and **John Montanaro** (#22 in the class) huddle together at the end of the dinner table each night and discuss star man stuff. Lower section guys scratched their heads in bewilderment of the topics and depth of their understanding. No different than in juice class. Montanaro, it should be noted, did not golf. He came along for the walk down the fairways to encourage classmates on the day of the Tournament. Montanaro swore off sports that require eye-hand co-ordination years ago in favor of 100 mile bike rides and 20 mile swims in the ocean.

Mike Hood and Chad Keck were also a featured pair. These two financial wizards consistently won money each day in keeping with the Wall Street Fat Cat tradition - taking money from the little guys. Keck, the ultimate student of golf, had his game at its peak coming into the tournament. He went so far as to marry his golf coach so he did not have to pony up so much money for lessons. Hood, a brilliant athlete, despite not appearing so, was the crowd favorite. Hitting impossible shot after impossible shot, he had the crowd applauding and shaking their heads. Of course, he got himself into trouble and had to do wonders to extricate himself from destruction. Just like cadet days, smirked the Old Hood.

A tip of the hat to the four hosts - Dewey, Hardin, Foley and Anderson. A special thanks goes to the commissioner, Brick Anderson for bringing it all together. Thanks, boys.

**John Severson**, Reporting.

## Class Kids

### Bob & Roni Lenz's Son Bob, Jr. Retires From Active Duty

Now I've got to be honest with you, when I first learned of this I was flabbergasted. We are simply not old enough to have children retiring from the Army. Are we? Give me a break.

Well, it's true. LTC Robert Lenz Jr., Class of 1993, retired from active duty on 28 March at Ft. Hood, TX. Not sure yet what he'll be doing in the grown-up phase of his life.



▲ Ed Dewey, Roni Lenz, Bob Lenz, Jr., Tara Lenz, Penny (Lenz) Glackin and Jim Glackin at Bob's retirement ceremony



◀ Ed Dewey and Roni Lenz enjoying a lighter moment

### Rich Adams's Son Has a Feature Film in Distribution

Got the following from Rich Adams on 25 January:

"Freed, If you think it newsworthy and appropriate, please alert the class, and the world, that Richie's first feature film, *Inventing Adam*, is going to be distributed in all Walmart stores beginning January

28th, and a preview of the film can be seen at [www.inventingadammovie.com](http://www.inventingadammovie.com). If everyone in the class buys 10 DVDs, spreads the word to everyone they know... well...that would be...really nice... It is a wonderful PG-13 festival-vetted romantic comedy for all the family (that is, 13 and above) and already has nothing but 5-star reviews on the Walmart website.

### Bob Griffith's Son Home From Afghanistan

This great news came from Bob on 15 January: "Freed, my son, Tom, returned from a tour in Afghanistan with the 4th Infantry Division and is back safely at Fort Carson. He served as Chief of Operations in the headquarters unit for an advisory team to an Afghanistan Brigade."



### Class Grandkids

Lots of new grandkid chatter this time. Our progeny have been busy.

From **Joyce Doheny**: "Casey (my youngest '95) had his first child, a little girl named Lillian Claire - a bit of a rocky birth and some issues afterward but nothing big. I have been travelling back and forth to Boston so Casey can job hunt."

From **Dick Black**: "Mary and I are most grateful to welcome our sixth grandchild, Remington Richard Black to our family. Daniel and KiLan became the proud parents on 5 December 2012. After a couple brief stays in the hospital to get his bilirubin count under control Remington is now home with Mom and Dad."

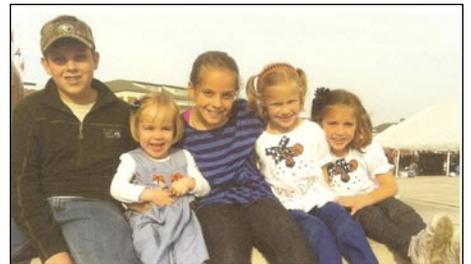
From **Ed & Susan Moore**: "We thank and praise the Lord for the safe delivery of Aria Elizabeth Steller, grandchild #10! Aria is thriving and mom, Bridget, is well, if tired." This note was followed by "Praise be to God for the safe arrival of Ethan Marshall Tidd (11th grandchild), on 23 January 2013. Both baby and mom, Jeannie Moore Tidd, are healthy and content in their new relationship. Dad, Jared Marshall Tidd, is walking tall."

From **Bill & Karla Cates**: "We have been blessed with a healthy **great** grandchild (Freed note: yes you read that correctly; we really are that old) born on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Haylee McKenna Disch and her mom Mariah are both doing well.

From **Ann Arango**: "There is a fifth grand baby and 4th grandson. Jasper Reid Arango was born on Pi Day (3.14.13) to Craig and Minette Arango. Grammy Ann gets to spend time chasing Tristan and cuddling with Jasper."

I got some great grandkid photos during the Christmas card season.



▲ The Balkcom grandkids: Carter (14), Laura Grace (2), Mary Frances (11), Julie Anne (6) and Kaki (6)



▲ The Freccia grandkids: Josie, Maeve, Emery, Millie and Harry



▲ Alton Donnell's granddaughter Avalin teaching him how to use his i-pad

## Jim Cali's Wife Gerrie is a Finalist in a New Jersey Shore Calendar Contest

3 April '13: "Hi Folks - Hope all are well- this isn't a big thing but my wife **Gerrie's** photo was picked as one of 41 finalists for a NJ shore calendar- if you have time would appreciate a vote - can only vote once per computer – thanks. Jim Cali"

Note from Gerrie: "I have submitted a photo in a calendar contest for New Jersey's top 10 beaches. Please go to [www.njtoptenbeaches.org](http://www.njtoptenbeaches.org) to vote in the calendar photo contest (bottom left of page). My photo is number 7, a wave runner jumping the waves. Thanks for your help in advance. Gerrie Cali"



▲ Gerrie Cali's photo submitted for the Jersey Shore Calendar contest

## Transitions

### Doug Pringle is Finally Retiring

Well, I guess we should have seen it coming. After so many years of dedicating himself to helping our Wounded Warriors, Doug Pringle has finally decided to stop and smell the roses. Nobody deserves it more. From all of us, Fat Daddy, thanks for all you've done. You are truly **UNSURPASSED!**

Here's the press release I received on 26 April:

### The Board of Directors of Disabled Sports USA Far West Announces Change of Position for Douglas J. Pringle

After dedicating his life and career to people with disabilities, Douglas Pringle will remain active with Disabled Sports USA Far West as President Emeritus.

**Citrus Heights, CA - April 26, 2013** - The Board of Directors of Disabled Sports USA - Far West announces that Douglas J. Pringle will retire from his role as President and CEO effective September 30, 2013, after 45 years building this organization and leading the development of Disabled Sports nationally. He will remain active with the organization as President Emeritus, with responsibility for fundraising and resource development. The Board wishes to express its utmost gratitude and deep respect for Doug's contributions to DSUSA-FW.

Doug graduated from West Point in 1967 and served as a Captain in Vietnam where he lost his leg in combat. Upon his return, Doug was introduced to skiing and discovered that skiing opened the door to possibilities otherwise closed to people with disabilities, as the organization's motto, "If I Can Do This, I Can Do Anything!" emphasizes. Doug dedicated his life and career to ensuring that people with a broad range of disabilities can experience the life-changing adventure of high challenge sports.

Disabled Sports USA Far West is one of the longest operating programs of its kind in the world. It is the founding chapter of Disabled Sports USA, the nation's largest nonprofit, multi-sport and multi-disability organization, with over 100 chapters serving more than 60,000 people nationwide.

Current Program Director Haakon Lang-Ree will assume day-to-day management responsibilities as the new Executive Director. Haakon, a graduate of Stanford University, has been with Disabled Sports since 1992 as a volunteer, Assistant Director and, for the past 12 years, Program Director.

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**Jim Stewart Joins Honigman’s Litigation Department**

*STEWART BRINGS MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN MEDIA LAW AND LITIGATION TO HONIGMAN*

DETROIT (December 3, 2012) – James E. Stewart has joined Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP as a partner in the firm’s Litigation Department. He brings to Honigman more than 30 years of experience in media law, intellectual property and commercial litigation.

Throughout his career, Stewart has handled numerous high-profile litigation matters for multinational corporations and Fortune 100 companies. He has a national reputation in media law and recently served as the executive committee president for the National Defense Counsel section of the Media Law Resource Center. In addition, he has extensive experience in breach of confidentiality provisions and trade secret misappropriations, particularly representing automotive suppliers.

Stewart has been honored in Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business, in Best Lawyers in America, in Michigan Super Lawyers and in DBusiness’ “Top Lawyers.”

He earned a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and a B.S. from the United States Military Academy.

Stewart joins Honigman from Thompson & Knight LLP in Bloomfield Hills and was previously with Butzel Long, where he led the media law practice and at one time served as chair of its Litigation Department.

**About Honigman**

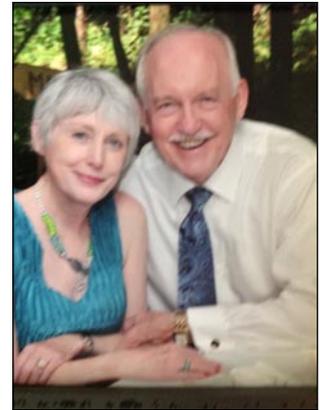
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**Ed Dewey Finally Retires on 31 December**

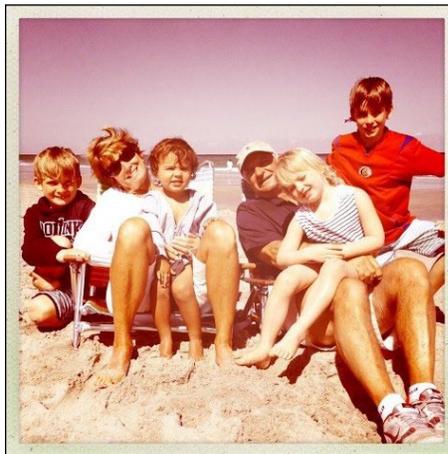
That just made it official; we all know that Ed has been “retired on active duty” for about the last 20 or so years. He’s been running one of **Bill Foley’s** companies for most of those years – he went to work for Bill shortly after retiring from the Army.

**Christmas and Founders Day Photos**

I always get lots of nice photos from folks during the Christmas and Founder’s day seasons and would be a shame not to share them. Enjoy.



▲ Pam & George Dials



▲ The Casey family on the beach, March 2013



▲ Janice & Mac Hartley



▲ Hap & Patty Trainor



▲ Jack & Judy Wood



▲ Bornmanns, Kuspas, Mike Yap and Newtons at the DC Founder’s Day celebration



▲ The Donnell family



*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.*

### **Can't a Guy Get a Little Privacy Around Here?**

Leading a monk's life at West Point brought to a keen edge the desire for female companionship. Rampant ran the rumors that food in the mess hall was laced with "salt peter" to dull down our yearning – if it was true, it didn't work. Never was there a hornier group of men than the Corps of Cadets. All this pent-up energy and desire and no women. Well, of course, there were willing women who would come up for weekends. But even then where to go with your date? So every cadet was on the lookout for a place of privacy.

As Plebes the locales were slim to none. Lee Hall. Lee Hall??!! That's all it was – a hall crowded with 800 of your closest friends. Where else? Well, there was always the Thayer Hotel. The Thayer catered to hopefully willing weekend girls visiting from every campus within 500 miles of West Point. Thayer dorm rooms held four to six girls with a single mirror and bathroom. Remarkably, beautiful women emerged each weekend from the hotel elevators but, of course, any floors above the Mezzanine were strictly off limits to craving cadets. Ah! The famous Mezzanine, where more plebes were written up by the OC for PDA (public display of affection) than any other place at West Point! Who could be so stupid? But then who could be so horny? Logic and good sense always take a second seat to galloping hormones. And so it was on the Thayer Mezzanine where OC's practiced shooting sitting ducks, fish in a barrel, and stupid plebes.

And outdoors there was always Flirty – but not for Plebes! For Plebes, their mini-Flirty for was Wirt Robinson, a small park in the shadow of the Catholic Chapel, of all places. Small is fine – crowded is not fine and besides, by October, it's real chilly at Wirt Robinson. Where else? Well, another location that was "On Limits" was the Cemetery. Spooky? Yes, but also extremely private after dark with plenty of stone benches and a very well tended soft carpet of green grass. But like Wirt Robinson, it was soon cold once Fall descended on West Point.

So eventually imagination spurred on by desperation has to come into play. And one winter Saturday night, a hop was in full swing in the Second Floor Gym – in the very room where weeks later we would torture our lungs on the Indoor Obstacle Course. But that was later and this night there were sagging streamers, a band and lots of punch (known affectionately as Purple Panther Piss). As my date and I wandered out the north door headed for the stairs what should I spy but an elevator. Where would said elevator go? Surely down. So although elevators were off-limits to cadets, why not take a chance and ride the elevator down one flight? So after a quick look around without sighting any green officer uniforms, I push the button, the door opens, and in we go. The door shuts and I wonder suddenly where the elevator would go if I pushed one of the "up" buttons instead of a down button. Hmm? So I pushed "4." The elevator grinds slowly up, stops and the door opens on a dark room. Spooky? Yes, again, but also very PRIVATE!! And warm. Reluctantly, my date allows me to forcefully drag her off the elevator and we find ourselves in the storage room for the gymnastics team. Lots and lots of mats piled high – why almost like a mattress . . . Awhile later, both smiling, we take the elevator down to "1" and step out in a hallway on the first floor.

Now this might be a real "find" except I have to learn a Plebe lesson. A good deal is only a good deal if it's a good deal – and if you tell everyone about your good deal, you turn it into a bad deal. So I shared my "good deal" with a few friends, and two weeks later when I try the elevator again, it opens on the gymnastics storeroom filled with many cadets and their dates. No privacy. So we leave. We leave about five minutes before the OC takes the same elevator up to "4" and stands at the elevator door taking names. Bad luck?? Who knows but, as earlier noted, galloping hormones will always overcome good sense.

Where else, pray tell? The Library? Well, the Library is fairly public but then there are the "stacks" – the in-between floor area for dense-packing many books row-on-row of metal shelves. Pretty good, but wait, better yet are the enclosed study carrels – small offices for officers doing research! Ah, this is real privacy when you find a carrel with the door unlocked and even better if the carrel has brown paper taped over the window facing into the stacks. I can't recall the name of the officer who habitually left his carrel unlocked but we were grateful and careful to never move a single paper. He was probably a grad who also knew that privacy was at a premium at West Point – particularly for Plebes!

## MORE BLASTS FROM THE PAST



▲ Classmates in Prep School, 1963: front row: Lowry Young, David Silver, Buz Trevathen. 2d row: Tom Dowling, Mike Kempf, Bill Pollitt. 3d row: Bob Haefner, Bill McDowell, Bill Dickerson. 4th row: Fred Saxe, Gordie Socher, Jack Boyt. Top row: Jim Margul and Jeff Scott. Not all of these guys made it through with our class

I got a couple of contributions for this section since the last one of these epistles. The first one came from **Buzz Trevathan**, who has been so inspired by all the chatter on the class e-mail net and in the last *Pooper Scooper* that he dug out and sent me this photo of some of our classmates while they were in the Prep School. As best I can tell, not much has changed.

Also, inspired by some of the e-mail chatter on the net about how cadets today receive their class rings, **Jim Reilly** sent this photo from our Ring Hop. Goodness, we were Soldiers once, and so very young.

► Jim Riley and Gail McGahren at our ring hop



## POINTS TO PONDER

These glorious insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words.

A member of parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease."

"That depends, sir," said **Disraeli**, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

"He had delusions of adequacy." - **Walter Kerr**

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - **Winston Churchill**

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." - **Clarence Darrow**

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." - **William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)**.

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - **Moses Hadas**

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - **Mark Twain**

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends.." - **Oscar Wilde**

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one." - **George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill**

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second ... If there is one." - **Winston Churchill, in response**.

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." - **Stephen Bishop**

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator." - **John Bright**

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." - **Irvin S. Cobb**

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." - **Samuel Johnson**

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up." - **Paul Keating**

"In order to avoid being called a flirt, she always yielded easily." - **Charles, Count Talleyrand**

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." - **Forrest Tucker**

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" - **Mark Twain**

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." - **Mae West**

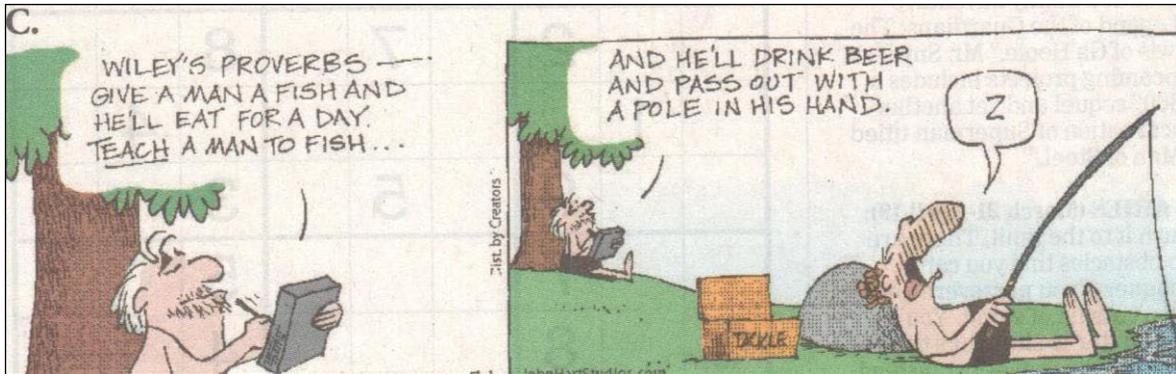
"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." - **Oscar Wilde**

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... For support rather than illumination." - **Andrew Lang (1844-1912)**

"He has van Gogh's ear for music." - **Billy Wilder**

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." - **Groucho Marx**

# 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.



▲ John Caldwell with a nice striped bass



▲ Jim Tankovich showing off his catch



▲ Doug Gray, son of our classmate Doug Gray, Jim Tankovich, Col (Ret) Mike Koch, John Caldwell, Paul Kern Jack Wood and PJ Kern (Paul Kerns oldest son), with their catches

The first three photos are from a recent Chesapeake Bay fishing trip for Striped Bass. In case you get a sense of deja-vu all over again looking at these photos, that's because these same clowns made this same trip last year. Here's the report I got from **Jim Tankovich** on 22 April:

"Freed, on the great fishing expedition with **Paul Kern, John Caldwell, and Jack Wood** this past weekend (more to follow later on that), we discovered that the mate on our boat we knew only as Doug, was actually the son of our fallen classmate, **Doug Gray**, who died on Dec 9, 1968 when his son was 14 months old. The way we found out about his father was amazing. He said his father was killed in Vietnam and mentioned that he receives copies of the Pooper Scooper. That, of course, made us realize the connection. Hope some of our classmates may have stories about his dad to pass on to his son.

The last photo is of a murdered Pennsylvania Bambi, sent in by **Bud Stann** this past December. Nicely done, Brother Bud.



▲ Bud Stann with a nice 10 point Pennsylvania buck

## EPILOGUE

OK, mes amis, that's all the swill you get this time. I'm a month late with this sucker and I apologize for that. My damn day job keeps getting in the way of important stuff.

I have plans for a future issue that I think will be kind of neat. I want to do a profile of the class – sort of a “Who We Are” piece. I've already started gathering data, but it's going to be a lot of work (to do it the way I want to), and – here's the hard part – it's going to require a lot of help from you in the way of info. Over the next few months I hope to reach out to everyone through individual or group e-mails asking for some data. Remember the old axiom “garbage in, garbage out.” I really don't want it to be garbage because I think if done properly it will provide a useful service and be a good tool. So stand by.

Keep the faith, and always remember our magnificent Service Men and Women. They are truly *Unsurpassed*.

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