GSP As We Knew Him

Company A-2 classmates gathered 24-28 September to present gifts to Joanne Patton, widow of MG George Patton, their Tactical Officer during Second and First Class years. Attending were Jerry & Lillian Burcham, Woodie & Peggi Deleuil, George & Barbara Woods, Bill & Nancy McPeek, Bill & Sandra Haponski, Barry Bynell, Alice Celeste Marson, Skip and Frances Ross.

Joanne Patton resides on her beautiful farm near Boston, her house crammed with Patton memorabilia and military history books. She conducted a tour of the farm and house, replete with anecdotes of her life with George Patton. She served a great lunch, much of the food produced on the farm. After lunch Jerry Burcham presented to her a leather-bound book entitled GSP As We Knew Him filled with anecdotes and recollections from cadet days and after graduation about her husband. Bill Haponski presented to her a DVD made from 8mm movies he had taken in VN while in the 11th ACR as S-3 and Executive Officer of Patton. That evening she hosted an elegant dinner, with appropriate toasts, at the Hawthorne Hotel in Salem.

Picture #1 Ladies (l-r) Alice Celeste Marson, Lillian Burcham, Frances Ross, Peggi Deleuil, Joanne Patton, Sandra Haponski, Barbara Woods and Nancy McPeek.
Picture #2 Men (l-r) Bill McPeek, Skip Ross, Barry Bynell, Jerry Burcham, Joanne Patton, Bill Haponski, Woodie Deleuil, and George Woods.