

# 1958 Class Notes

## Classmates—

10/12/2017

It is 4 Sep and a good time to begin the October Class Notes. Will add to these until end of September and then launch this edition. Where to begin? With corrections, of course.

## Corrections

10/12/2017

First correction is Plebes who are grandchildren of 1958. I overlooked **Dale & Dodie Hruby M2** (correct cadet company for Dale) in my list of grandparents of new Plebes. They even gave me a ride from March Back to lunch in Ike Hall. Absolutely no excuse, sir! Their grandson Justice McKenrick, is in the class of 2021. As Dale wrote to me “Justice was the reason I was marching next to you in the plebe march back.” Thanks for the correction, Dale. Using my trusty 2015 Register of Graduates here is a bit more information. Justice is the son of Terrence McKenrick #42881-1985. Father Terrence is a BG in 2015 Register, but I think he has been promoted to MG. He is the son-in-law of Dale & Dodie and 1985 classmate of many class offspring of 1958 who are in Class of 1985 (Scribe hopes a few of you note the reversal of numbers 58 and 85).

Second correction is spelling of Kulik as in **Frederick W Kulik H1**. In the September Class Notes your spelling-challenged Scribe spelled it “Kulick.” Do not know where the “C” came from, but I apologize to Fred and son Todd Kulik #40383-1983.

My next correction will take a bit of research – offspring of our classmates turned-back to 1959. I completely overlooked this group of 28 who began with us but joined 1959 to graduate. Our 50th Reunion Book provides a listing of those turned-back but I need to spend time with the Register to determine who has sons/daughters or grandchildren who are graduates. Maybe elsewhere in these notes or another time.

The next correction is easier. Entrance to West Point for 60th Reunion next April -- the details will be in the info you will receive about signing up for the reunion. Again, a DOD Military ID card is one way to get on post. WPAOG will send information about how to manage this for those without a Military ID Card. This should not be difficult, but you will need to sign-up with WPAOG (or whomever) to get the temporary ID card for entry. I guess you can always get into USMA with a driver’s license and explanation that you are attending our Class Reunion.

## Uniform for 60th Reunion

10/12/2017

The uniform for classmates will include our “White Hats.” If you need to a White Hat, contact **Frank Waskowicz C2** either by email [mynorimages@comcast.net](mailto:mynorimages@comcast.net) or telephone 703-836-8435.

There was some help on this question from one of you following my last Class Notes. Why and how did Long Grey Line (in our Plebe Bugle Notes dated 1954) become Long Gray Line? I thought that I would hear from many or at least from **Jim Seltzer E1** or **John Brinson C2**, but no such luck. According to my “source” grey is the British spelling and gray is the American spelling. The email and name of sender disappeared into the ether. Sorry about that. Now, who can shed light on why it the British spelling was used in our Plebe bible?

## Ghostly Assemblage

10/12/2017

An exchange of emails between John Brinson and **Pete Trainor G1** addressed those making the transition to Ghostly Assemblage. From John: "The ranks are thinning, but there is good news. We are apparently beating the odds handily. We'll lose about 15 this year it appears." And Pete's reply: "We've lost 16 in the last 12 months. 24 since 1/1/2016. Hope you're not getting morbid in your doter age. Here are the annual losses recently." The losses in 2017 are for the year thus far (1 Jan 2017 - 3 Sep 2017, the date of Pete Trainor's email).

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Scribe hastens to point out that many of you are calling our deceased classmates members of the "Long Gray Line." ALL OF US ARE MEMBERS OF THE LONG GRAY LINE. We have been that at least since the end of Beast Barracks in 1954 with our promotion from New Cadets (Beast Barracks) to Plebes (academic year). Of course, our turn-backs from 1956 or 1957 joined the Long Gray Line earlier. The deceased are a more select group more properly called members of the "GHOSTLY ASSEMBLAGE." These are words from "The Corps" which we learned as Plebes. The words are repeated here: "They are here in ghostly assemblage, the men of the Corps long dead, and our hearts are standing attention while we wait for their passing tread." Those of us who have left this earthly existence have transitioned to the Ghostly Assemblage. But, we are already members of the Long Gray Line. Hope this helps with the terminology.

Now to my notes and then must get this in the mail because October arrived "day before yesterday." Actually a few days ago. Time flies.

**16 Sep 2017** – death of **Pete Brintnall M2**. Our quartet has been reduced and no longer exists as a quartet. Scribe hopes you have the CD of their Army-winning songs from 1958. I have one! Many classmates gathered with **Janice** on 29 Sep to honor Pete. Your Scribe has great sympathy for what Janice is going through. Not easy. Janice will put out the word via **Jack Downing H2** who keeps us posted on deaths, funerals, etc when information is available on Pete's funeral at Arlington National Cemetery. It will be with full military honors, therefore, according to Jack, the long pole in the tent is scheduling the band. There was a grand gathering of classmates, wives and widows for Pete's Memorial Service on 29 Sep.

**1 Oct 2017** – death of **Tom Taylor D1 '60**. You all will recall that Tom was our last '58 file to graduate from USMA. An email from **Stan Bacon I2** to his PC counterpart in '60 provided the following info: "Tom was ours initially, I-2, the we gifted him to '59 who in turn gifted him to you guys. I last saw him in October in Carmel where we had a class mini reunion. He looked lean and mean and had recently been in Iraq or Afghanistan as an inserted journalist." Again, your Scribe has great sympathy for Tom's wife **Pamela** at this difficult time. Losing one's spouse is terrible, as Janice and I can attest – I am coming up on the first-year anniversary of Judy's death on 30 October 2016. **Jack Downing** reminds us that you can read about Tom in our 50th Reunion Book at page 331.

Good place to remind you that our contributions to the Class of 1959 can be found just before Tom at pages 327-331. And you can read about our former cadets on pages 332-347. Of course, if you have not read it all, or read it recently, you can find us all beginning on page 43. Good

project to YOU between now and our 60th on 25-29 April 2018. Again, the only classmate I know for sure has read the “whole thing” is **Bob Higgins L2**.

**Stan Bacon** was email corresponding with his '60 counterpart Dick Healy. Apparently, Tom Taylor went silent on the '60 PC net about three months ago. Meanwhile, Stan's PC email list stands at 130 subscribers and 45 badgers as of 1 October after the deaths of Ed Linkiewicz and Tom. As **John Brinson** said to me earlier today (9 Oct), “we miss Tom.” And I miss Ed, who was an H2 file. I had called John to confirm his move to Florida (about four years ago) and found that his snail mail address had changed again recently. Send me an email with news about yourself and I will respond with John's new snail mail address.

**2 Oct 2017** – “A Memorial Service for **Suzie Spurlock II** was held at 1330 Monday in the Old Cadet Chapel at West Point. Representing the class were **Ann Jones** with daughter MG Patricia Jones Frost, **Charlene** and **Alex Johnson**, **Jill** and **Garry Roosma**, **Hal Lyon**, Tony Smith (son of Tony Sr), **Bibs** and me. Following the service all in attendance moved to Lon's gravesite close behind the chapel where Suzie joined Lon 48 years after his death in Vietnam. A reception for family and friends was graciously hosted by Spurlock daughters Julia, Jennifer and Jill at the Thayer Hotel following the ceremony.” Thanks to **Dick Reynard** for this report and correcting my spelling of Suzie's name (rather than Suzy).

## **Class Widows**

10/12/2017

My stats are not completely accurate, but in March we had about 146 widows on the unrestricted sender email address list and the **Pete Trainor G1** snail mail address list. And, with **Lon & Suzie Spurlock II** we have along the order of 47 couples (both our classmate and his wife have died) on the Roll Call. Our Roll Call is getting longer. Probably the final or last complete reading of the Roll Call will be at the 60th Reunion next April.

There was a grand gathering of classmates and wives/widows for the Memorial Services for Suzy Spurlock at Knollwood on 10 Sep. Suzy had been living at Knollwood. During the service I realized how long Suzie had been a widow since Lon's death in Vietnam on 28 March 1969. I already mentioned Pete Brintnall's death. His memorial service at the Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home was on 29 Sep. Another grand gathering of classmates, wives and widows. Let's blame my disorganization on aging. At this juncture in our lives, we blame most things on aging. I do apologize for jumping around from topic to topic.

## **Perpetual Endowment Fund**

10/12/2017

From **George Lawton G2** to the class via email and repeated here for good luck. George is soliciting for a volunteer to serve on the PEF Board: “**Jerry Mitchell's C1** period of service on the Perpetual Endowment Board ends this year and we are seeking a classmate to replace him in one of the four '58 positions on the board. If you'd be willing to serve, we would love to hear from you. The term would begin in November. It is not time consuming. If you're in the Washington area we meet locally. If you live outside the area, we conduct business by a group conference call. Please provide me your name or someone you want to nominate before 15 October. Thanks for your consideration.” You can talk to Lawton, Mitchell or **Ed Weckel D1** about the PEF. All will remember that the PEF was Ed's idea to have '58 keep donating to the West Point Association of Graduates in perpetuity. Of course, we will not remain around in perpetuity, therefore, our time on the PEF board is limited. We have offspring grads on the board who will maintain class involvement after we have joined the “Ghostly Assemblage.”

## Miscellaneous info from emails

10/12/2017

First from **Brad Eliot G2** who wrote today 7 Oct: “I’m jealous of you guys who played the one fifty football. I made the plebe squad regular team but had my head handed to me but couldn’t make the weight for 150. Anyway, Army had a very close win against Navy 40–6!!” True confession: your Scribe could have made the weight, but could not play football well enough. Too bad that Brad and I could not trade pounds for skill.



From **Jim Davis A1**: “**Lee Miller** arranged for a group of A-1 types to go to WV and visit with **Bill (Fagg) Brower** who is in the Nursing facility part of the VA Center located in Martinsburg, WV. **Herb Puscheck**, Lee and I drove over last Saturday, and had a very good visit with Bill and a Navy-reservist friend who lives close to Bill’s cabin in WV. A great day, with much catching up and tales. I sent copy of picture taken by Bill’s friend to Dick

Reynard who thought you would like to have a copy of the picture.”

Here is the photo copied from Jim’s email (left to right: Lee Miller, Jim Davis, Bill Brower and Herb Puscheck):

## Chuck Toftoy E2 sent a recent “Tof’s Tips”

10/12/2017

**Chuck Toftoy E2** sent a recent “Tof’s Tips” reminding us all to get our **Flu Shot**. “It’s that time again. Need to get your flu shot this month. The flu season is October to May. The shot is tailored for this season. It has the right ingredients (Flu strain A-Ca., A-Hong Kong, B-Brisbane, B-Phuket, and other ingredients). The shot causes antibodies to develop in the body about 2 weeks after the shot. Provides protection against infection for you. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state that you should get the flu shot before the end of October. This is supposed to be a bad flu season. Check with your Doc if necessary. Rare side effects are: soreness, headache, fever, nausea, muscle aches. These only last 1-2 days. Most people have no side effects. Patty & I got our flu shots yesterday. This season, 163M doses will be available by manufacturers; 73M have already been delivered.”

Seemed worthwhile to repeat “Doctor” Toftoy’s admonition here in Class Notes. Your Scribe has gotten my flu shot this year. The nurse here at Goodwin House was amazed when I told her that I have not missed a year since January 1954 as an Army brat well before entering USMA in July. There were a few years when I had more than one as the formulation was changed during flu season. One of the benefits of Army medicine!

Another repeat from another recent email to class, this one from **Pete Trainor G1** sending us to the class web page: “Classmates—Several updates at: <http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958/>”

## More class business, this one from Frank Waskowicz C2:

10/12/2017

“The EXCOM asks that you take some time to read (and if desired, comment on) the attached document. Many people have been involved in its writing over the past year. It discusses class governance and the multitude of our many and diverse activities. It is intended to be a statement

of where we are today and how things might transpire in the next decade. It is also a repository of information on a number of specific topics, such as the last toast, CCQ responsibilities, suggested actions when a death occurs, the charter for our Women's Outreach Team, and thoughts governing the opening of our time capsule in 2058. Based on comments we receive, the EXCOM will meet again before year's end to finalize the paper, which will be presented to the class in April as a finalized document reflecting class consensus. Please send me your comments or recommendations BY NOVEMBER 1. Best wishes to each of you. '58 is Great!! Beat Navy!"

Now I am trying to copy a photo received from **Jack May B2**. The photo appears at the beginning of the email as an attachment. I do not understand much about working with my laptop. Anyway, the photo you can open shows Jack and **Jody Le Towt C2** sharing something liquid with a class label! Apparently, the photo is at the beginning of the second part of the Class Notes – miracles never cease.

## **Celebration of General Thaddeus Kosciuszko's**

10/12/2017

**Bill Serchak K1** sent a note about the celebration of General Thaddeus Kosciuszko's contributions to American independence and the 200th anniversary of his death. The celebration will be on 15 October at Lafayette Square near the White House. Seems to me that his monument at West Point overlooks Flirtation Walk and the Hudson River.

More on Pete Brintnall from Bill's daughter Bridget Serchak: "What a storied career! Just so sad that I did not go out to see him before he passed. A truly great guy. One of the best in '58". Go to this link for Pete's interview --

<http://www.adst.org/OH%20TOCs/Brintnall,%20Clarke%20McCurdy.toc.pdf>

## **Bob Shellenberger L2 Just a quick note**

10/12/2017

**Bob Shellenberger L2** sent an email: "Just a quick note to let you know that Margaret and I arrived safely back in the USA late last Friday night after a wonderful but exhausting four weeks in Italy and Germany. In the interest of brevity, I'll spare you the details of the trip until a later post except to say we did miss Irma. There was no damage to our house, just loads of yard debris which we will be in the process of cleaning up for the next few days. I have pared my 2700 unread emails down to 700 so far and will finish that up tonight!

Bob continued, "Of some urgency - for those of you who may be thinking about going to the reunion but are still not sure. Make a reservation! Call the Thayer and get on their wait list, then make a confirmed reservation at one of the backup motels in the area (most of us are at the Holiday Inn in Ft Montgomery). You can always cancel if you decide not to go but you may find yourself without a place to stay if you wait until the last minute! Here's the reunion web site with all the hotel/motel info - <https://www.westpointaog.org/1958reunion> Just do it!!!" To which your Scribe says AMEN!

## **Funeral service for Joe Keyes D2 -- West Point cemetery 27 October**

10/12/2017

A reminder from Jack Downing about the funeral service for **Joe Keyes D2** -- at West Point cemetery on Wednesday 27 October Funeral at 1100.

Another tip for locating memorial articles at WPAOG: Here is a simple way to find the list of classmates with memorial articles using this link [www.westpointaog.org/memorials](http://www.westpointaog.org/memorials). Everyone

who has an article will come up with a red asterisk. To make it easier, put "1958" in the year and nothing else then "search."

## **Washington, DC Alumni Glee Club Concert**

10/12/2017

**18 November 2017.** Here is info on an upcoming concert that many of you in the greater Washington, DC area may be interested in attending. The West Point Alumni Glee Club and special guest star Sam Moore will present a concert called "JOHNNY VET: FREEDOM ISN'T FREE" at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall is conveniently located at 4916 East Campus Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. This is a veteran's musical journey through history. Ticket information at: [johnnyvet.tix.com](http://johnnyvet.tix.com).

"Johnny Vet: Freedom Isn't Free" is a dynamic and inspirational musical journey of the men and women who have fought the nation's wars and how those same men and women, as veterans, have helped to shape the nation and its destiny.

Powerful narration and compelling images set to musical compositions performed by Grammy Award Winner and The Legendary Soul Man™ Sam Moore, the renowned West Point Alumni Glee Club, along with other special guests including Kenneth Rice will take the audience from the start of Johnny Vet's journey with "the shot heard round the world" in 1775 to the present-day era of the Global War on Terror.

Through original scores and popular songs of each era, "Johnny Vet" explores the true nature of these heroes in our midst: who they are, where they come from, the burdens they carry on and off the battlefield, the unique burdens their families shoulder, particularly while they are deployed, and the issues they face when it's time to come home and take off the uniform. The journey will also demonstrate the vast contributions these veterans and their families have made and continue to make to the nation in their civilian communities.

"Johnny Vet: Freedom Isn't Free" will entertain and inform Americans, who benefit from the selfless service and sacrifice of the less than 1% who serve in uniform. Not only do we, as a nation, owe it to these veterans and their families to provide the support some need to become fully functional again, but we owe it to ourselves and to our nation to cherish them as the national treasure that they are.

"Johnny Vet: Freedom Isn't Free" is a production of Opus One Studios and has been funded in part by The Billy Rose Foundation. It benefits the work of Code of Support Foundation (COSF), which, through its programs, provides critical one-on-one assistance to service members, veterans and their families who are struggling with their transition into our civilian communities.

## **Craft Beer. From a Garry Roosma H2**

10/12/2017

**Craft Beer.** From a **Garry Roosma H2** email: "Thanks for the article about craft beer in Burlington. The craft beer phenomenon is big in upstate New York and New England. there are several in Manchester and Bennington. There is a festival in Troy, NY this weekend featuring craft beers.

## **West Point funerals**

10/12/2017

Continuing from Garry – "On another note there are four funerals at WP in the next six weeks. I will attend the October 28 one for Bob Tallgren and the October 2 for Suzie Spurlock. Jill spoke

with Ann Jones recently and she will be at Suzie's funeral. I plan to be at WP in late October and will attend the service for Joe Keyes. Just received notice about Mark Lowrey's funeral (an H2 file from '60) but do not know if I will make that one. Mark and I were Army Brat friends before WP and of course H-2 and then the years after graduation. Are you attending any of the funerals?" Sadly, I cannot make any of these funerals at West Point.

### **More on Pete Brintnall**

10/12/2017

About the same...pretty hard. The four of us bonded a lot more than 59 years could diminish. Austin Mini was the first time the four of us had even seen each other together in all that time. For it to end now would be a pretty bitter last farewell. Thank you for all of your help in this terrible time."

### **Army Football and Washington Post**

10/12/2017

An email from **Palmer McGrew I2**: "Congrats **Dick Schonberger** on actually getting the Post to publish his letter. I often chastise the Post via email mail for ignoring Army. I tell them that there are approximately the same number of Army grads in the DC area as Navy grads. They never reply. Well done Dick!"

And from **George Lawton G2**: "Dick Schonberger had a nice piece in this morning's Washington Post chastising it for providing little or no coverage of Army football. Thanks, Dick for writing this piece which expresses the sentiments of a lot of us. As you point out, although Annapolis is nearby, the Washington Metro area contains a lot of people who are interested in Army and Air Force results also."

I have probably covered this, but repetition beats omission. "Thanks for the sad information. I received both emails (Dey and Downing). Agree with Bob about former classmate **Ed Linkiewicz H2** – Bob wrote: "another good man for whom I had great respect." FYI. We had two couples depart on 2 Aug 2017: Suzie Spurlock (Lon KIA 28 March 69) and Ed Linkiewicz (Marilyn died March 2012). Sad day. I will mention both couples in Class Notes at the end of September/beginning of October.

Life Expectancy – data from John Brinson with a connection to **George Lawton G2**. See [Word attachment](#) at the top. My reply to John—"very interesting. My stats as of 16 Aug 2017 when Joe Keyes died, we were down by 225 of the original 573 who graduated in June 1958. Net is 348 – same number **Pete Trainor** has. We are in synch. And, for your information, George as in Lawton intends to be the final one alive. Of course, he is brain dead already."

### **Diane 2**

10/12/2017

Hurricanes have been in the news lately. Here are some email remembrances from our time at Camp Buckner in the summer of 1955 about "our hurricane" Diane 2. Here is how Phil Gibbs remembers it. "Hurricane Connie (actually Diane) caught the 2nd Company occupying a ridge line on which we dug foxholes and prepared our positions for the night against the 75RCT. It started to rain as we were going to pick up the supper meal. It rained steadily until the AM with the wind, et. A great future in the Infantry. By the time I got from the supper mess line back to our foxhole my mess kit and food were swimming in rain water. I was part of 57RR team with Hank Bielinski. We were always getting put out of action, because the only thing that you could supposedly do with the 57RR was yell: Bang1. But, we improvised that night during an attack. We took the M-1 rifle the ammo bearer carried, shoved it into the barrel of the 57RR and fired



blank ammunition. You have no idea at the blast that made. A hell of a noise, a great flash with a back blast of flame that burnt the stock of the M-1 rifle. We were innovators!”

Phil continues. “There was also the case of a classmate, who was posted as an outpost when we first moved into the positions and never relieved. No one went out to relief him, and finally about 2100 hours (+/-) he decided to return to the friendly lines. Unfortunately, he did not know the password so when he was challenged by an alert classmate and he could not respond properly. The alert classmate challenged him with Plebe Poop! ‘HOW’S THE COW?’ Our returning outpost replied: ‘F\*\*K the Cow!’ The alert classmate yelled ‘aggressor’ and all of 2nd Company opened up on our P\*\*\*ED off company-mate. He ran for cover and became disoriented in the forest never to be seen again that night! At dawn's early light, he reentered friendly lines. ‘I said to him P\*\*\* where have you been all night?’ He used all of the Italian language that he knew. It was obvious he was not a HAPPY Camper.”

Phil continues further. “2nd Company then got Capt Patton and the company CP wiped out during a raid at breakfast time the following day. This did not make Capt Patton very HAPPY! For the final action we made our attack down a dirt road. It was done with no enthusiasm and got critiqued badly by a Capt White?? He offered us the opportunity to redo the final attack with a bit more enthusiasm than on the first effort. The company voted to decline his offer but we were outvoted by the TAC’s. We made some great yells and effort and marched in bravely.to attack. Yes, Hurricane Connie (name of my recently ex-girlfriend in 1955 was a big hit with 2nd Company, Yearling summer 1955, Camp Buckner.”

John Brinson’s memory is shorter: “It was a bitch. We were in the field at Buckner.” John checked wikipedia and found that “1955 was a big-time hurricane year, and global warming hadn’t even been invented yet.” [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1955\\_Atlantic\\_hurricane\\_season](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1955_Atlantic_hurricane_season)

## Class offspring at USMA

10/12/2017

Tony Smith wrote to Joe Shea, one of our gifts to ‘59: “Somehow I inherited the role of the "keeper of the class grandchildren" for the class of '58. It's my understanding that you have a grandchild who is now a proud member of the USMA Class of 2020. Am I correct? Grandson or granddaughter? Name? Thanks for your help, and best regards, Tony”

Joe’s reply: “Tony, Yes, my granddaughter Autumn Ashley Shea. Here she is charming The Supe!

Autumn is a hive unlike her grandfather and her father (my son Thom) who was class of '90 until cow year. Thom's book "Unbreakable, A Navy Seal's Way of Life" was a best seller published a few years back by Brown Little. While we're at it, here is a poem I wrote last year after struggling thru the plebe hike with **Willie Collett**:



Plebe March back 2016

I joined the plebe’s march-back  
in a pitch black forest full of pine  
full of their voices chanting  
uphill over a rocky trail - no moon



knew immediately I was in over my head  
knew I might not make it.

Autumn had introduced several  
of her classmates the night before  
as I fell back they passed burdened  
in the darkness I heard, "hi, Grampa Joe"  
or "how ya doin Grampa Joe" or "you OK Sir"  
- heard - "we're proud of you Sir."

Then, they bounced ahead into the night  
red chem-lights on their helmets bobbing  
in the darkness like a train of fireflies  
ghosting its way uphill toward morning  
toward a brightness not yet certain  
in footfalls of the long grey line.

Scribe's email to the class re offspring drew a second response from **Jim Bishop H1**: "George: I am confused so will respond to both e-mails. My grandson, James Logan Comer, is in the Class of 2018 and I plan to attend graduation along with my daughter, son-in-law and other relatives. Thanks, Jim." I have forwarded Jim's email to Tony Smith, the keeper of this information.

An email from **C1 CCQ Jerry Mitchell** received this morning informs us that **Bud Moentmann C1** transitioned to the Ghostly Assemblage today after a long illness. Received this just as I was about to send my current October Class Notes. My reply to Jerry is repeated here: "Bud has a 'USMA Family' with son James E Moentmann #38665-1981, grandson Thomas W Moentmann #66691-2010 and grandson Grant H Peterson #71044-2014. Sad day for Moentmann family, especially for Holly, our class and your company C1."

10 October 2017 – past time to launch this effort. I have more info, but it should appear next time. Sorry this is late. And terribly sorry for the final item about Bud.

## **Suzanne Roux Spurlock**

9/12/2017

December 28, 1935 - August 22, 2017

Suzanne died peacefully in her sleep at the age of 81 at Knollwood in Washington, D.C. where she was a resident since 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband LTC Lon A. Spurlock II who was killed in the Vietnam War March 28, 1969. Suzanne was a member of Gold Star Wives. Suzanne was an avid bridge and piano player and enjoyed tennis, reading, and caring for her pet cats. She also played the organ for various Episcopal churches she attended. Suzanne was fluent in French and studied French cooking. All who knew her enjoyed her cooking immensely, especially Sunday dinners.

Suzanne received her Bachelor of Arts degree in French from Wheaton College and her Master of Education from Western Kentucky University. She taught French for many years including at the L'ecole de Beau Soleil school in Switzerland. She also worked in the Federal Government for the Head Start Program. She is survived by her three daughters Julia, Jennifer and Jill and her grandson Maximillian.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service on October 2, 2017 at West Point.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Suzanne's name to the Humane Rescue Alliance. To donate, please access the following link <http://www.humanerescuealliance.org/Donate-HRA> and include "Suzanne Spurlock" in the tribute section of the form. You may also mail a check payable to the "Humane Rescue Alliance" PO BOX 96312 Washington, D.C. 20090 and include the name "Suzanne Spurlock" in the check memo. For questions, please contact them directly at 202-375-7745.

## LGL Prompts a Question

9/7/2017

Long Gray Line prompts a question Scribe has pondered before: when did the Long Grey Line as it was called in our 1954 Bugle Notes become the Long Gray Line? For the non-English hives here the question is one of spelling the word: grey or gray? Beats me. Any answers from readers? Hope so. Meanwhile, I much prefer the spelling gray in Long Gray Line rather than grey. But, when did it change? Sometime after our Plebe year, but when?

## March Back

9/7/2017

Scribe returned from West Point on Monday 14 Aug after participating in the shorter March Back from the Ski Slope. While there I saw our full March Backers **Wally Ward M1**, **Ed Weckel D1**, **Will Collett L1**. They were our three classmates who walked to whole way with the New Cadets from Camp Buckner to West Point. This was the 18th March Back for Wally and Ed and 17th for Will. For the record, Wally was the oldest March Backer and led all the grads during the shorter March Back from the Ski Slope to the Supe's quarters! And, for the record, these three Marchers were accompanied to West Point by their wives **Jo Ward**, **Cathy Weckel** and **Andrea Collett**. Scribe enjoyed dinner with the Wards and Weckels on Saturday and all three couples on Sunday.

Also seen at West Point were the other two other classmates who participated in the shorter March Back from the Ski Slope. One was **Dick Graves M1**, father of grads William W Graves 1982 and Thomas C Graves 1986, both of whom marched back as well. The older son William has a son Colin Walter Graves USMA 2011 (hope this is correct, my notes are fuzzy here). Proud father and grandfather Dick was there with his wife, mother and grandmother **Bev**. Another classmate seen was **Dale Hrubby M2** who was there with wife **Dodie**. I enjoyed lunch with Dale and Dodie after the March Back while Dick and Bev sat with their sons. It bears repeating so that it is not lost in the noise of this column, we have three grandsons in the class of 2021 who will graduate 63 years after our graduation. Wow! Think about it – 63 years! This info is in the truly difficult to believe category.

Here is a link to March Back photos, I think, but I could not open it. Beats me. You try it. [https://www.flickr.com/photos/west\\_point/albums/72157684113255992/with/36173246320/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/albums/72157684113255992/with/36173246320/) Ski Mini Reunions. The class has a ski reunion web page. Skiers should go to the ski reunion web page and not rely on your non-skier Scribe. Here is a partial list of the Ski Reunions for the past number of years. Sorry I do not have the actual dates. Contact one of the skiers for more information, especially about future skiing reunions like next year in 2018. 2017 was in Snowmass CO. 2016 Park City UT. 2015 and 2014 Snowmass CO. 2013 was somewhere, but I have no info. 2012 and 2011 Snowmass CO. 2010 Big Mountain Whitefish MT. 2009 Heavenly Valley. 2008 Park City UT. 2007 Breckenridge CO. 2006 Steamboat Springs CO. 2005 Steamboat Springs CO. 2004 Park City UT. 2003 Copper Mountain CO. 2003 Whistle BC Canada. 2001 Breckenridge CO. 2000 Austria. 1999 Keystone/Breckenridge (Summit County) CO. 1998 Alta UT. 1997 Breckenridge CO.

## Mini Reunions

9/7/2017

Our first Class Mini Reunion was in Palm Springs CA in the year of 1989 hosted by **Dick & Marg Groves K1**. In fact, it was organized by their daughters. This Mini was our 31st Reunion. Sadly, both Dick and Marg have died. I believe the Ski Minis began a few years after our first Class Mini Reunion, but I cannot find my notes. Perhaps **Palmer McGrew I2** can help on the history of Ski Reunions which began after the Mini in Winter Park CO a few years after Palm Springs. The first Ski Mini might have been in 1997, in which case this is a complete list of the Skiing Reunions.

## Elvis Presley and the Class of 1958

9/7/2017

Scribe asked a question about Elvis and his Army service with classmates and was fortunate to receive many replies which are reported in random order.

From **Tom Morgan A2**: "I liked a story that I read in a magazine some years ago where Elvis agreed to put on a show at Fort Hood at the NCO Club. The wives in attendance got so excited that they tore his uniform off his back. He had to be reimbursed for his uniform."

From **Dale Hruby M2**: "Last year while returning from an Ohio family wedding, we stopped for gas in a small West Virginia village about two miles off the Interstate. The place was a kind of one-pump, Mom & Pop operation featuring nightcrawlers and beer in addition to cheap gas. In a corner near the cash register was a kind of floor to ceiling shrine to Elvis featuring a whole bunch of newspaper articles, magazine covers, and photos of the owner (not present) who had served with Elvis in 1/32 Armor in Friedberg. I am sorry I didn't write down the names of the place and of the owner, but serving with Elvis was clearly the highlight of the man's life. And from an earlier email reply from Dale: George -- I think it was probably John Brinson who was in the 32d Armor in Friedberg in 1959 when Elvis was in their scout platoon."

From **Tony Smith II**: "I recall that he (Elvis) was in Lon Spurlock's unit, whether that was Lon's platoon, company, or battalion I do not recall. Bill Taylor, not a USMA grad, but whom many of us know from his time as a Sosh P, first from 1965-68 and then later for many years as a PAP (Permanent Associate Professor), was Presley's platoon leader and wrote a book about it, 'Elvis in the Army.' The book is available in paperback (used) on Amazon for \$3.84 and has great reviews. Bill Taylor - RIP - was himself a bit of a legend."

Tony's reply prompted one from **John Brinson C2**: "Tony, **Lon Spurlock II** and **Dick Lynch II** too were in 2/52 Infantry, CCC, 3AD, Ray Barracks, Friedberg. Presley was not in 2/52 Infantry, and Lon was never his CO. William Taylor was Presley's platoon leader prior to March 1959. After him, and until Presley left in 1960, the Scout Platoon leader was 1LT Richard Coffman, an outstanding young officer and Korean War veteran. The Platoon Sergeant was SSgt Billy Wilson, another Korean War vet, a great soldier. Presley was his driver."

And in another reply from John: "Dick Coffman was Elvis' scout platoon leader for Elvis' last year in the Army, 1959-1960. He had a great record in Korea as an enlisted man, was commissioned after college, and served in Germany and later in Vietnam. Perhaps some of you Armor files will remember him. <http://www.pittstate.edu/departments/military/alumni/richard-coffman.dot> <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/vagazette/obituary.aspx?pid=162442843> I knew him and his wife Betsy well, and thought he was a great soldier. He was rare because he had fought in Korea, rising to Master Sergeant and earning many decorations, before college and commission as an Armor Officer in 1957. He retired as a Colonel. He had a wry sense of humor,

imitating crybaby soldiers: 'it's not my fault – nobody told me.' To my dying day, I will regret resigning and missing serving with the likes of Dick Coffman - and many of you."

From **Jack Bradshaw M2** about Dick Coffman: "These days anyone who has worn a uniform is called a hero. Maybe because all other public institutions enjoy so little admiration. It is invigorating to read about a real hero, John. Thanks."

From **Joe Schwar I2**: "John Brinson correctly reported on Elvis (at least my recollection is the same as his). I was in the infantry battalion in CCB of 3rd AD. Those were the days of post level football. I remember the Sunday afternoon the CCB played CCC. Elvis was there. Had an MP detail to keep the crowds away. As a 2d Lt I was above asking a lowly soldier for his autograph so I did the next best thing. I sent Pat to stand in line and get his autograph. She got it. Wish I could remember what happened to it. Other Elvis sightings during training exercises but nothing as exciting as getting the autograph saga."

And from **Pete Trainor G1** more about Presley's military service: "Elvis Aron Presley entered the United States Army at Memphis, Tennessee, on March 24, 1958, and then spent three days at the Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, Reception Station. He left active duty at Fort Dix, New Jersey, on March 5, 1960, and received his discharge from the Army Reserve on March 23, 1964.

"During his active military career Mr. Presley served as a member of two different armor battalions. Between March 28 and September 17, 1958, he belonged to Company A, 2d Medium Tank Battalion, 37th Armor, stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. During this assignment he completed basic and advanced military training.

"Mr. Presley's overseas service took place in Germany from October 1, 1958, until March 2, 1960, as a member of the 1st Medium Tank Battalion, 32d Armor. For the first five days of that period he belonged to Company D of the battalion, and thereafter to the battalion's Headquarters Company at Friedberg, Germany."

Perhaps these stories will prompt more memories of US Army service by Elvis. Another great topic follows with more after that. Read on...

## **150-lb Football**

9/7/2017

150 lb football. Scribe expressed interest in 150-lb football (now called Sprint football team).

**Dick Schonberger B2** provided the names of our classmates from the first 150-lb team:

"Thanks for your interest. There were five of us who played and lettered, John Brinson, Brad Johnson, Me, Bill Shely and Jude Theibert. I happened to be the one who went this year. We were really the core of that first team and need to be looked at that way." Scribe hopes each of our five letter-men makes the trip to West Point to collect their Major A letters with Navy Star (see Dick's remarks below). This should be one of their goals while attending the 60 Reunion next April. In fact, Scribe hopes each attends the 60th Reunion.

Anyway, I received more info about our "first 150-lb team" from **Dick** via email: "I volunteered to talk about the beginning of the 150 (reunion) program. I can assure you there was real interest among the younger classes since I guess there's no real history. I spoke at the Friday dinner, well attended by previous players and many families. I didn't dress for the game, but wore the game jersey we all got reflecting our class. Some of the younger guys wanted me to go in for one play, but discretion got the better of valor. As in told the audience, I first learned of the 150 lb football league our Yearling year from of our '57 intramural players, and that Navy had a team. That in turn led us to go to our TAC and ask why Army didn't have a team. He told us he had passed it up the chain, and that we heard nothing till that announcement in the Spring of 1957. Also told

them of our tryouts and season record, to include having the President come to two of our games. Something you may not know is a clipping of that first A-N 150 game is contained in our time capsule. You should have heard the reaction when I mentioned having the people read about that first victory over Navy on the 100th anniversary of our graduation.

“Since I was by far the oldest player there, Mark asked me to be defensive captain, and a 68-er, next senior, to captain the offense (that was just for the coin toss). If you don't know, the grads scrimmage the current Sprint team, four 12-minute quarters. I was surprised at the age of some of the players, many who go back every year. I was surprised too, when after saying a few words before kick-off, Mark asked me to address the teams and crowd as an ‘original’ from the first team. I will humbly tell you the reception I got throughout the weekend was overwhelming. You can't believe how pleased the people were to hear about the origin of the team. I received a standing ovation when I was introduced and after my talk at the dinner. All weekend, people were having their pictures taken with me and expressing their appreciation, including a picture with the youngest grad, Class of '17. They are really a great group and Coach West has really inculcated a spirit that transcends cadet years.

“If you haven't been back, you'll be surprised to see the playing field we used. It's now called Shea Stadium on what I think we called the lower playing field (Scribe addition: pretty sure it was named Shea in our day, but the stadium is new). In addition to the small stadium dedicated to Sprint football, there is an electronic scoreboard, and artificial turf on the playing field and surrounding track. As I told the crowd, what a change from what it was 60 years ago. I guess I came across as a real fossil since after the game since the cadet team wound up coming by me (standing behind the grad players) to high five, hug and do things opposing teams do after the game. What an experience, and one I will always remember!

“The weekend began on Thursday evening with cocktails and buffet dinner at the Zulu Bar of the Thayer. Friday morning began with a memorial service for fallen players, with the rest of the day for equipment issue and golf. If you're not playing nor play golf, it's pretty much down time until the cocktails and dinner. This year was German cuisine including German beer and snacks for cocktails. We were also given a small Sprint football beer mug for the occasion. According to Mark, he goes out of his way to make each successive year better than the previous year including change of venues and menu.

“Saturday AM was breakfast at the Thayer then equipment issue, warm-ups with the game about 1230. Following the game there was a barbecue lunch for all the players and families. All-in-all, a really great time. I can guarantee if you go back you will really be super welcome.....do it while you still can! One more enticement if you're interested. During the weekend, I spoke to Coach West about the team letters and mentioned we received minor A's and understood players now receive major A's, and have for some time. I don't know if they still have major and minor sports. The coach said he could take care of that and I'm receiving a major A with Navy star even if it's sixty years in the making. Coach said the offer stands for our entire cohort, with one caveat. You will need to go to West Point to collect it. Hopefully, that will be an incentive. Hope you find this interesting and maybe stimulating. Beat Navy! Dick.” Scribe can add his heartfelt thanks for this information.

## **Another New Topic**

9/7/2017

Recent edition of “Tof's Tips” is repeated for those of us still above the grass. “ALL: Benefits of walking: Prevents/manages heart disease, improves circulation, aids in sound sleep, supports joints, eases joint pains, lowers blood pressure, aids in thwarting type 2 diabetes, improves balance/coordination/circulation, strengthens muscles, helps to lower or maintain healthy weight, boosts immune function, slows mental decline, gives you more energy. Frankly, walking

boosts your mood/morale. Makes you happy by reducing stress/anxiety. Walking 30+ minutes daily will be good for you. Walk anywhere: around the block, at a track, mall, park...just anywhere. A treadmill is good too. During your walk, at some point, play like you are almost late for an appointment or plane so pick it up for 5-10 minutes (brisk walk). MOST DOCTORS AGREE THAT THE BEST NATURAL FORM OF EXERCISE IS WALKING. Hang in there. Chuck, E-2 CCQ”

And the Tof’s Tips received a quick endorsement from **Bob D’Amore C1** who wrote: “My father was living proof of Chuck's walking fitness program. He walked at least a mile every day. He built a track in his basement so he could walk in bad weather. As he got older he built a railing around the outside of his house so he could grab something if he fell. A fast-moving cancer killed him just before his 96th birthday - just after he had renewed his driver’s license. He lived alone, cooked his own meals and scared everyone silly when he drove to do his shopping or go to church. He also did calisthenics every morning. He played golf almost daily until age 92 - at which time he gave up drinking - he drank a lot!. He felt that latter move was responsible for his impending demise. Would appreciate Chuck's assessment of using alcohol as a senior.”

Scribe chimes in that we all need that Toftoy’s assessment of alcohol. This might be the subject of a future “Tof’s Tip.” I hope that many in DC caught Chuck Toftoy on TV (Channel 7 ABC, today, 30 Aug). Here is what **Tony Smith I1** wrote about the interview: “Great reporting on your fast walking, et. al! Bravo! The WJLA newscasters were literally awed by your exploits and the ‘can do’ attitude, especially the line about ‘can't wait to be 90, won't be so much competition then.’ We're proud of you, man. To think that I once played basketball against you in the 5th grade! To the DC gang, if you missed the segment on Chuck, see if you can find it on line. WJLA-TV in Washington.”

## **Class Executive Committee (EC)**

9/7/2017

“Classmates, the Executive Committee will be meeting on 6 September. If you have any matters of interest or concern to be addressed by the EC, please contact the undersigned by return email NLT 4 September. Your timely responses appreciated. For the Class of 1958 Executive Committee, Dick Schonberger, Chair”

## **DC Class Luncheon**

9/7/2017

Thursday 21 September at ANCC Fairfax. Contact **Jack Gordon A1** for reservations and more information. If you are interested in playing golf after lunch, contact **Andy Andreson G1**. One regret already for lunch: “Andy, Phooey, I could play but we will be in Barcelona sampling tapas, etc. **John Herren G2**.” Scribe would never say phooey to being in Barcelona.

## **Bob Shellenberger L2 CCQ**

9/7/2017

Another foreign traveler heard from – **Bob Shellenberger L2 CCQ**. “First, our thoughts and prayers go out to all those, especially those of our L-2 family, along the Texas coast in the path of Hurricane Harvey. We pray you are all safe and sound and have found shelter where/if the need arose. When you can, let us hear from you so we know you are safe.

## **Leaving for Italy and Germany**

9/7/2017

“Margaret and I will be leaving for Italy and Germany on Tuesday (29 Aug) and will return on 22 Sep. We will spend the first few days participating in some World War 2 memorial



celebrations near Bologna. As some of you already know, Margaret's Dad fought in North Africa, Sicily and up through Rome and the mountains of north central Italy. The second and third generation Italians are wonderful about remembering what we did there and really insist that Margaret and her sister be participants in the ceremonies. Following these few days we will take a few days to relax on our own and then fly up to Stuttgart to spend some time with our son and his family. Our one-year old grandson will be christened on 17 Sep while we are there.”

This is getting too long and it is getting too late. I will send this to our Webmeister Dick Buckalew to see if I need to break this up into two messages. More next time. George

## **Corrections for August Class Notes**

9/7/2017

First, a serious omission corrected by **John Devens H1 CCQ**, who quickly sent me an email as follows: “George, you missed **Dan Carter's** passing on 6/15/17. H1 would like to have him remembered in your notes. John Devens, H1 CCQ.” Thank you, John. My apologies to the Carter family, the rest of H1 and the class. Scribe had the information about Dan’s death, but missed it in the notes. No excuse, sir!

This is sad information to begin this edition, but it leads off the Class Notes so that it does not happen twice in a row. Dan Carter’s is another good entry in the 50-year book with a great photo of his shirt with class crest. And, this becomes another chance for Scribe to encourage your reading Dan’s entry in the 50-year book. While you are at it, read the whole book! Let me know when you have read it all. Special thanks to H1 CCQ John Devens for pointing out my omission in August notes. As Scribe recalls, John and Dan were cadet roommates.

So that I do not repeat the error corrected in the first paragraph above, I must sadly record in these Class Notes the death of **Joseph D Keyes, D2** . Joe died on 16 August 2017. Our prayers are with his wife **Jan**, their daughters and the rest of their family. Joe is another with a great entry in the 50-year book which I just re-read. It is a fascinating account of his transition from Infantry command track to computer combat simulation. I encourage you to read Joe’s complete entry. Joe is our 225th graduated classmate to have joined the Ghostly Assemblage.

And, another late addition to the beginning of these Class Notes – **Suzanne (better known as Suzi) Spurlock**, widow of **Lon Spurlock II** , died in her sleep on 22 August 2017 at Knollwood (Army retirement community). Most will remember that Lon was KIA almost 50 years ago on 28 March 1969 while serving as a battalion S-3 in the 1st Infantry Division in VN. There will be a memorial service for Suzi at Knollwood on 10 September at 1:30 pm. She will be buried at West Point with Lon on 2 October. Also at 1:30 pm. They are together again at long last. May they rest in peace. Thanks to **Tony Smith I1** and **Jack Downing H2** for passing along the information. Scribe hopes the DC gang can attend the service at Knollwood and that some will be able to attend Suzi’s burial at West Point. Suzi was our 92d wife to pass to the next phase of life beyond this earthly existence.

## **And now another correction to prior Class Notes**

9/7/2017

Last time various class email addresses were listed along with info on making changes or corrections. For the record, please send snail mail address or telephone number changes to **George Lawton G2** via his email or snail mail addresses. Email [geolawton58@gmail.com](mailto:geolawton58@gmail.com) or snail mail to George C Lawton, 11900 Paradise Lane, Herndon VA 20171-1519. You can always call George at 703-715-0068. You may get lucky and reach Mary Jane rather than George. And, if you cannot reach George Lawton, you can call **John Nun A2** at his Virginia number 703-317-9347 (Nov-Apr) or during the summer at his telephone number in Maine 207-

655-2217. Again, you might luck out and get **Mimi** at either number if she is not out selling houses to keep John in the style to which he has become accustomed. And, if you do contact either (or both) Lawton and Nun via email, send a copy to **Pete Trainor G1** for his class snail mail roster. Pete's email is [PBTrainor@cox.net](mailto:PBTrainor@cox.net) and telephone is 757-345-3564 or cell 757-773-4470. And, the advantage of calling on the telephone is the chance of reaching **Vicki**. While you are at it, send me a copy of your email to Lawton and Trainor with your address and/or news. Love to hear from you!

## **2015 WPAOG Register corrections**

9/7/2017

We have some class offspring whose register entries do not have the helmet which indicates they are descendants of graduates and are not listed on page 3-31 along with other class offspring. One such omission is Sean M Coffey USMA 2013 (more below from his grandmother **Gerry**). Another is Matthew L Brown 2007, grandson of **Lynn Hale Allen**. Sadly, both of their grandfathers **Ray Coffey F2** and **Ed Hale L2** have died. No doubt these Register entries need corrections. I think the rest of our offspring, sons/daughters and grandchildren are properly indicated with helmets in front of their names. I suggest that all classmates with offspring (grads or former cadets) look at their own Register entries and those of company-mates to insure accuracy, especially the genealogical accuracy. Not a bad idea for CCQs to check on the Register entries for their company-mates. More info about Register entries for offspring follows.

Now to new information and/or poop not used last time in August class notes. From **John Schroeder M2** in an email to **Jack Downing H2** with information on the funeral for **Bob Tallgren M2**: "Just received word that Robert's service will be on Thursday September 28 at 1:30 pm in the Old Cadet Chapel. Do you have any guidance for family who are out of town and planning to attend the service? I have a call in to the AOG, but if you have anything let me know. Tough couple of months for the class." To which your Scribe can only add AMEN.

No doubt Jack Downing will pass along more timely information than these class notes for anyone who can attend Tallgren's final Parade and service at Old Cadet Chapel. Scribe remembers car-pooling with Bob at Ft Rucker in advanced flight school and instrument training. We lived in the Barbara Ann Motel in Ozark from July-November 1959. This portion of flight school followed our being the final Army class to graduate from Camp Gary in San Marcos TX in June of 1959. "Where have all the young men gone? Gone for Soldiers everyone. When will they ever learn? When will they ever learn?" – close to the words from a song in our younger days. As I recall, Peter, Paul and Mary sang it. And, Bob Tallgren's is another great write-up in 50-year book.

## **More follow-up information from funeral for Doug Sedgwick G1**

9/7/2017

This might be useful to anyone attending Bob Tallgren's funeral on 28 Sep: "Hello Andy, et al - We stayed at the Beat Navy House on post, which was outstanding and could not have been more convenient. Natalia Lucero ([natalia.lucero@wpaog.org](mailto:natalia.lucero@wpaog.org)), with WPAOG was incredibly helpful in every detail of the service including helping us secure rooms. Interestingly enough, it's also listed publicly here: <https://www.ihg.com/armyhotels/hotels/us/en/west-point/zywpb/hoteldetail/photos-tours>. But through AOG family members have priority. Let me know if there's more I can do to be of help. With warm regards, Laurie." This info was provided by Laurie D. Sedgwick, Director of Career Management, Executive MBA Programs and Alumni, Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management, Cornell SC Johnson College of Business, 142A Sage Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853 Phone: 607.255.4838, Fax: 607.254.4222, [Lds9@cornell.edu](mailto:Lds9@cornell.edu), <https://www.linkedin.com/in/lauriesedgwick>.

A word to the wise for those attending funerals or other functions at West Point: Military ID cards make it easier to get admitted to West Point these days. And, for those with no DOD ID card, I think you can contact WPAOG before going to West Point to see if they have any hints for making it easier to get on-post.

## **Class widows**

9/7/2017

Scribe has spoken to **Audrey Webb I2** who, along with **Betsy Hall H2** and **Margie Downing H2**, constitute our "Widows Outreach Team." And, I received an informative email from **Stan Bacon I2 CCQ**. Much of this info was in August Class Notes, but it bears repeating. Stan wrote and Scribe quotes: "Class Widows List – the widows email list address is <[usma1958-widows@west-point.org](mailto:usma1958-widows@west-point.org)>. It currently has 34 subscribers. Those who would like to subscribe, please contact **Margie Downing H2**, the list moderator at <[ejdowning@cox.net](mailto:ejdowning@cox.net)>. Margie, along with Betsy Hall H2 and Audrey Webb I2 comprise the Widows Outreach Team. Our thanks to **Sue Kernan C1** who established the widows email list and web site at <<http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958-widows/>> in 2001." Scribe adds my personal "well done" for Sue's getting the widows organized. And to Audrey, Betsy and Margie for continuing the work begun by Sue. It should be noted that Margie Downing is not a widow, but is helping Audrey and Betsy with her computer skills and is, therefore, a member of the Widows Outreach Team.

Back to Stan who continued: "We (Webbs and Kernans) lived next door to each other at WP from 1969 to 1971. Sue is well known and liked by many in the class and we encouraged her to rejoin by attending our 30th reunion together, which she did. As I described earlier, she filled a major gap in supporting our class widows support effort. Stan." Scribe hastens to point out here that Sue is not Jim Kenan's widow – they divorced years ago. FYI -- Jim's widow is **Eve Kernan C1** and I am working on Eve's contact information along with **Jerry Mitchell C1 CCQ** and **Dick Price B1 CCQ**, who is in contact with Eve.

## **An email from Nick Carlson B1 had this information:**

9/7/2017

"There is little to tell from my end. I left San Francisco at the end of 2013, had lived there for 33 years. I'm now back in Vacaville which for those who have traveled in these parts is the town associated with the Nut Tree Restaurant and shops, now all changed. My ex, **Cookie**, still lives here and I see her frequently, especially at our Episcopal Church where she is the deacon. My daughter Margaret is also a deacon but in Minneapolis. Glad to have read that **Bob Bunker's** son is now in Seminary. The number of men in Seminary these days is extremely low. Thanks to the women who have taken the call."

Nick's email continues: "I was traveling some in past years but have quieted down a bit. I may go to Chile later this year to see Santiago since my trip last year was only to Iquique on the edge of the Atacama Desert. My next trip is back to Minneapolis in early September for my granddaughter's wedding. She just graduated from U of Chicago with an MA in non-profit management. Her fiancé is an attorney in international law working in New York. They will live in that area."

## **New Plebes**

9/7/2017

It appears we had three grandsons sworn in as New Cadets in early July. Having completed Beast Barracks, they are now full-fledged Plebes in the class of 2021. Can you believe it: 2021? An email from **Peter Bahnsen C2** provided this information: "So far by my count there are grandsons of **Ray Coffey**, **Dick Graves** and my grandson **Peter G Echevarria**. Are there any

more?" Scribe pleads ignorance, but is checking with **Tony Smith I1**, who along with **Jack Downing H2** makes presentations to class offspring who graduate. Tony keeps up with them from the time they enter as New Cadets, become Plebes then progress as Yearlings and Cows and First Classmen all the way through to graduation. I asked Tony for information. He PROMPLY sent an old email of mine with data. I then had to ask Tony for my old email a second time. His computer filing is much better than mine.

From an earlier email, **Gerry Coffey F2** provided this information about her class of 2021 grandson: "Our grandson, **Sean Coffey's** younger brother, **Greg**, studied little in school and was hardly a sterling high school grad. He enlisted shortly after graduation and was eventually assigned to Syria where, bored to death, he started going to the gym, was inspired by some of his Army buddies and, to make a long story shorter, last week he graduated from USMAPS and will soon be joining the class of 2021." End of quote from Gerry.

Scribe's addition: older brother Sean Coffey is USMA Class of 2013 and now his younger brother Greg is a Plebe in 2021. Their aunt, who is Ray and Gerry's daughter **Valerie**, graduated in 1985, a USMA classmate of **Meg Roosma**, daughter of **Garry & Jill H2**. Meg retired as a colonel a few years ago. Valerie was a LTC in USAR, but Scribe thinks she must be retired by now. Talk about a black, gold and gray families: Roosmas and Coffeys! And your Scribe notes for the record that **Ray Coffey F2** and **Dick Smith F2** were my roommates in 3d New Cadet Company during our Beast Barracks way back in July 1954. Sadly, Ray died 5 Jun 2009, missing his grandsons when they joined the Long Gray Line. Ray Coffey kept up with Dick Smith, they were roommates in F2, but your Scribe has not heard from Dick for far too many years. I hope to see him at our 60th next April.

## **Brown '07, grandson of Ed & Lynn Hale L2**

9/7/2017

And further information from **Bob Shellenberger L2 CCQ** about Matthew L Brown (63221) Class of 2007, grandson of **Ed & Lynn Hale L2** (now Lynn Hale Allen): "Don't know what kind of match you are looking for but I felt I should go to a highly reliable source. Had a delightful chat with Lynn (Hale) Allen (Ed's widow) and, among other things confirmed, that Matthew Lee Brown is indeed the grandson of Edward Gordon Hale Jr. Matthew is now a captain, recently graduated from Georgia Tech with a Masters in Aerospace Engineering and is going to Navy Test Pilot School! Not sure what else I can provide in the way of help so hope this will seal the deal."

## **I Followed my own Advice**

9/7/2017

I followed my own advice and looked in the 2015 Register of Graduates and Former Cadets for offspring of classmates in addition to those already mentioned (who will be mentioned again). The following classmates have children and/or grandchildren listed in the Register – provided here because some of you saved money by not buying the Register (too cheap to buy the Register?) and/or might be too lazy to look up the information (too lazy, not 1958). And your Scribe needs something to write about in these Class Notes.

So, here goes: **Paul Johnson L2** has son Jay K Johnson (41236-1984); **George Robertson H1** has son Russell G Robertson (39696-1982); **Ray Coffey F2** (died 5 Jun 2009) has daughter Valerie G Coffey (41990-1985) and grandsons (nephews of Valerie) Sean M Coffey (69389-2013) and his Plebe brother Greg; **Bob Grete M2** has grandson Robert D Grete (65442-2009); **Alan Claflin B2** (died 21 Nov 2000) has son Robert A Claflin (41978-1985); **Ron Hudson L2** has son Dale E Hudson (42254-1985); **Dave Clarke D1** has son Timothy R Clarke (44046-1987); **Mil Pederson F1** (died 27 May 2014) has son William M Pederson (39640-1982, ret

LTC); **Paul Bons C1** has son Vincent C Bons (42960-1986 ret LTC) and grandson Michael J Hill (63503-2007); **Bill Gillette D2** has daughter Deborah Gillette Nagel (39309-1982); **Bud Moentmann C1** has son James E Moentmann (38665-1981) along with grandsons Thomas W Moentmann (66691-2010) and Grant Peterson (71044-2014); **Dale Hruby L2** has son Dale E Hruby II (40306-1983); **Mike Daley I2** has granddaughter Briana C Burnstad (71524-2015); **Fred Kulick H1** has son Todd A Kulick (40383-1983); **Ken Herberger L1** has grandson Christian P Herberger (70690-2014); **Mel Drisko K1** (died 23 Jun 2005) has son Michael D S Drisko (47181-1990); **Wes Loffert H1** has son John W Loffert Jr (42371-1985); **Pat Donovan G2** (died 4 Oct 2002) has son Michael E Donovan (38305-1981) and grandson James E Link III (70856-2014); **Will Merrill C1** has sons Will G Merrill III (40471-1983) and Michael F Merrill (41381-1984).

Longer than expected, therefore, Scribe is breaking up the paragraph. **John Devens H1** has grandson Michael W Devens Jr (69450-2013); **Dick Thomas E2** has son Clifton R Thomas (42710-1985); **Ed Weckel D1** has son Thomas E Weckel (41731-1984); **Tom Kelly C1** (died 8 Nov 1997) has son Kevin W Kelly (37547-1980); **Garry Roosma H2** has daughter Margaret (Meg) A Roosma (42583-1985); **Dick Graves M1** has sons William W Graves (39323-1982) and Thomas C Graves (43215-1986) along with grandson Collin W Graves (67470-2011) and his Plebe grandson whose name escaped from my brain; **Gary Graves C1** has son Scott A Graves (46221-1989); **Bob Finkenaur H1** has son Robert G Finkenaur III (40186-1983); **Link Jones I1** (died 16 Jan 2013) has son Peter L Jones (42290-1985 -- who just retired in August as an Army BG and “day before yesterday” was a Webelos Scout when I was his Den Chief in Colorado Springs); **Heyward Hutson E1** has two sons Heyward G Hutson III (47336-1990) and his brother Robert W Hutson (47337-1990); **Daryl Jaschen K1** has son Daryl D Jaschen (39418-1982 -- who was promoted to BG in 2014); **Corky Henninger E2** has son Kermit P Henninger (38461-1981); **Ed Lucci K1** has son Edward B Lucci 40422-1983 – went to medical school); **Ed Hale L2** (died 8 Jun 1966) has grandson Matthew L Brown (63221-2007); **Bill Buchly B2** has son William P King (43350-1986); **Ray Tomlinson E1** has son Roy C Tomlinson (43761-1986); **Stan Slater E1** (died 5 Aug 2001) has son Scott C Slater (53668-1996); **Dick Bauchspies F1** (died 16 Mar 2009) has grandson Brandon B Lawrence (67661-2011). End of list. Pretty sure that Scott Slater is our last “child,” but he is no longer a child. If I missed anyone it should prompt some email or phone calls. And, the parents should encourage these younger grads to update their Register entries. That admonishment goes to our 1958 classmates as well.

## Dr. Toftoy "It's in The Eyes" & "Eyes of Cold Case Killers"

9/7/2017



**Chuck Toftoy** has written an intriguing two book series. *It's in The Eyes*: It's spring in Washington, DC — a beautiful time of year in the nation's capital, yet its citizens are uneasy. Their heightened restlessness is reminiscent of the recent 9/11, sniper, and anthrax scares. But this time the enemy is a psychopathic killer responsible for the deaths of four local university co-eds — raping and murdering them using rituals practiced by the Thuggees, killers for the Goddess Kali who were responsible for the deaths of more than two million travelers in India in the 17th and 18th centuries. It's up to Lars

Neilsen, a college professor and part-time sleuth, and his highly skilled Alpha Team to find out



who is committing these atrocious murders. But Lars and his team are in for a few nasty surprises along the way...

*Eyes of Cold Case Killers:* University professor and sometimes sleuth, Lars Neilsen, along with his highly skilled Alpha Team are together again to help local police solve cold cases. They pursue an intelligent, vicious murderer, Taurus, who has at least 20 cold cases to his credit. Greater Washington, DC residents are on edge as the entire nation watches. Taurus baffles the police as he commits one horrific murder after another, spreading fear along the way. This book is a sequel to "It's In The Eyes".

Chuck has worked in the military, corporate, and academic sectors. He was a US Army airborne ranger and infantry officer, and a highly-decorated Vietnam veteran, earning two purple hearts. He has a doctorate in strategic management, an MBA from Tulane University. In the corporate world, he served as General Manager for Raytheon Service Company, Director of Marketing for Lear Siegler, Inc. and President of Patch Associates, among others. At George Washington University, he served as the Director of the Entrepreneurship Small Business Program and taught at the undergraduate and graduate level in The Business School. Dr. Toftoy has received numerous academic, corporate, and military awards and honors and currently serves as a business strategies advisor to several local companies in the DC Metro area. Please visit his webpage at: [www.charlestoftoy.com](http://www.charlestoftoy.com).

### **And now for August 2017 Class Notes.**

8/16/2017

I will begin with the sad news of recent deaths among classmates and wives.

Our most recent classmate death is **Bob Meals K2**. He joined the Ghostly Assemblage on 22 July 2017. Our prayers are with his widow **Martha**. They lived in St Helena CA. The 50th Reunion Book entry is mostly about Bob's 25 years of flying out of 28 years in the Air Force. After flight training he flew the B-47 bomber, as he wrote "really a pilot's airplane" in Little Rock AFB Arkansas. Another quote about the B-47: "Who would have thought you could barrel roll and do an Immelmann in one of those hummers." Bob did log almost 10,000 flight hours in his flying days. His time in VN was flying the C-119, a plane many of us remember from jump school days and time "in country." I encourage you to read Bob's entry in the 50-year book. We are fortunate to have the book thanks to **Alan Salisbury L1** and many helpers and input from most classmates. The book is truly one of the treasures of our class.

The next most recent classmate to make the transition to the Ghostly Assemblage was **Ash Haynes M2** who died on 16 July 2017. He and **Sally** were married on graduation day. I believe theirs was the ninth ceremony in the Cadet Chapel at about 1800. As I recall, they later attended the mini in Winter Park CO 4-7 August 1994. While there, Ash made a remark I have remembered to this day. **Barbara Sands K1**, **Gale Robertson H1** and **Lynn Pryor H2** rode up on their bicycles and joined **Judy** and me for lunch outside the hotel on a lovely Colorado day. Ash came over and said: "let the record reflect they were pedaling it all over town." Wonderful turn of phrase, loved it then and still do in my memory. The entry for Ash Haynes is yet another reason to look at your 50th Reunion Book.

And, the next most recent classmate making this transition was **Ted Childress B2** who died on 8 July 2017. Our prayers are with his wife **Pat** (Patricia). I know they lived in Knoxville TN. Checked the 50th Reunion Book upon returning from Michigan. Theirs is a good entry which I encourage you to read. Ted went Air Force and resigned as a captain. He then had a full career in the FBI. After retiring from government service, Ted organized his own investigative company. He worked with University of Tennessee to develop a curriculum for law enforcement personnel to recognize and respond to terrorism. According to the write-up for the 50th Reunion



Book, they had five children – certainly a motivation for his FBI career and then starting his own company.

And, sadly, we lost another wife: **Marion Owens Sims Bunker D1**, who died 24 June 2017. Marion was buried at Pohick Episcopal Church south of Ft Belvoir VA. I was personally sorry to miss Marion's funeral because of my being in Michigan. I am quite sure that **Bob Bunker** was a vestry member at Pohick during his time(s) in DC area. He was in good company as George Washington was also a former vestry member at the church. Their son Robert M Bunker Jr is an Episcopal seminarian and gave the homily while two of their daughters-in-law, Radford Bunker and Jean Bunker, read the lessons. The Bunkers provided another good entry in the 50th Reunion Book which I encourage you to read – both their entry and the entire book.

## **USMA Class of 1958 – 50 Years of Service**

8/16/2017

Who has read it all? Cover to cover? Scribe knows that **Bob Higgins L2** has read the entire book. Has anyone else read it all? I must confess that I have NOT, but am working on it. How about you? Pages i through iv then pages 1 through 476. On page 463 the sponsors are listed – and listed here for those who missed it in the book: Anonymous, B-2 Anonymous, Dolores and Tony Bauer, Tom and Emily Carpenter, Jim and Dottie Castle, Ray Coffey, Terry and Harriett Connell, Don and Sandy DeJardin, John and Carol Devens, Roy (Sandy) Evans, Rudi Grimm, Bill and Betty Harrison, John and Mary Kubiak, Jerome and Barbara Lewis, Palmer McGrew, Joe McElroy, Will and Barbara Merrill, Fritz Nuffer, Walt Patterson, Pete and Lynne Penczer, Lois Pensiero, Bibs and Dick Reynard, Bob Rhodes, Alan and Florence Salisbury, Tom and Barbara Sands, John A and Lezhi (Laura) Schaffer, Harry and Claradell Shedd, George and Judy Sibert, Bob Tallgren, Otto and Shirley Thamasett, The family of Edward Julius Timberlake III, Chuck and Patty Toftoy, Paul Vanture, Frank and Linda Waskowicz, Ed and Cathy Weckel, Gene and Ellie Wilson.

Pages 464-474 has advertisers without whom the book would have cost each of us more! Scribe will list them here to help amortize their investment ten years ago: NAVCO honoring its late CEO Dr Richard N Groves. Noblis.org congratulating the class. Combat Helicopters Pilot Association. Knollwood a military retirement residence. Zippo. MPRI. AUSA. Jostens. Lincoln Associates. Saint Enterprises. West Point Association of Graduates. Connie (Bessell) Davidson and Tom Davidson. Author Dr Harold C Lyon Jr “Angling in the Smile of the Great Spirit.” Windham Junction “with love and fond memories of Charles Normington USMA 1958.” Bastogne Blast Projection. Rose River Publishing “Death by Design” by Herb Puscheck. Samuel Adams. Class of 1958 Perpetual Endowment Fund. Marriott Westchester. The Lawton Family: William S Lawton 1922, William S Lawton Jr x1947, George C Lawton 1958, John P Lawton x1961, John E Quackenbush 1985, Matthew J Lawton 1998, Christine M (Ray) Roe 2002. Your friendly Scribe sends his special thanks to all the advertisers, but especially to Butch Saint, Connie and Tom Davidson, Hal Lyon, Windham Junction for remembering Chuck Normington, Herb Puscheck, our perpetual endowment fund (PEF) and the Lawton Family!

## **Forgot or overlooked too much info last time**

8/16/2017

Aging memory -- a problem others may have encountered. Before I really get going on the notes, many of us (classmates and wives) are not doing well and the information cannot be published via Class Notes. I have heard that **Jerry Hoblit B2** is among those of us not doing well. His CCQ and company-mates have the details. Another classmate having a tough time with health is **Pete Brintnall M2**. Again, the M2 CCQ and others have the details. Please stay in touch with your company CCQ about your own situation and check on your company-mates. We have lost about 249 classmates (224 grads and 25 former cadets), 91 wives (including 45

couples, that is, both the classmate and his wife). There will be Roll Call at the 60th next April, perhaps our final one for the entire departed list.

An interesting story from classmates visiting Pete. The visitors were **Tom Carpenter M2** and **Dale Hruby M2**. Tom wrote: Dale and I were pleasantly surprised at Pete's memory and speech, especially his determination to recover. If human will is essential to overcoming a terrible circumstance, Pete needs no medication for that. **Janice** has been a rock for Pete and defines what is described as a "patient advocate."

Tom's story continues: Pete faces formidable challenges to get to where he wants to be. He is in a wheelchair and cannot use his left arm, or his left leg. He has occupational therapy in which his "good limbs" are used to move his "bad limbs." I was reluctant to talk about my own stroke, but one emotional story that Pete told had us all tearing up. Last week, Pete lost seven pints of blood from yet undiscovered causes. He has an extremely rare blood type. In 1964, Pete was in Panama and volunteered to give his rare matching blood to a dying baby in a local hospital. Pete nearly died from his unselfish giving of seven pints of blood. (He did not know that the mother of the baby was a young officer in training to serve in the foreign area specialty program.) The blood donated back to Pete last week was from the now-53-year-old and healthy "baby" whose life he had saved. It was a close thing for both parties in 1964; it was a close thing for Pete in 2017. Providential. End of report from Tom. Scribe can say that our prayers are with Pete and Janice in this trying time. And, our thanks to the classmates who visit Pete. **Bob/Dusty Rhodes F1** was within walking distance and a frequent visitor before Pete moved to the Virginian, a CCRC in Fairfax.

## **60th Reunion**

8/16/2017

The dates for our 60th are repeated here for your calendars: 25-29 April 2018. The 25th of April is optional day – no planned activities.

**DC Memorial Service for classmates who died in VN/SEA.** Please note this normal class DC event will be AFTER the 60th at West Point. The service at the VN Memorial Wall will be followed by brunch at Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington. Next year will be our 29th annual memorial service. The Class of 1956, from whom **Mark Sigurski C1** got the idea for this service followed by ANCC Brunch, is still going strong with their annual service on Veterans Day. I believe that 1959 has held its final service at the Wall. Have other classes held such a service to honor and remember their VN deaths? Probably, but Scribe does not know of any.

This past May we had **Dave Swanson C2** join us from Hawaii for this service and ANCC brunch. I advertise this event via Class Notes just in case anyone from out-of-town is in the DC area that weekend in May and can join the DC group. For the record, we had 14 other classmates who died while on active duty. Total active duty deaths were 27, about 5% of the us who graduated 4 June 1958. Ours has not been at a kind profession.

## **Class Email Lists**

8/16/2017

However, before I get to my memory lapses, here is info repeated from July Class Notes about class email lists along with some new information about our class email nets. I am including three additional lists overlooked or added since last time: (1) Class Reunion List – the sole sender is **Garry Roosma H2**, (2) Class Wine List – moderator is **Paul Vanture B2** and (3) Class Stock Pickers List – moderator is **Herb Johnson D1**.

The Class Reunion List is our newest and a very important list. As I said, the ONLY sender on this one is **Garry Roosma H2**. This is probably the same list of email addresses as the Class restricted list, but “only the Shadow knows” (along with faithful lists moderator, **Dick Buckalew A2**).

**CCQs**. Please get your troops (classmates and widows) to contact Dick Buckalew to get their email addresses listed on the two most important lists: (1) the Class restricted senders list for death notifications and (2) the Reunion List for news about our 60th in April 2018. And for them to contact BOTH **John Nun A2** at

Class List (restricted senders) [58usma@west-point.org](mailto:58usma@west-point.org) – used primarily by **Jack Downing H2** for death notifications and **Dick Buckalew A2** for monthly updates.

Class List (unrestricted senders) [usma1958@west-point.org](mailto:usma1958@west-point.org) -- anyone on the list can use this one – the senders are unrestricted, but the subjects are RESTRICTED to information about the Class of 1958 such as Class Notes --moderator is **Dick Buckalew A2**.

Class Reunion List – this is a new list and the only sender now through our 60th is **Garry Roosma H2**. In due course, there will be a 61st Reunion’s and another sole sender, not Garry. Und so weider (Scribe was a goat in German).

Class Forum [usma1958-forum@west-point.org](mailto:usma1958-forum@west-point.org) -- anything goes subject-wise for persons on this list -- moderator is **Dick Buckalew A2**. Some have complained about the subjects or content, but it is easy to delete unwanted info.

Class DC List [usma1958-dc@west-point.org](mailto:usma1958-dc@west-point.org) -- subjects of DC interest, normally social in nature – used by **Jack Gordon A1** our social guru for such items as upcoming DC Lunch on 20 July -- moderator is probably Dick Buckalew. Jack has broken his leg and **Joe Luman H2** is filling in for him. I sat with Joe and **Peggy** at our DC lunch on 20 July.

Class PC List [usma1958-pc@west-point.org](mailto:usma1958-pc@west-point.org) -- subjects related to PC and health – moderator and principal user is **Stan Bacon I2**.

Class Widows List – Scribe believes the address is [usma1958-widows@west-point.org](mailto:usma1958-widows@west-point.org) and the moderator is **Margie Downing H2**. Margie & husband **Jack Downing** share his email [ejdowning@cox.net](mailto:ejdowning@cox.net) Primary users of the widows list are **Betsy Hall H2** & **Audrey Webb I2**. Please note the name is Margie Downing and not Marge. Also, please note that she and Jack use the same email address.

The former organizer of class widows and the first widows list moderator was **Sue Kernan C1**. She is the former wife of **Jim Kernan** who died 29 Dec 1995. Sue, with the help of our internet meisters, set up the widows list and widows web site. Sue also faithfully attends class functions. Class Widows reading these notes are encouraged to contact Margie Downing and get your email address on the Class Widows List!

Class Wine List [wine58@west-point.org](mailto:wine58@west-point.org) – moderator is **Paul Vanture B2**. Paul’s email address is [vpvanture@hevanet.com](mailto:vpvanture@hevanet.com)

Class Stock Pickers List [stockpicker58stocks@west-point.org](mailto:stockpicker58stocks@west-point.org) – moderator is **Herb Johnson D1**. Herb’s email address is [herbj1958@gmail.net](mailto:herbj1958@gmail.net)

If there are other class lists, Scribe asks, even begs, the list moderator or principal user to send me an email about your list. PLEASE send info to my email address (below). Thanks. Dick

Buckalew and other moderators, please let me know whether I have screwed up any information about your class email list. To have your name and email added to a list, contact the list moderator via telephone or email – info can be found on class lists or contact your CCQ or Scribe.

And, all classmates and wives/widows should remember that our class web site is maintained by **Pete Trainor G1** [www.west-point.org/class/usma1958/index.html](http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958/index.html) Pete's email address is [PBTrainor@cox.net](mailto:PBTrainor@cox.net) and telephone number 757-345-3564 and cell 757-773-4470 in case you have any information for Pete to post on the class web site. You can go to the web site for current and older editions of our Class Notes.

And for all readers of these notes, if anyone notes an error with email addresses or web site or anything else anywhere in these Class Notes or prior notes or future notes, please let your friendly Scribe know via telephone 703-671-1415 or via email at [gsibert@comcast.net](mailto:gsibert@comcast.net) any time. Of course, include some news about yourself that I can share with the class via Class Notes. Or even news I cannot share: just let me know about not sharing. Thanks in advance of your myriad emails, telephone calls and NEWS!

## **Roll Call at the 60th**

8/16/2017

I have already mentioned there will be a Roll Call at the 60th. **Tony Smith I1** is truly responsible that our Roll Call is done by Cadet Companies. In the beginning, it was simply alphabetical, often read by the Scribe or other classmate. At the Hershey Mini in 1997, (organized by **Stu Matt M1** – it was our 39th Reunion for those mathematically challenged) Tony said to Scribe immediately after the alphabetical Roll Call: “I don't want to be the last one alive, because I could not read all the names.” Our next Roll Call at the 40th Reunion at West Point was done by Cadet Companies. Much better. More readers. More voices. More participation. We have used Cadet Companies for the names on Roll Call ever since. Please note that I got Stu Matt's name spelled correctly this time with two “T” rather than two “R.” The name is Matt not Marr. Funny thing, the key next to T on my keyboard is R. Bet it is on your keyboard as well. Puny B-ache.

In case you are curious about including former cadets, that practice began at our 25th Reunion at West Point. This Scribe was drafted by **George Robertson H1** as a late substitute for **Tom Carpenter M2** for the Roll Call. Therefore, I included **Bob Stinson H2** who was a Plebe and Yearling roommate of **Will Roosma's** and mine. Bob was not on the printed program at the 25th Reunion, but I added him when I did the Roll Call. During our leave at the end of Plebe Year, Bob journeyed west with me to visit my parents at Ft Ord: his first trip west of New York! For classmates who were not in either 2d Company during Beast Barracks or H2 plebe or yearling years and did not know him, Bob was found medically as a Yearling at the beginning of academics following Camp Buckner. He had been planning to come to our graduation on 4 June 1958. Sadly, it was not to be because Bob died on 14 May 1958 and became our first classmate to join the Ghostly Assemblage. Far too young and way too soon.

## **Information for the Burial of John Raymond E1**

8/16/2017

Here is information for the burial of **John Raymond E1**. It was provided by his son Gregg. The burial will be on Monday, 7 Aug at 0900 at ANC. Attendees should be at the Arlington National Cemetery Admin Building by 0830. We will convoy from there to the burial site for graveside service. Directions to the Admin Center are at the link: [http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Visit/Getting-Here/Directions\[arlingtoncemetery.mil\]](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Visit/Getting-Here/Directions[arlingtoncemetery.mil]). There will be a reception at Spates Hall Ft Myer following the burial. The guards at the gate to Ft

Myer can provide directions to Spates Hall. Simply inform the guard that you are attending a reception following a burial at Arlington National Cemetery. In case you get lost, the telephone number for Spates Hall is 703-527-1300/1302.

## **Information for the Burial for Carl Sullinger L2**

8/16/2017

Continuing the subject of Arlington funerals, the burial for **Carl Sullinger L2** will be on Tuesday 15 Aug at 1000. Assemble at the ANC Administration Building at 0930. Following the burial, there will be a luncheon for all attendees at Army-Navy Country Club at 1130. If you need further information, contact Susan Sullinger in California at her email [susan@susansullinger.com](mailto:susan@susansullinger.com) or telephone at home 408-867-2718 or cell 408-857-0011. I know that **Robert Higgins L2** will be in town for the funeral. Unfortunately, I will be returning from West Point after the March Back and will miss the funeral and ANCC lunch. I have fond memories of Carl over the years, but especially of our time in Germany on leave as Cows while visiting our parents in Heidelberg (Carl) and Kaiserslautern (me). The autobahn was handy for getting together. Reminds me of the song: "yesterday when we were young..."

## **Class News from Terry Connell F1**

8/16/2017

And now to try remembering other class news. From **Terry Connell F1**: I would like to offer a parallel thought to our Scribe's note that we've entered the "the zone for the final selection." An equal cadet item would be that of BENT -- beginning of evening nautical twilight. Delightful! The light has lessened but we can still see everything -- mostly. Certainly, the Forum adds to the fascination for tomorrows. Meanwhile, I say let the bon mots and the pigeon droppings continue... and come out to Oregon for the solar eclipse on Aug 21st ... that's one of the few actions that will start here first in the nation. And, as John Kerry noted, we have a world class wind surfing venue on the mid-Columbia River. Keep Portland weird."

**Solar Eclipse** on 21 Aug for those who do not take Terry's invitation to watch in Oregon. It will begin in Newport OR at 1015 (that is 10:15 am) and move diagonally across the country (west to east) until it ends for USA in South Carolina (near Charleston) about 1429 (or 2:49 pm). It will not take long to cross the country -- just about 94 minutes or so given the time zones. Tucson and Cincinnati will not have the total eclipse (they are south and north of the line). Their last totals were over 1000 years ago. There was a great article in the Washington Post, but I will not bore you with more details. Get outside and WATCH IT on 21 Aug!

## **Class Grandsons**

8/16/2017

I know that **Dick Graves M1** was a West Point recently for the swearing in of his grandson at Beast Barracks. More details I need to obtain. Must check with grandfather Dick. Also, must check with **Tony Smith II** who is more up-to-date than I on class offspring at USMA.

## **Vive le Tour! Vive la France!**

8/16/2017

From **Jack Tancredi C1** to **John Brinson C2**: (oops...lost it when I tried to copy...sorry about that) -- The question from Jack T to John B was along the lines of: are you watching the Tour de France? And **John's** reply: "Yes, I have been watching Le Tour every day for hours. Beautiful country, France. I have also stopped watching TV news, thereby avoiding the opinions of news people who have never done anything but talk and write. Vive le Tour! Vive la France!"

## College Applications Are in Decline

8/16/2017

College applications are in decline, including service academies. **Bill Serchak K1** sent an email with a link showing declines in applications. **Brad Johnson also K1** followed the link and noted that USAFA and USNA both reflected declines, but that USMA was not on the list. Bill responded: "That's right, Brad...Among the top 29 listed, USMA is not experiencing declining applications but USNA & USAFA are...Hip, Hip!"

## Bastille Day 14 July

8/16/2017

Here is some poop from **Tony Smith I1**. On July 14, 2002 (Scribe addition – please note the year: 2002), a hand-picked company of West Point cadets led the Bastille Day parade down the Avenue des Champs-Élysées, marching to the Official West Point March, played magnificently by a French military band, on the occasion of the bicentennial of the United States Military Academy and the French Military Academy at Saint-Cyr. The cadets then went on to Saint-Cyr to participate in the graduation ceremonies there.

## Class T Shirts

8/15/2017

An email from T Shirt OIC **Karl Oelke B2** says: "Hi Angela (Ganey), and other people who have ordered tee shirts. Checks were finally deposited this morning. I waited until I had almost all of them and then mailed the whole lot into the bank. Just awaiting tee shirts now. A week-ago the guy said they'd be ready sometime this week, and Friday isn't over yet, so I'm still hopeful. I have the mailing labels all printed and stuck on the mailers, so everything's ready as soon as I pick up the tee shirts. Will let you know when they're in the mail." Scribe thinks soon on Karl's mailing the T Shirts. This remains a work in progress.

## WPAOG Class Leaders Meeting

8/15/2017

Scribe asked **Dick Schonberger B2**, our EC Chairman, if he would attend – answer YES. Dick wrote: I've been attending for the past few years and have usually submitted a report to the class following the conference. I have signed up for this August and haven't been bombarded by people wishing to attend. The conference includes Class, Society and Parent Club reps who spend two days receiving briefings from the West Point and AOG staffs, including participating in what are called "Breakout Sessions" by group, to discuss matters of interest and concern. The conference ends with the A-Day Parade (Scribe thinks that is Acceptance Day) on Saturday morning.

And, a bit of history on the WPAOG Class Leaders Meeting from **Palmer McGrew I2**. Palmer used to attend at West Point while he and **George Lawton G2** were EC chairmen. Palmer says he is retired now, however, he still honchos the **DC Class Leaders Meeting** which he initiated. Palmer wrote: George Lawton went to the first ever class leaders meeting at WP. The next year he took me along. So, I attended I suppose about seven or eight with him and then another ten with some other classmates. We were lucky at that time to have a lot of classmates (five or six I suppose) attending as society leaders. We always had a great time together and we fixed the AOG in the process. I'm very proud of that. It might have reformed on its own but there were no signs of that at the time. I am always invited to intend as ...what? I'm not a class leader, but the AOG folks always ask me to come. So far as I can tell, our class always attends, but not I. I'm retired. My DC-area class leader meeting is still going strong and has a big effect on the AOG, still. It also makes no sense for me to chair that, not being a class leader, but AOG and WPSDC seem to want me to do it, so I do. It is still a worthwhile endeavor and appreciated by all. Of late



AOG has been calling it the WPSDC Class Leaders Meeting. OK, whatever.” More than you wanted to know about WPAOG class leaders and the DC spinoff meeting.

## **Scribe addition**

8/15/2017

good to know that in age 80s (a few of the youngest have not reached this milestone) the class is still providing leadership to WPAOG and the DC group. Hearty thanks to Dick Schonberger for continuing to attend and represent the class as our EC Chairman and to George Lawton for his earlier leadership and to Palmer McGrew for taking over from GCL. And thanks to Palmer for continuing to lead the DC group. We are not over-the-hill quite yet!

## **Russia has been in the news of late**

8/15/2017

This seems a good place to insert Palmer’s words of wisdom on Russia: Esteemed classmates, as many of you know, I spent four years studying Russia and Russians and then headed the "Hotline" for the Pres. for another 5 years. So, you might say that I learned how to understand Russians, but that would be a mistake. I am totally baffled by what passes for logic in Russia. But, I did learn one thing that you might not know. Russians love chess and they play it at every possible moment with anyone who will play with them. We see Putin's move and we will not understand it because most of us probably aren't chess fanatics. Russians think eight or ten moves ahead, always. The move you see is not important- -it is just setting up a move way down the pike. When one of us implies that he understands what Putin would prefer to happen, I say, well, probably not. We don't know what he's doing, but Putin does, and it's working. He has caused total turmoil in our government, or what's left of it. My guess is that it has been his goal for a decade or two, and he is laughing at us, as is most of the rest of the world. I wonder where he goes from here. It won't be fun.

Scribe tries to avoid politics when getting information from the Class Forum, but this bit from Palmer seems more geo-political and worthy of repeating for those who missed it. I did not know about the Russian love affair with chess.

## **Doug Sedgwick’s G1 funeral**

8/15/2017

From an account by **Andy Andreson G1 CCQ**: Doug (who died 30 May 2017) was laid to rest on Tuesday, 11 July at the West Point cemetery following an inspirational funeral service in the Old Cadet Chapel. The service included full military honors, singing “The Corps,” the “Alma Mater,” and the hymn “How Great Thou Art” followed by recitation of the Cadet Prayer. Words of assurance and comfort were offered by Chaplain Bob Marsi. Daughter Laurie gave very moving words of remembrance on behalf of Edie and the family. I was privileged to offer a eulogy to Doug from the Class. Doug’s final resting place is in the columbarium directly beneath the Old Cadet Chapel. Following the service Edie hosted a warm and friendly reception in the “new” First Class Club. Approximately 100 family and friends attended the ceremony – some may recall that Doug was born and raised at West Point. Classmates and spouses attending included Artie, Tony Bauer, Jim Corcoran, Chuck and Patsy Densford, Bob and Pat Hattler, Bill and Carol Kelley, Charlie and Gerry Miller, John and Mimi Nun, Pete Trainor, Garry and Jill Roosma, Branch and Nancy Worsham. On behalf of the class, Scribe sends thanks to Andy for the information and to the all the classmates and wives who attended. Our prayers and sympathy are with Edie. Many years ago, Judy and I along with others at Ft Carson attended the memorial service for Doug’s first wife Linda, a cancer victim on 8 Feb 1975, while he was commanding the 124th Signal Battalion.

## **DC Class Lunch on 20 July**

8/15/2017

From a **Jack Gordon A1 and DC Social Chairman** email: We are (were) 12 now as follows: George Sibert, Joe & Peggy Luman, "Van" Van Fleet, Lee Miller, Jack & Margie Downing, Herb & Betty Puscheck, Butch Saint, Audrey Webb and Betsy Hall. Gordons are trying, but this 145 mm rod in my leg has a mind of its own. There was one Navy file there as well. What: cup of lemon bisque, grilled lemon pepper chicken, salad, dessert: key lime pie. When: 1130. Where: Ramparts, 1600 Fern St Alexandria VA 22302. Scribe cannot add to the list of attendees, because I was late arriving. Sorry. Grand gathering but minus the Gordons. Jack's broken leg with lengthy rod did not permit their attending.

More to add, but on 1 August it is time to launch this effort called Class Notes – August 2017. More next time. George as in Scribe

# 1958 Class Notes

## Classmates - Here we go again

7/6/2017

I am beginning with a list of subjects from recent emails, mostly on the Class Forum but also from a few other Class email lists I was off the Class Forum for a time while taking care of **Judy**, but I have rejoined or reupped along with becoming Scribe again Great time and place to use this as an opportunity to thank **Pete Penczer (C-2)** again for taking on the Scribe duties when I was unable to continue while supporting **Judy**.

I am finding the Class Forum both interesting and a gold mine of class info Many of the posts on the Class Forum are political in nature and I am NOT using that information here If you want the politics, join the Class Forum Meanwhile, I am not hesitant to repeat the other information because at our advanced age, we are not likely to remember the stuff anyway And, many classmates are not on the Class Forum, therefore, it is first-time information for them.

- “Hail to the Redskins” (about the Supreme Court ruling on “Slants” and Free Speech)
- “Health Care” (on both Class DC net and Class Forum)
- “Moderate Drinking Associated with Structural Brain Changes”
- “Senate health care bill by ‘13 white men””
- “Unbelievable!” (this was about General Welfare, Article 1, Section 8 of US Constitution)
- “Military Town, Ft Walton” (your scribe even began high school at Ft Walton HS back in 1950 when my dad went to Korea and my mother and I returned to states/Florida from Japan)
- “Interesting reading – book recommendation” -- “The Day of ISLAM” -- sent by **Ken Herberger (L-1)**
- “1st Call for Luncheon on 20 July 2017” – an email to DC group from **Jack Gordon (A-1)**, our DC Social Guru) – if you are in DC area on 20 July, do come says your Scribe: contact **Jack** via email or phone
- “Poe” (this was Edgar Allan Poe, but shortened by sender)
- “Literary Legacy of Edgar Allan Poe” -- kicked off by **Jim Seltzer (E-1)**
- “Who, what, when, where and how much”
- “NATO Assessment”
- “Good news about Navy Sailor refusing to stand for National Anthem and immediately regrets it”
- “Telos, George Patton and the warrior caste”
- “General Mattis Speech at West Point 2017 Graduation”
- “West Point Father’s Day Tribute”
- “Mensa Award” -- awardee was our classmate **Hal Lyon (C-2)**
- “Can Trump get anything done?”
- “Lobotomizing History” (among other examples, removing Confederate statues in Richmond VA)
- “AFIB Treatment Info”
- “Red Platoon, A True Story of American Valor” -- book recommended by **Palmer McGrew (I-2)**
- “Monuments” (this is about removing Confederate statues)
- “Opinion: How Desert Storm Destroyed the US Military”
- “TOF’s FITNESS TIP #74” (Scribe asks, does anyone have them all?)

- “Civil War Quiz” -- many of us have been receiving emails from **Bill Serchak (K-1)**, however, you must now contact Bill to continue receiving his emails: [wserchak@comcast.net](mailto:wserchak@comcast.net))

Truthfully, there were more topics, but I failed to collect them all Sorry about that I think this list of subjects covers the last two or three weeks or so of email traffic Of course, some subjects generated more email traffic than did others.

## **DC Class Luncheon**

7/6/2017

Let me say a bit more about the DC Class Lunch on 20 July It will be another great gathering of DC area classmates We would love to have classmates from out-of-town join us Do come if you are able Be sure to contact **Jack Gordon (A-1)**, if you can make it to lunch His email is [hjg5041958@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hjg5041958@sbcglobal.net) or via his telephone 703-237-8263 There is not too much traffic on this list, so I encourage all classmates who are likely to attend DC social functions to sign-up for the list You can contact Jack Gordon to info on DC list.

## **Tony Smith (I-1)**

7/6/2017

**Tony Smith (I-1)** was recently a guest columnist for Washington Merry-Go-Round, the longest running newspaper column (since 1932) It was begun by Drew Pearson and then Jack Anderson It is now normally written by Douglas Cohn and Eleanor Clift Doug Cohn is USMA 1968 Back to Tony Smith: Scribe cannot do justice to Tony’s article, therefore, if you are interested in reading it send me an email The summation of Tony’s career at the end of column was interesting: brief and to the point. It does bear repeating Tony graduated from high school in Paris before joining our ranks at West Point He later completed grad school at Sciences Po, also in Paris Tony was awarded the Legion of Honor by President Jacques Chirac The article is a great read whether you are a Franco file or not Send Scribe an email if you are interested in reading it And, send some news about yourself while you are at it Tony gets another 2.8 or so from the English Department.

## **Palmer McGrew (I-2)**

7/6/2017

**Palmer McGrew (I-2)** said the following about Balfour and our class rings (in addition to recommending the book “Red Platoon...”): “As for our class rings, L G Balfour was the manufacturer selected by our ring committee and what I was told by the Balfour rep, and I presume you all were, too, was that Balfour would fix any problem with our rings for life. The problem, however, was: whose life? Presumably ours. But, as time went on, Balfour turned into something else and the current company claims to have no records from '58 or any promises to fix the rings.

“I did have at least one event where Balfour took great care of my ring at no cost to me But the next time I sent it in... wait, I have to tell you about the stone I had I saw a ring from ‘57 that had what looked like a black stone and I asked what it was A garnet, was the answer, but garnets are red The owner showed me how it was red, but looked black except for red highlights you could sometimes see I fell in love with it and got exactly that in my ring Okay. I sent my ring to Balfour for some repair and when it came back it had what I call ‘pink plastic’ for a ‘stone.’ That started a long tussle with Balfour

“I now have my ring back with a stone similar to my original one and I love it, but Balfour made me pay for it Almost \$400 I was seriously POed Enter Armed Forces Coop I submitted a claim and they are going to send me a check for the total amount of the repair I still think we're getting

screwed by Balfour, but times do change and gold now costs about 20 times what it did in 1958 (but doesn't everything?) Probably true for garnets, as well But a happy ending after all." Another 2.8 Your Scribe should have been an English P And, probably would have gone back as a P in something, but VN got in the way Such is life.

## **Class Widows Dick Schonberger (B-2)**

7/6/2017

**Class Widows Dick Schonberger (B-2)** our EC Chairman, the EC members plus some of the widows including **Audrey Webb (I-2)**, **Betsy Hall (H-2)** and **Paula Johnson (L-2)** probably along with other widows as well, have been working to organize the Class Widows Here is where they stand (from an email from EC Chairman Dick): "We are in the process of reactivating the Widows Email List as a function of the Widow Outreach Team (WOT) who selected Margie (Scribe addition: Margie Downing is not a widow, but she volunteered because of her computer skills) to become the moderator Concurrently, CCQ's are asked to contact their company widows to make them aware of this initiative and determine if they want to be on the list (or not) CCQs should forward that information to Margie as the new list moderator Margie or Jack's email address is [ejdowning@cox.net](mailto:ejdowning@cox.net)

"Reactivating and moderating the widows list was seen as a related responsibility under the newly organizing WOT that is also picking other widow-related activities for the class We are pleased by the way the ladies have stepped up, albeit, there is a learning curve and some turbulence, to be expected when implementing any new system

"For those not aware, the WOT now makes the initial condolence call to new widows, sends a follow-up condolence card and sends the "Grip Hands" Booklet, Betsy developed They are planning a follow-up call as well after some time has expired They responded to the recommendation about networking local widows, developed and conducted a survey, and are on track to have a Fall function for local widows We have talked to **Garry Roosma (H-2)** and a Widows luncheon is being planned for the 60th and for other follow-on class activities We think that's something **Sue Kernan (C-1)** seems to be interested in could assist What we don't need is a bunch of carping about lack of leadership or organization Rather, we might consider expressing our appreciation to those who have agreed to turn outward to assist newly bereaved class widows."

Let your Scribe be among those who publicly say we appreciate the efforts of our widows working on organizing the Class widows Let's face it, many of our widows will be around far longer than us classmates (grads and former cadets) They will need a Scribe at that point and then continue to march.

## **"Grip Hands"**

7/6/2017

Another Scribe addition is in order here: "Grips Hands" is a booklet created by **Betsy Hall** : it is very useful She did a great job creating the booklet Many other classes have asked for copies so they can make the booklet available to their widows **Frank Waskowicz (C-2)** has gotten "Grip Hands" copyrighted The other classes who want to use it, reproduce copies as needed for their widows.

## **"Red Platoon"**

7/6/2017

Here is what **Dick Schonberger (B-2)** had to say about the book "Red Platoon..." which was recommended by **Palmer McGrew (I-2)**: "Thanks for the recommendation on the book. A truly gripping and detailed account of one day on COP Keating. The valor and sacrifice demonstrated

and documented by that overwhelmed unit is nothing less than inspiring. Palmer introduced the book but don't recall if he recommended it on this net, therefore I am It truly reflects great honor and professionalism and makes you wonder how you might have done in similar circumstances The author, Clinton Romesha, received the CMH for his actions that day, 3 Oct 2009, with Tp B, 3-61st Cav, 4th BCT, 4th ID Check it out!" A great book review by Dick, easily worthy of 2.8 or so from the English Department.

### **George Lawton (G-2)**

7/6/2017

**George Lawton (G-2)** George has some good ideas for organizing the class widows, which I forwarded to Betsy, Audrey and Paula In response to an email from me wherein I wrote that the Class email list has many widows on it, George as in Lawton replied: “ **Dick Buckalew’s (A-2)** email list is NOT the widows list any more than is **Stan Bacon’s (I-2)** PC list. They are all different lists. I agree there are widows on the CLASS email list, but that’s for class business. We are talking about a WIDOWS list so they can conduct business amongst themselves to the degree they wish to.” All Scribe can add to Lawton’s comments is AMEN Betsy, Audrey, Paula and now **Margie Downing (H-2)** (added for her computer skills) I hasten to add that **Jack Downing (H-2)** is alive and well and Margie is not a widow although she is helping them.

### **Grad March Back**

7/6/2017

**Grad March Back** This event is scheduled for Monday 14 Aug I believe that six of us are signed up: **Wally Ward (M-1)** (the oldest marcher this year with Dick Williams ’45 and Roger Conover ’48 having “retired” from marching), **Ed Weckel (D-1)** , **Will Collett (L-1)** , **Dick Graves (M-1)** , **Dale Hruby (M-2)** and **George Sibert (H-2)** I am pretty sure that Wally and Ed have made all the Grad March Backs Unfortunately, Will Collett missed the first one and Weckel gives him a hard time annually about having missed it An earlier addition of these Class Notes listed the 53 of us who made the one in 2004 -- the 50th anniversary of our doing this March Back from Camp Buckner at the end of Beast Barracks You are spared the listing again here because I am at our summer cottage in Ludington Michigan (at Epworth Heights) and cannot put my hands on the list If you are truly interested, you can go to the Class Notes on the Class Web page and/or the WPAOG web page and check out the earlier notes and, perhaps, even find the one with the 53 names.

### **Mr. Mayer and “Glory to God”**

7/6/2017

**Mr Mayer and “Glory to God”** Here is what **Alex Johnston (I-1)** had to say in an email to Scribe: “When I sang ‘Glory to God’ I didn’t get out God before he said ‘next.’”

### **Bill Serchak (K-1)**

7/6/2017

**Bill Serchak (K-1)** in a recent email wrote: “Following a visit to Ellis Island’s Immigration Museum many years ago, I submitted my grandfather’s name for an engraving on the American Immigrant Wall of Honor @ Ellis Island. It is a proud reminder of the fact that Andrzej Michal Jezierczak was the first ancestor in my direct line to leave his home in Czarna Gora, Poland (then part of the Austrian-Hungarian empire) He arrived at Ellis Island on 2 January 1892 – Ellis Island opened for the first time on 1 January 1892.”



## **Charlie Miller (G-1)**

7/6/2017

**Charlie Miller (G-1)** responded to a Serchak email: "In 1960 when I was a bright Lt in the 69th Armor, 25th ID I had an opinion on virtually everything and felt the need to share it with everyone within the sound of my voice. That is until a wise Captain (Class of 49) advised me that when you have an opinion on everything, you have an opinion on nothing, and, when you have something really worth saying, no one will be listening Justice Hand wrote: 'Wisdom sometimes never comes, so one shouldn't reject it because it comes late.'"

## **Bob Bunker (D-1)**

7/6/2017

**Bob Bunker (D-1)** We were all saddened by the death of **Marion Bunker** on 24 June **Harriett Connell (F-1)** has been doing some internet mining and hit a golden vein by finding Marion's obit Too long for these notes, but you can read it by clicking on <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/atlanta/obituary.aspx?n=marion-bunker&pid=185932082> We have lost four wives since my Judy died at the end of Oct 2016 Many of you have reminded me of my remark some ago about our class, and, sadly our wives as well, "being in the zone for the final selection." We have lost 221 graduated classmates, 25 former cadets and now 91 wives. I am reminded of **Tony Smith's (I-1)** remark to me after the Memorial Service at the Hershey Mini some 20 years ago: 11-14 Sep 97 hosted by **Stu Matt (M-1)** Tony said that he did not want to be the last one standing in the class because he did not want to read all the names. On the subject of Mini Reunions, we might try off-season places as we did in the beginning: Palm Springs and Bar Harbor after their season, South Padre Island whenever it was, etc This made them less expensive Worth a try Does someone (grad or former cadet) want to step up with a suggestion for our 61st Reunion sometime in 2019 after our 60th at West Point next April? Remember, we are going back to the principal of KISS with regard to Mini Reunions Simple registration fee and everything else is pay-as-you-go for meals and drinks The Mini organizer will arrange for a hotel, but reservations are up to YOU No refunds of any kind Profits (if any) will go to class fund, which will also make up any shortfalls for the organizer.

## **More from Palmer McGrew**

7/6/2017

"Remember the sudden popularity in the Corps of the Argus C-3 camera? I felt like I was the only one not buying one. And now I really regret it In I-2 there was a little ceremony that took place whenever there had been a chance to visit Europe or someplace interesting Cow trip for example The word would go out with the room and the time and we would gather to watch the slides taken by our buddies My suggestion is: find those slides you made as cadets, or find prints of our experience at West Point Prints have probably fared better over the decades than slides that have gone bad or at least fuzzy However, if your slides have endured, wonderful Sharing the pix on internet will be a challenge, but if you have some to share, let **Dick Buckalew** know that we need a temporary dispensation And you will have to find a way to create documents from them. I would love to see them We don't have much time left to share those 54-58 photos Find them and let us see them Good hunting, Palmer."

**Phil Gibbs (I-2)** responded: "I was one of those who bought the Argus and took it to Europe on the Great Migration of the Class of 1958 for the Grand European Tour **George Lawton** and I paired up and dropped off the plane in Scotland and worked out way through London, Paris, Copenhagen, Frankfurt all in about 2 weeks A number of stories If you took Russian you got to talk to Russian sailors in Copenhagen, before the Russian SP removed I have a nice picture of George at the bottom of a Russian ship gang plank **Bernie Card** also made the trip. and he put together some great Slide shows He used his room in the 44th Div and out of the window he projected the slides off the side of Washington Mess Hall He added his commentaries on the trip

which were very entertaining, probably even for the OIC The trip was a Great Experience Europe was pretty well put back together I would be back in four years in a different capacity; with more \$ / time/ and responsibilities.”

**Pete Trainor (G-1)** added: “Good idea Palmer If anyone has any photos to share with the class, I’d be happy to post them on our class web site That way they’ll be there for our great-great grandkids to view If you do send them to me, please include some words about the pics and use .jpg format

## **Wounded Warriors Mentors Program**

7/6/2017

The four founders in 2004 at the old Walter Reed were **John Herren (G-2)** , **Pete Brintnall (M-2)** , **Bob Tredway (M-2)** (sadly Bob died 10 Mar 2006), and **Lee Miller (A-1)** Scribe asked Lee for information recently Lee responded: “Three of us are still very active: leading and operating the Program with a Leadership Team of 12 Pete Brintnall (stroke) is taking a leave of absence He was very active since 2004 at Ft Belvoir until the day of his stroke John Herren and I have been doing Walter Reed since 2004 Bob Tredway was our database person until he passed **Jack Gordon (A-1)** joined our Leadership Team when he moved from San Francisco about five years ago.”

## **Champion of Patriotism: Mystery of the Flags Revealed**

7/6/2017

**Champion of Patriotism: Mystery of the Flags Revealed** is the title of an article in The Heritage Horn The article is about **Wally Ward (M-1)** The article goes on “as you enter Heritage Hunt on a patriotic holiday you can see hundreds of flags blowing in the breeze surrounding the gate area and throughout the development.” Who puts them up and takes them down? Wally Ward who lives with his wife Jo on Heritage Valley Way “Initially at Christmas, Wally would put red bows on mailboxes on his street About ten years ago he bought flag holders and flags, enough for his street This led to other people requesting flags on their street.” Now he puts up over 1400 flags throughout the neighborhood The article continues about Wally: “He was one of three boys whose Dad was in the service His mother abandoned the boys when they were young He and his brothers were kept together but ended up in three different foster homes In high school he ran the half-mile and one meet was held at West Point He was fascinated with the school and was determined to go there He enlisted in the Army and took the tests to get into West Point He was one of 18 from all the military to get into West Point that year At West Point, he was the brigade boxing champion twice He graduated and stayed in the Army 21 years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.” I sent the article to Wally’s WPAOG file.

The Heritage Horn article has more about the Grad March Back It goes on to say that “this will be the 18th year that Wally has participated in this march He also finished first in the Heritage Hunt cancer run/walk drive.” Scribe believes that the Grad MB began at the end of Beast Barracks for the class of 2002 which would have been in 1998 By my calculation this makes 2017 the 20th year for Wally and Ed Weckel and 19th for Will Collett I will have to check my math with Wally, Ed and Will.

## **Sammy Sookmark (M-1)**

7/6/2017

**Sammy Sookmark (M-1)** Via recent exchange of email with Sammy’s son, Pitch, who is in the Royal Thai Embassy in Ottawa Canada, who reports on his father: “Hi George, My father is well He'd just had a birthday on 10Jun (that makes him 84 years young!) I will check with him

what he says We are planning for next year's Reunion as well!" Good plug for info about 60th If Sammy can make it from Thailand, you can make it from anywhere USA.

## **60th Reunion**

7/6/2017

**60th Reunion** Wed 25 – Sun 29 April 2018 In an email received today, you are alerted to watch your mail and email for info on the 60th per **Garry Roosma H-2, “forever” 5-year Reunion Chairman** I have more, but need to launch this one What better way to end than with a reminder of our 60th Reunion I will be in Michigan until 18 July, then begin my trip home No need for address here because mail is being forwarded Email needs no forwarding

Reminder about our various email addresses follows:

Class List (restricted senders) [58usma@west-point.org](mailto:58usma@west-point.org) -- basically for class death notifications – used primarily by **Jack Downing H-2** -- moderator is **Dick Buckalew (A-2)**Class List

(unrestricted senders) [usma1958@west-point.org](mailto:usma1958@west-point.org) -- anyone on the list can use this one – subjects restricted to information about the Class of 1958 --moderator is Dick Buckalew

Class Forum [usma1958forum@west-point.org](mailto:usma1958forum@west-point.org) -- anything goes subject wise for persons on this list -- moderator is Dick Buckalew

Class DC [usma1958-dc@west-point.org](mailto:usma1958-dc@west-point.org) -- subjects of DC interest, normally social in nature – used by **Jack Gordon (A-1)** our social guru for such items as upcoming DC Lunch on 20 July -- moderator is probably Dick Buckalew

Class PC list [usma1958-pc@west-point.org](mailto:usma1958-pc@west-point.org) -- subjects related to PC and health – moderator is **Stan Bacon (I-2)**

Class Widows list – do not know the address, but think the moderator is **Margie Downing (H-2)** I thought her address was included somewhere, but here is Jack's for good luck:

[ejdowning@cox.net](mailto:ejdowning@cox.net)

If there are other lists, Scribe asks the moderator to send me an email about the list Especially the widows! Thanks! Dick and other moderators, please let me know where I have screwed up the info on class lists Dear readers, if anyone notes an error, please let me know [gsibert@comcast.net](mailto:gsibert@comcast.net) (Why do some email addresses turn blue and others do not? Mine did, but Jack Downing's did not, or not yet, perhaps after I send this Beats me.)

There is more, but it will have to wait till the next addition I am out of energy and it is time to launch this edition I hope that everyone has 25-29 April 2018 on their calendars and is planning to be there! As Garry says, this will be our last big one at West Point Remember, we are in the primary zone for the final selection!

George 58 Scribe

## **Harold Lyon Intellectual Benefits to Society Award Winner**

7/6/2017

Dr. Harold Lyon is being recognized for his decades-long career in the field of education, specifically his work in governance and policy-setting in the field of gifted children. After working with the White House Task Force on the Gifted and Talented, Dr. Lyon became the first national Director of Education for the Gifted and Talented at the U.S. Department of Education. Under his leadership, teams of leaders were trained in every state, private foundation support was stimulated and national mentor programs were developed.



Dr. Lyon worked to broaden the federal definition of gifted and talented to include divergent-thinking creative children, and he worked with Sen. Jacob Javits to pass the Jacob Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act. The federal definition of gifted and talented was broadened from the strictly high IQ and academically gifted children to include those with more diverse gifts, including divergent-thinking creative children, the artistically talented, gifted young leaders or the psycho-socially gifted. In addition, it resulted in more effective ways to identify and help the gifted and talented from low-income and diversely ethnic populations.

"As a result of Hal's eight years of leadership as Federal Director of Education for the Gifted and Talented, a growing concern for gifted and talented youth emerged," said Dr. Carl R. Rogers in a letter of nomination. "Teams of leaders were trained from virtually every state, private foundation support was stimulated, and national mentor programs were developed. Through Hal Lyon's leadership a humanistic thread of concern for the whole person, affective as well as intellectual, has been woven throughout this national effort for bright and creative youth."

Dr. Lyon worked cooperatively in a non-bureaucratic fashion with private foundations to convince them to elevate education of gifted and talented children to higher funding priorities, providing them with excellent proposals his office did not have sufficient money to fund, enlisting them to fund innovative programs for the gifted. Out of these efforts came exemplary programs such as the Exploration Scholarship Program — taking gifted students on worldwide explorations as working members of the scientific expeditions funded by Dewitt Wallace of Readers Digest, the Explorers Club, the Smithsonian and National Geographic.

Dr. Lyon's international efforts included helping to plan the first World Council on Gifted Children, and he was the keynote speaker at the second World Council, held in San Francisco in 1980.

## **Classmates**

5/31/2017

I will get this one started and try to send it in before I hit the road to Michigan on 30 May or shortly after I arrive on 31 May. I recently returned to the Class Forum [usma1958-forum@west-point.org](mailto:usma1958-forum@west-point.org) and have a great deal of traffic to mention. I will skip the political emails, but the others provide information which is useful for these notes.

## PROP BLASTS

5/31/2017

Not sure who started this subject, but many responded. This one is from **Bob D'Amore C1**, who described a British Dining-In (akin to a prop blast): "The 8th Inf Div apparently did not do "prop blasts" for those of us in the airborne element. Anyone been to a British "Dining-In"? They brag that officers have actually died during that hallowed tradition. Basically, the one I attended with the British Army on the Rhine had several elements: 1. Dress Blues or Reds as the case may be. Get drunk. 2. Humiliate various officers by making them drink until they wet their pants at the table. 3. Eat a sumptuous 5 course meal. Get drunker. 4. Brandy and cigars - get really intoxicated - those who seem to be holding back will be forced to catch up. 5. Junior officers who have grudges with senior officers may challenge them in friendly games of violence. The C.O. generally makes matchups if some are reticent. The "tunnel" game seems to be the highlight of the evening causing the longest hospital stays and heaviest collateral damage to the Officers Club. 6. Try and send the Colonel to the hospital (we did - he was knocked unconscious by an errant cue ball during billiards. The huge slate table fell onto a Major's foot breaking his ankle - two for the price of one). 7. Wreck the officers club (we did - closed for 3 weeks following the dinner). 8. Duty call early next morning. Batman served a marvelous tea based concoction that almost immediately cured hangovers. All the best, Bob D'Amore."

Scribe served with **Bob** in the 8th Inf Div, but missed this Dining-In and did not attend a Prop Blast in a year of airborne duty as an aide to two division CGs. I did, however, make five jumps in one day with then-MG Goodpaster, CG 8th Inf Div, when he went through jump school at Fintzen Army Airfield. As I recall, **Garry Roosma H2** was the pilot in the U-2 Otter from which we jumped. The Otter was a big step up from the L-20 Beaver in which your Scribe was qualified.

**Hugh Fisher E2** replied about an RAF Dining-In he attended: "**Bob D'Amore asked if anyone had attended a British Dining-In and went on to describe the events of the evening. Having attended an RAF Dining-In in the mid 70's, I can attest that his description was quite accurate. The RAF did not do the "Tunnel Game"(that I recall) - Bob, how is that done? The RAF guys did do a lot of drinking/darts (in Brit speak, "Arrows") and bar stool pyramids, to see how high they could pile them up, while climbing to the top - resulted in many falls with poor PLF's. When they had tired of these games, a Flight Lieutenant suggested we adjourn to his quarters where his wife would prepare "eggybakes" for all. This announcement was greeted with great enthusiasm and the crowd piled into cars to make the trip to said quarters. Upon arrival, the Lieutenant entered the house and spoke briefly to his wife. Whereupon she roughly shoved him out the front door, loudly declaring 'go back to your Mess and take your drunken friends with you!' Upon hearing this, one of the other Brits sorrowfully asked of no one in particular 'Does that mean we get no eggybakes?' Yes, we did not get any 'eggybakes' that night, and I have ever since wondered: what are 'eggybakes' really like?"**

**Hugh also described a couple of Prop Blasts he was involved in:** "I became "That Blasted Fisher" in 1966 with 1st Bn 501st which was the last 'no holds barred' prop blast ever held. I also was Jump Master for the first prop blast held under the strict rules set by the Army later that year or the next year. The rules allowed only a specific amount of alcohol per blastee so we made the concoction as bilious as possible and very cold, so that it was difficult to chug down in one gulp as required by the ceremony. We also were prop blasting the 1st Brigade CO, so were decidedly under the gun to get it right. Of course, the PB was immediately followed by a Dining In, at which wine and other libations flowed liberally, so I'm sure we went over the intended limit of alcohol by the time the evening was over."

Hugh continued: “The 501st was the unit in the Airborne which initiated the first Prop Blast in Airborne history and we had the original "Prop Blast Mug" with a written description of the initial ceremony. It was indeed more solemn and simple than the train wreck that Prop Blasts evolved into, one of which caused the death of at least one young officer, who was taken back to his BOQ and left unattended.”

Somewhere along the line, **Dick Schonberger B2** asked how many “Master Blasters” we have in the class. No clue about the number of master parachutists in the class, but Dick’s email served to keep this subject alive. **Alex Johnston I1** chimed in “We probably didn’t have very many because the duties of officers in airborne units don’t leave a lot of time for logging many jumps. I was lucky to be in a job at APG where I jump tested a lot of equipment and had over a hundred jumps before I was assigned to Ft Bragg. I got my Master Wings but only wound up with (only) 123 jumps. “

To which, **Dick** replied: “Thanks, **Alex**, you don't have to back down to anybody. Getting jump assignments always required a certain amount of luck, and then the opportunity to make the requisite numbers and types of jumps and stay healthy. After the first tour with the 101st where I got my Senior Wings, later, while at the Infantry School I was able to log Pathfinder School as **Ray Tomlinson E1** was checking out. My next tour was with the 1st Bde, 101st in VN where we logged about 14 months of jump status and pay, but only one jump. That was a practice jump for the entire brigade in Dec 66, that we understood was for what was to become Operation Junction City. We just knew if anyone jumped in VN it would be the 101st, "Westmoreland's Own". As it turned out, one battalion of the 173rd took what was to be our jump in Feb 67. The story we got is that our incoming Brigade Cdr, a WWII 506 PIR Currahee, was briefed on the operation and turned it down, comparing it to the hokey combat jumps the 187 was accused of making in Korea. We didn't get a vote.

“Assigned to Ft Bragg with the VN-era basic training center as Deputy G3 and then G3, but wearing the 3rd Army patch and not on jump status. Had a job with the "Red Hats" in Viet Nam before getting a deferment where my boss agreed to assigning me to G-3 XVIIIth Abn Corps where I was supposed to be the ATC's rep in G3-Training, but instead wound up in G-3 Ops. When my year was up and departed back for VN, had about 53 jumps and about 4+ years on jump status. I was convinced my jumping days were over.

“After my 2d VN tour, wound up with DA orders assigning me directly to G-3 (DCSO&T) 3rd Army where I found out I had been requested to fill the Chief Ops billet in G3-Ops. I was a known quantity at 3rd Army, having been G3 of the ATC and while in XVIII ABC, G-3 Ops. The biggest surprise was that there was a jump slot waiting for me. As it turned out, I was on jump status throughout my 3rd Army assignment, that ended when we wound up converting what had been 3rd Army Hqs to FORSCOM Hqs. While at 3rd Army, my jump slot was to serve as XVIII ABC liaison in the event of their deployment. Most of my jumps were with jump school highlighted when I made five jumps in one day, four with jump school (C-119's again!) and one with pathfinder school that evening. After all that, I was proud and happy to finally earn Master Wings with 72 jumps including one malfunction.”

## **MASTER BLASTERS?**

5/31/2017

Dick did ask a great question – how many Master Blasters do we have in the class? Your friendly Scribe would love to know and invites each (all) Master Parachutists in the class to send me an email to let me know you are one.

An aside here: your Scribe was in the 1st Inf Div in VN and was heavily involved in planning for Operation Junction City. This is the operation when a battalion of the 173d made its combat jump. It came about because, despite many helicopter units supporting the division, we came up one infantry battalion short for the number to be inserted during operation Junction City. That is when the G3 Plans Officer, **Jerrie Hutchinson '56** (our 2d Regimental Commander as a cadet) said "let's drop one in" or words to that effect. The generals were so briefed and loved it, especially then-BG John Deane, commander of the 173d Airborne. I do not recall that the 1st Div with 173d Airborne attached considered a brigade from the 101st for Operation Junction City. Who knows? Sadly, I while trying to call **Jerrie** to verify my memory, I learned that he died on 23 Mar 17 in Port St Lucie, FL. His burial was on 26 May, at West Point I believe. It can certainly be said of **Jerrie**, in the words from our Alma Mater, "Well done; Be thou at peace."

An email, I think on the class forum, courtesy of **Palmer McGrew I2**: "I have just read *Red Platoon* written by the staff sergeant who orchestrated most of the defensive actions on Combat Outpost Keating, and was awarded a Medal of Honor. He seems to have something against "ring knockers", preferring his platoon leader who told his sergeants 'I like coffee and I like to drink beer. Just keep me out of trouble.' I (**Palmer**) found it wonderfully written by Clinton Romesha, and, although no ghost writer or co-writer is named, if the sergeant really wrote it, it's even more amazing. He always makes the same grammatical error, 'Me and Jones did such and such.' It is so prevalent that I think it is left that way to give the illusion that the kid really wrote it because sometimes he gets it so wrong that you can't imagine him writing it that way. Anyway: Do not let that deter you from reading this book. The defense wins but just barely and the huge losses and damage are not the fault of the defenders, but of those who placed this fort in the worst place they could find. Check it out." No doubt **Palmer** would get a great grade (2.7 or so) for this book report if he were still taking English at USMA.

There was an interesting discussion on the class forum about President Trump's release of classified information to the Russians, but I will skip the details here. However, this might serve as an enticement for more classmates to get on the class forum email list [usma1958-forum@west-point.org](mailto:usma1958-forum@west-point.org). I have no clue why this did not turn the same darker blue as other email addresses and web sites have. Perhaps it will when I send this email. Beats me. Anyway, you can be lazy, skip the forum and wait for your Scribe to use some of the information in our Class Notes without the politics.

Today is 21 May and we held our annual Class Memorial Service at VN Memorial (the Wall) for our 13 classmates killed in Southeast Asia during our war. And, this year we included two brothers of classmates in our Memorial Service. I will name them here with dates of death (on the service bulletin their positions on the Wall were shown, but not truly relevant in our class notes): **Richard T Lynch I1** (10 Sep 64), **Richard S Johnson F1** (17 Jan 65), **Gerald C Capelle K1** (1 Apr 65), **Charles S Moore L2** (25 Apr 67), **Merwin L Morrill G1** (21 Aug 67), **Lawrence M Malone M2** (7 Jan 68), **Floyd B Spencer Jr B2** (31 Jan 68), **Ralph R Wensinger H1** (21 Oct 68), **Robert E Olson D2** (5 Feb 69), **Lon A Spurlock II I1** (28 Mar 69), **George E Hussey H2** (4 May 70), **Robert Degen D2** (8 Jan 71), **David F Nidever L2** (30 Mar 71). And brothers **Rodney H Smith '53** (3 Jun 67) (brother of **Tony I1**) and **David A Bujalski '64** (15 Aug 67) (brother of **Jack G2**). This was our Twenty-Eighth Annual Memorial Service, held annually since May 1989. All far too young.

A little history of this annual class event: **Mark Sigurski C1** got the idea for this service from '56 (who hold their annual service on Veterans Day in November) and discussed it with your Scribe. The deal was that **Mark** would host a lunch at ANCC following the service if I would organize the service. We have been doing this for 28 years. Since Mark moved to Albuquerque,



**Andy Andreson G1** has provided the ANCC membership for our brunch following the service. In recent years **Jack Gordon A1**, our DC social chairman, has organized and collected the checks (payable to Ronald K Andreson) for the brunch. **Jerry Prochaska B2** provided the Scripture lesson and “sermon” or remarks at the ceremony as he has for many years.

In the beginning, I made a modest Xerox printed service bulletin, but our bona fide class printer **Dan Brockwell G1** took over this task and greatly improved this function for me. Now **Frank Waskowicz C2** provides the printed service bulletin. For the past two years, **Frank** has included cadet photos of the classmates in the bulletin. This year we included two brothers of classmates KIA in VN with their photos as well. **Jack Bujalski G2** contacted me to suggest we say a prayer for his brother **David Bujalski ‘64**. Great idea from Jack! Even better, we included two brothers of classmates in the ceremony. Scribe checked with the class via email and was reminded by **Tony** about his brother **Rod**, with whom I served in the 1st Inf Div in VN. Bottom line: we remembered them all, 13 classmates and two brothers in the Memorial Service this year, complete with photos in the service bulletin thanks to **Frank**. A moving affair and tribute to these fifteen. Checking again, are there any other brothers or close family members who should be included in the future?

A class widow contacted me to ask what we do about other deceased classmates who were not KIA in Vietnam? Her USAF husband died in an aircraft accident while on active duty shortly after he returned from VN. I told her that we include all deceased classmates at the memorial service during class reunions. Here are our classmates who died on active duty, but not while serving in VN (listed by cadet company, which is how they appear in the service bulletin: **Alfred R Mason B1** (1 Jun 67), **Joseph A Evans D1** (23 Jun 79), **Charles A Normington D1** (18 Nov 66), **Jerry L Burton G1** (22 Jan 60), **Sammy H Cardwell G1** (22 Feb 61), **Stanley A Maxson Jr H1** (5 Jan 85), **Hugh A Bauer A2** (10 Jan 71), **Dan A Brookhart B2** (12 Nov 63), **Joe M Davis B2** (4 Aug 63), **Frederick J Schluter F2** (12 Jul 60), **Wayne D Day G2** (11 Mar 66), **William P Marshall H2** (24 Apr 60), **George W P Walker H2** (31 Jan 59), and **Edward G Hale Jr L2** (8 Jun 66). Our total who died on active duty is 27: 13 in Southeast Asia and 14 others, including the first and second men in our class: **George Walker** and **Dan Brookhart**. Again, all far too young. The class reunion Roll Call includes all classmates, grads and former cadets, and wives. And, of course, our Cadet Chaplain **George M Bean** (31 Jan 04) and his wife **Betty Lee** (29 Aug 09). The names in the service bulletin are organized by cadet companies and reflect their status at death: resigned, active duty or retired, rank and service, date of death.

I was asked by a number at brunch today how many classmates have died. We have 217 grads, another 25 former cadets and 90 wives who have died. All are included on the Roll Call. Sadly, this number will increase between now and our next Roll Call at the 60th Reunion at West Point, 26-29 April 2018. We are NOT having a Mini Reunion this year to focus maximum attendance at the 60th. The numbers for grads and wives are correct (as of these notes), however, the number of former cadets is more problematical. Your Scribe needs help from CCQs on all these stats. And, YOU need to attend the 60th Reunion! Details will be provided by **Garry Roosma** in due course. Put the dates on your 2018 calendars NOW! **26-29 April 2018!**

We do expect continuing to hold Mini Reunions after the 60th based on the KISS principle. This is how the first few minis were handled: the first Mini was our 31st Reunion in Palm Springs, CA (**Dick Groves K1**), 32d Reunion in Bar Harbor, ME (**Mark Sigurski C1**), 33d Reunion in South Padre Island, TX (**Jack Tierney C1**) and 36th Reunion in Winter Park, CO (**Jack Crandall M2**). These each had an arrival (Thursday night) cocktail party and a dinner (Saturday night). Pretty sure they were pay-as-go events. Of course, our fourth Mini, our 34th Reunion, was in Thailand in 1992 (**Pete Kullavanijaya B2**). This one was more involved and longer given the distance to travel, the Queen of Thailand’s 60th birthday celebration and the many

events before and after the actual reunion: from visits to Hong Kong to Singapore to Indonesia to mainland China, etc. I think a group went to Australia, but my memory is faulty.

Meanwhile, having Mini Reunions after our 60th will depend upon volunteers to host the said reunions. The idea for post-60th Mini Reunions is that the only two organized events will be an arrival cocktail party so attendees know who is there and a Saturday night (final night) dinner. Both these events will be pay-as-you-go to make it easier for the reunion organizer. Any other events will be informal and organized by participants: golf, tennis (anyone still playing?), company dinners, getting together with friends, etc. The only collection up-front will be a nominal registration fee (\$25 dollars or so) for incidental expenses incurred by the organizer -- with no refunds. This will be definitely easier for the organizer. No shows will be able to count their unreturned registration fees as a contribution to the class fund (checking account). Contributions for no shows will be Tax Deductible because the class is a 501C3 or whatever organization. Remember the guiding principle: KISS. Keeping it simple should make it easier to find volunteers to host a mini. Basically, the organizer will only have to arrange for a hotel (attendees will make their own reservations), the arrival night cocktail party with a pay-as-you-go bar and final night dinner, again pay-as-you-go for dinner and drinks.

## **FIRST CLASS CLUB or FCC**

5/31/2017

Kudos to **Tony Smith I1** for being our class honcho for this effort for many years with myriad meetings with various Supes and USMA staff members. As I recall, the idea for '58 to refurbish and bring the FCC back into being originated with **Dale Hruby M2** and **Butch Ordway G1**. They were the initial guys to make it happen with the help of fund raisers and others. **Jack Bradshaw M2** our Class President made remarks at the turn-over ceremony during our 35th Reunion and again recently at the re-opening of the FCC for Class of 2017. The fund raiser who stands out in my memory is the current one: **Tom Claffey K2**. **Dale**, **Butch**, **Tony** and **Tom**, and all other classmates and donors who helped on the FCC – THANK YOU! This is a superb gift to the Corps and the Cadets truly appreciate it.

No doubt there are many other classmates whose praises I should be singing, but keep in mind that, along with Winnie the Pooh, I am a bear of little brain and cannot remember everything. And, with regards to my singing praises to anyone, I am reminded that Mr Mayer said to me back in 1954 when I gave “Glory to God” my best shot trying to make the choir: “Mr Sibert, your grandfather couldn’t sing; your father couldn’t sing; and you can’t sing. Next!” However, with our Choirmaster Mr Mayer, I fared better than some because I heard him say to another classmate: “Mr, what chapel squad are you in?” The reply was “Protestant, sir” to which Mr Mayer then said, “when you come to Chapel, don’t sing.”

Widows are welcome at all class social activities and are encouraged to attend such functions as DC area luncheons or Class Reunions (West Point or Mini). I know that **Audrey Webb I2** and **Angela Ganey H1** came to the ANCC lunch after the 21 May Memorial Service at the VN Memorial Wall. **Betsy Hall H2** is a frequent attender of DC class activities, but was AWOL on 21 May. FYI. **Audrey** and **Betsy** are not technically on the EC (no widows at this point), but are usually present at EC meetings. The next DC lunch I know about is on Thursday 20 July at Ramparts Restaurant in Alexandria. I plan to return from Michigan in time to attend. And, the one after that is Thursday 21 Sep. This will be followed by our annual lunch in Nov with USNA 1958 before the Army-Navy game. BEAT NAVY! The DC gang will hear about all three lunches via email from **Jack Gordon A1**. If you are not on the DC email list and would like to be, contact **Dick Buckalew** via email [buckalew@west-point.org](mailto:buckalew@west-point.org) or telephone 703-237-8263. Questions about the lunch, contact **Jack**.

AGAIN, WIDOWS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. In addition to class luncheons our 60th Class Reunion would be a great event for widows to attend. It will be an opportunity to return to West Point. The reunion dates are 26-29 April 2018 and we have priority at the Thayer Hotel.

## TEE SHIRTS

5/31/2017

And from a recent (27 May 2017) email from Karl Oelke: "I've had a couple of tee shirts for several years, ones I love and have, frankly, worn out: one with the Class of '58 crest above the left breast, the other with 'USMA' across the front. Recently our local Kiwanis club had some tee shirts made and they turned out exceptionally well: high quality fabric and fine printing. So, I talked to the printing company about making some for us. They said they could do it.

"Cost will depend on how many shirts we order. Including the set-up fee, costs will be between \$8.75 and \$9/shirt (for 24-35 shirts), and between \$7.85 and \$8.20 (for 36 to 71 shirts). Postage will add to the cost. I can get up to three shirts in a \$7.20 flat rate mailer. One shirt will fit in a \$6.65 flat rate mailer. Consider this a survey of the Class to gauge interest. If enough people are interested, I'll order some. Pete Trainor has posted pictures of my old tee shirts on the Class web site <http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958/special/teeshirts.html>.

"Go there and you can see what they will look like. To order a shirt (or two or more) email me [uelkes658@gmail.com](mailto:uelkes658@gmail.com) identifying the shirt(s) you want to order. Let's set a deadline of 4 weeks to place your order and, if we have enough by 26 June I'll notify everyone who has placed an order, ask for payment, and have the tee shirts made. Karl Oelke." Your Scribe has already ordered a tee shirt.

Your Scribe departs for Epworth Heights in Ludington, Michigan tomorrow (30 May), therefore, it is time to wrap up this edition of our Class Notes and launch it. You can send photos or write me at my normal address because the Post Office will forward my snail mail until I return to Alexandria on/about 19 July. My planned return is in time for the 20 July DC Class Luncheon at Ramparts Restaurant in Alexandria. For details on this or future class luncheons please contact **Jack Gordon A1** at his home number 703-237-8263 or via his email [hjg5041958@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hjg5041958@sbcglobal.net). Details on all the class luncheons will be forthcoming from Jack via email.

## OOPS

5/31/2017

Forgot to mention earlier the complete list of attendees at the 21 May Memorial Ceremony at the Wall and ANCC brunch: **Tony Bauer, Pete and Janice Brintnall, Andy and Artie Anderson, Angela Ganey, Phil and Rosa Gibbs, Jack Gordon, John and Sally Herren, Joe and Peggy Luman** (plus other guests), **George and Mary Jane Lawton, Lee and Betty Miller, Munge and Judy Moore, Tony and Gay Nadal** (from Williamsburg, VA), **Jerry and Marjorie Prochaska, Dick Reidy, Dave Swanson** (from Hawaii – the longest distance travelled), **George Sibert, Dick Schonberger, Bonnie and Tony Smith, Audrey Webb, Frank Waskowicz, Alan and Florence Salisbury, Jim Corcoran** (from Richmond). And, at the ceremony only but not at bunch: **Mimi Nun, Margie and Jack Downing, Ceda and Palmer McGrew**. Thirty-seven classmates and wives – the largest turnout for this event in years or ever! Frank is sending a video to the class covering the ceremony at the Wall.

And, I was fortunate to have a great lunch with **Tom Sands K1** on 26 May. He and **Barbara** were in Alexandria visiting their daughter and son-in-law. Among other topics we talked about the WWII Museum in New Orleans. Tom and Barbara visit it frequently and highly recommend

it. I have been a modest contributor to the museum's fund-raising efforts and can recommend that you support it as well should you be looking for a worthy cause – along with the WPAOG which can always use your money even though the class is no longer raising money for the FCC.

I am sending this today, Monday, Memorial Day so that I do not have to do anything tomorrow except finish loading my car and departing. The next version of these Class Notes should arrive around 4 July. My email will work in Michigan and my phone number there is 231-845-1546. Please stay in touch and send news to share with the class. Remember the class email lists, class web site and WPAOG web site. I will try listing them here:

- [58usma@west-point.org](mailto:58usma@west-point.org) (restricted senders list, the one **Jack Downing** uses for death notifications).
- [usma1958@west-point.org](mailto:usma1958@west-point.org) (unrestricted senders list which we all can use for class information – this is the one I used for the May and June and future class notes).
- [usma1958-forum@west-point.org](mailto:usma1958-forum@west-point.org) (class forum we can all use for virtually any email traffic, any subject to the classmates who are on it).
- [www.west-point.org/class/usma1958](http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958) (class web site maintained by **Pete Trainor G1**).
- [www.westpointaog.org](http://www.westpointaog.org) (the web site maintained by WPAOG) – you must register for this one.

“That’s all folks”, George

## Stewart Willis Releases "Gestation Seven"

5/23/2017



**Stewart Willis** has released the book: *Gestation Seven - One Was Black and One Was White*. In this novel two dead babies are found in a trash dumpster off U. S. 1 south of Alexandria, Virginia. A young reporter and the Alexandria Police follow clues leading to three government scientists who have gone rogue and conducted an experiment to reduce the gestation period of the human race from nine to seven months. The experiment has gone terribly wrong producing ramifications to all who are involved. Available from Barnes & Noble, Amazon and Google Books.

# 1958 Class Notes

## Classmates—here we go again with class notes

4/11/2017

I will repeat my plea from Feb and Mar about forwarding this to classmates NOT on the class restricted email list. If you know any email addresses, please forward these notes to them. Thanks. CCQs can help here... smile.

## Info from Jack Downing

4/11/2017

Info from **Jack Downing H2**. “**Bill Mathews M2** died in Phoenix AZ. On 23 March. He is survived by **Rosa**, his wife of 24 years and three sons from a previous marriage. Rosa said the burial will take place Austin in April. I will let you know the particulars as soon as the internment details have been finalized. Jack.”

And from Bill’s widow Rosa via **Audrey Webb I2**: I have just had a very sweet and meaningful conversation with Rosa, Bill Mathew's widow. She was very appreciative of the phone call and also of the booklet that Betsy Hall sent. She also mentioned that she had received wonderful support from '58, but especially from M-2.

And from your friendly Scribe: **John Nun A2**, **Pete Trainor G1** and **George Lawton G2** – My only contribution is deceased classmates and wives for Roll Call purposes. I am more than happy to have you three and **Dick Buckalew A2** keep up with the living (grads in '58, '59 and '60 and former cadets), our rosters, etc.

My list of deceased classmates stands at 216 graduates in June 1958 from among the 573 of us who graduated, which agrees with **Pete Trainor’s G1** number. Add to this another 9 who have died from among those who graduated with 1959 and 23 former cadets who have died. Our one from 1960, **Tom Taylor D1**, is still vertical. Grand total is 248 classmates who have died. No doubt there are more, but tracking the non-grads is difficult.

And, we have lost 90 wives. Interestingly, we have lost 43 couples. We have many of us without spouses, either widowers or widows. Sadly, I am among this group and am finding it difficult without **Judy**—I miss her terribly, but know that she is better off. 2016 was difficulty for her.

## Frank Waskowicz Roll Calls

4/11/2017

**Frank Waskowicz C2** does our Roll Calls for reunions and annual one in May for those lost in SEA. Our service in May will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> followed by brunch at Army-Navy Country Club.

Our next total class Roll Call will be during the 60<sup>th</sup> back at West Point in April 2018. The last was our 58<sup>th</sup> at Monterey/Carmel on 21 October 2016 **Jody Le Townt C2** is the first among us to organize a second Mini Reunion.

The EC opted not to have a 59<sup>th</sup> Mini Reunion during 2017 so that we can focus on max attendance of the 60<sup>th</sup> next year. We are likely to have Mini Reunions after the 60<sup>th</sup> but time enough to organize them in the future. We are contemplating going back to the simple reunions which began with Palm Springs for our 31<sup>st</sup> Reunion. I will attempt a listing our reunion organizers for the record.

### **And from Herb and Betty Puscheck A1**

4/11/2017

And from **Herb and Betty Puscheck A1** -- another night at the theater. "It's that time again: TUESDAY, 2 MAY 2017 (A Fundraiser for MT.Vernon Kiwanis Club)

The Play: "The Fabulous Lipitones" at Little Theater in Old Town

Time: Doors open @ 7 PM, Play starts at 8PM

Price: \$25.00 includes Play, Refreshments, Door Prizes and Raffles.

This is a comedy about what takes place when a barbershop quartet is forced to take on an unconventional replacement when one of their members suddenly dies. When they meet face to face with their replacement, he is definitely what they expected.

Contact or call Betty or Herb Puscheck for tickets @ info: 703-768 2380

or: [hbpuscheck@gmail.com](mailto:hbpuscheck@gmail.com) Should be a FUN evening!

Regards,

**Herb & Betty Puscheck**

### **Internet Wizard, Pete Trainor G1**

4/11/2017

And from our class Internet Wizard, **Pete Trainor G1**, which he sent today April first:

"Classmates,

<http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958/>

Updates include the latest class address roster and email roster (both password protected).

Additionally, the scribe (Class Notes) pages now reflect all notes posted by Pete Penczer during 2014-2016."

And from **Gerry Schurtz E2** in response to an email from your friendly Scribe warning about an email scam: "George: Thanks for the info. Some people really suck, don't they? Gerry"

## Reunion List for historical record

4/11/2017

(have space, so decided to use it to give a current list of class reunions, more or less current at any rate:

5<sup>th</sup> at USMA – we had two: one in June 1963 and the second at Homecoming in the fall of 1963. I have no clue who ran either one. Need help here!

10<sup>th</sup> 10-13 Sep 1968 at West Point. Another with no clue who ran it. Check your memories.

15<sup>th</sup> sometime in Fall of 1973 at West Point. I am quite sure that **Jim Ramsden I2** ran it with classmate helpers.

20<sup>th</sup> again in the Fall of 1978 at West Point and run by **Jim Ramsden I2** and helpers.

25<sup>th</sup> again in the Fall of 1983 at West Point and run by **Jim Ramsden I2** and his gang of helpers.

30<sup>th</sup> in the Fall of 1988 at West Point – the first organized by **Garry Roosma H2**. Scribe classmated him but Garry returned the favor giving Scribe the 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion Book project.

31<sup>st</sup> 7-10 Sep 1989 – the first Mini Reunion organized by **Dick Groves K1** in Palm Springs CA.

32d 6-9 Sep 1990 in Bar Harbor ME organized by **Mark Sigurski C1** and his annual campers.

33d 26-29 Sep 1991 in South Padre Island TX by **Jack** and **Marie Tierney C1**.

34<sup>th</sup> 8-15 August 1992 to celebrate the Queen of Thailand's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday organized by **Pete Kullavanijaya B2** with many side-trips to other hot spots in Asia.

35<sup>th</sup> 30 Sep-3 Oct 1993 at West Point by **Garry Roosma H2**.

36<sup>th</sup> 4-7 Aug 1994 at Winter Park CO by **Jack Crandall M2**. This one began the annual Ski Trip Mini Reunions which kicked off in 1997.

37<sup>th</sup> 28 Sep-1 Oct 1995 in Charleston SC by **Heyward** and **Evelyn Hutson E1** who had a lovely dinner at their home.

38<sup>th</sup> 3-6 Oct 1996 in Carmel CA by **Jody LeTowt C2** .40th

39<sup>th</sup> 11-14 Sep 1997 in Hershey PA "How Sweet It Is" by **Stu Matt M1** (our only non-grad to host a Mini).

40<sup>th</sup> 23-26 May 1998 at West Point by **Garry Roosma H2**.

41<sup>st</sup> 14-17 Jun 1999 at West Point by **Jerry Mitchell C1** "In-Barracks Mini and Graduate Enrichment Seminar."

42d 7-10 Sep 2000 at Portland OR by **Paul Vanture B2**.

43d 1-4 Nov 2001 at Santa Fe NM by **Gerry Schurtz E2**.

44<sup>th</sup> 21-24 Apr 2002 at Pensacola FL by **Glenn Phillips A2**.

45<sup>th</sup> 11-14 Sep 2003 at West Point by **Garry Roosma H2**.

46<sup>th</sup> 21-24 Aug 2004 at San Antonio TX by **Jack Bujalski G2**.



47<sup>th</sup> 17-20 Oct 2005 at San Francisco CA by **Paul Ruud D2**.  
48<sup>th</sup> 14-17 May 2006 at Savannah GA by **Roger Waddell A1**.  
49<sup>th</sup> 21-24 Oct 2007 at New Orleans LA by **Tom Sands K1**.  
50<sup>th</sup> 24-25 May 2008 at West Point by **Garry Roosma H2**.  
51<sup>st</sup> 28-31 Oct 2009 at Tucson AZ by?? **Art Meyer K2**. My records need help here!  
52d 11-14 Oct 2010 at Denver CO by **Rich Clements H2**.  
53d 26-29 Sep 2011 at Orlando FL by **Bob Tallgren M2**.  
54<sup>th</sup> 7-10 Oct 2012 at Washington DC by **Palmer McGrew I2**.  
55<sup>th</sup> 18-22 May 2013 at West Point by **Garry Roosma H2**.  
56<sup>th</sup> 19-22 Oct 2014 at Orange Beach AL by **Jerry Cook B1**.  
57<sup>th</sup> 20-23 Oct 2015 at Austin TX by **Stan Bacon I2**.  
58<sup>th</sup> 20-23 Oct 2016 at Carmel CA by **Jody LeTowt C2** (first classmate to organize a second Mini).  
60<sup>th</sup> 26-29 Apr 2018 at West Point by **Garry Roosma H2**. NUMBER SEVEN FOR GARRY!  
Need class news. George as in Scribe

# 1958 Class Notes

## Class Notes – March 2017

3/10/2017

First, your friendly Scribe needs some help. Not all classmates or widows are on **Dick Buckalew's** (A-2) email list. I would appreciate CCQs forwarding these Class Notes to any of their company-mates and/or widows not on the class list and for whom they have an email address. And, if anyone else has an email address for a classmate and/or widow who is not on either the class list or is not known to a CCQ (on a company list), please help by forwarding my email Class Notes to such classmate or widow. Thanks!

I believe our ranks are fewer by two since I sent the February Class Notes with the listing of deceased classmates and wives. Everyone on Buckalew's list should know from **Jack Downing's** (H-2) emails that **D'Ann Stone** (A-1) died on 9 Feb and **Dick Garlick** (G-1) died on 21 Feb. The Stones (John and D'Ann) are our 42d couple on the Memorial List and the Garlicks (Pat and Dick) are our 43d couple. And, there were a few omissions on my part to February Class Notes: (1) I did not list **Gene Wilson** (I-1) who died 8 Dec 2016 despite my having spoken to **Ellie** and (2) I failed to list **John Lynne**, (M-1) although I did list his wife **Jo Anne**. Scribe is sorry for those omissions/errors. A few classmates/CCQs helped by sending me corrections. We should all be up-to-date on classmates and wives who have left this world of woe and gone to a better place which knows neither pain nor sorrow. And, I know of one other wife who died, but her husband does not want the info broadcast to the class and his wishes are being honored.

## An Email from Roger Waddell

3/10/2017

I had an email from **Roger Waddell** (A-1) recently about both Marg Garrett and D'Ann Stone: "I was going to write to you about your class notes email, then this came through. I believe D'Ann has been fighting cancer since 2007. On the class notes, how did you learn of the death of Marge Garrett (whose death was reported in February Class Notes)? I have not seen anything from Lee Miller, CINC-Obit, AOG, or Buckalew. Rube." Scribe did not know that D'Ann had been fighting cancer for so long – tough time for her. And, I cannot remember how I learned about the death of Marge Garrett. I replied to inform Roger just how little Scribe knows. If anyone in A-1 knows more, please contact **Lee Miller** (A-1 CCQ) do that he can let your company mates have all the info. Thanks.

Hint to one and all: if you have info about any classmate or wife or widow or children/grandchildren (especially those attending or soon to attend our Rockbound Highland Home on the Hudson), please share such info with your Scribe who is desperate for news. You can send me an email [gsibert@comcast.net](mailto:gsibert@comcast.net) or call on my home phone 703-671-1415 (leave a message if I do not answer) or cell phone 703-328-5941 (better to call back because messages on my cell are problematical).

## Gene Wilson Update

3/10/2017

**Ellie Wilson (I-1)** (a recent email since our phone call): “Thanks for the update on Gene's posting for I-1. His memorial on Saturday was beautiful, went very smoothly and was attended with a good number of friends from various groups/organizations locally and out of town. My family and I were very pleased to honor Gene in celebration of his life in such a personal way. So, now it is on to the next chapter, or as is said, the new normal... whatever that may be. I am sure you are already walking down that road and most likely a challenging one at times. Also, wanted to let you know that with the help of one of my sons, I am downsizing Gene's and my email boxes to one address which is [geneandellie@gmail.com](mailto:geneandellie@gmail.com). Maintaining 6 boxes is definitely more than I need. Life should be less complicated. Hopefully, this finds you well and looking forward to spring. Looking forward to your postings for '58. Hugs, Ellie.” Gene and your Scribe were flight school classmates (Brown Hats) at Camp Gary and Ft Rucker before he went to Germany where he met Ellie.

## Tom Morgan Update

3/10/2017

More about Gene from **Tom Morgan (A-2)**: “George, I am going to send you some pictures that I took of Gene Wilson's "Celebration of Life" event yesterday. What is a good address for you now? Tom Morgan.” I provided my address to Tom and will repeat it here so that anyone can send photos to gladden the heart of your friendly Scribe: 4800 Fillmore Ave Apt 530, Alexandria VA 22311-5014.

## Andy Andreson Update

3/10/2017

From **Andy Andreson (G-1 CCQ)**: “**Dick Garlick's** funeral will be held on Friday, 10 March, with visitation from 10 AM to 11 AM at Talbots Funeral Home, 340 North State Road 35, Alma, Wisconsin 54610; phone is (608) 685-3294. The funeral service will be at 11 AM at the Alma Cemetery where Dick will be laid to rest next to wife, **Pat**.” Andy also reports that he will be attending the funeral on behalf of G-1 and the Class. The Class flag will be displayed. Andy also corrected an earlier email about Dick's age: he turned 84 in November 2016 and died of complications from Parkinson's. From other emails, your Scribe knows that Dick's daughter-in-law, **Cindy**, lives in Springfield VA and has been very helpful at keeping G-1 informed. And from WPAOG the standard plea for help: “If you have information related to this notification, please inform [marilee.meyer@wpaog.org](mailto:marilee.meyer@wpaog.org) Personal testimonials may be posted at the link below: <http://externalapps.westpointaog.org/memorials/article/22092>.” I can assure you that both Marilee at WPAOG and I appreciate any help you can provide.

## Jack Gordan Update

3/10/2017

From **Jack Gordan (A-1 and our DC area social chairman)**: Recently wrote that there will be 19 attending the luncheon with our Yearlings at Ft Myer Officers Club on 2 Mar. Your Scribe will be AWOL by virtue of being in Florida. With any good fortune, there will be more information

about who attended this joint luncheon and any news produced in my next Class Notes. No doubt, the number of attendees will likely increase.

### **Norm Monson Update**

3/10/2017

From **Norm Monson** (K-2) in an email 20 Feb: "I read this and realized I hadn't expressed my appreciation for your taking on, once again, the scribe job. It seems to me like one of those impossible tasks that cannot ever be finished. And while I understand your feelings about brain failures, let's face it, aren't we all having more of those moments? At least you were cool enough to use the other F word." I think the word I used was failure. Cannot imagine what other "F word" Norm had in mind. Smile

### **Jerry Mitchell Update**

3/10/2017

From **Jerry Mitchell** (C-1 CCQ) in an email 19 Feb: "I have had a disaster in that my computer was hacked and then crashed when I wouldn't pay the ransom, and I am slowly getting back up to speed. I just got off the phone with **John Schaffer**, C-1. He has been in the hospital for the last several days and is at home recovering from pneumonia. He is pretty sick, but he is getting better." Pneumonia is bad stuff at any age, but worse as we get older. Great news that John is getting better.

### **Making Donations in Hugh Morgan's Name**

3/10/2017

**Hugh Morgan** (G-2), who died 10 Aug 2016. Most know that Hugh was an amateur radio aficionado. Here is what was written about making donations in Hugh's name to support the cadet Amateur Radio Club. This info was in an exchange of emails between **Pete Penczer** (our former Scribe who cannot be thanked enough by your current Scribe for his taking on this task for some 40 columns) and John Ulmer '62: "The passion in Hugh Morgan's life was Amateur Radio, a hobby he practiced from age 14. After the QST magazine article about the West Point Radio Club was published, some of his friends approached me about making donations to the club in his honor. That effort is ongoing. So far we have raised over \$1000 for the club which is refinishing new quarters and purchasing new radios. Some of his classmates may wish to follow suit. Donations to the club must be made through the Association of Graduates. Checks should be made out to the West Point AOG and "Amateur Radio Club" should be written in the memo line. These donations should be accompanied by a letter of intent instructing that the gift be earmarked for the Amateur Radio Club in honor of Hugh W Morgan '58. Donations should be mailed to the West Point Association of Graduates, 968 Mills Road, West Point, NY 10996. Further information about the club and how to make donations may be found at the club's web site [www.usma.edu/w2kgv](http://www.usma.edu/w2kgv). John Ulmer USMA 62."

## **60<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

3/10/2017

More on our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion in April 2018 via an email answer from **Garry Roosma** (H-2) about dates for the reunion: “George, two things happen when you approach 80. One is your memory starts to fail and the other is ... well I forget. OK the dates for the 60<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, April 25 (optional day) through Sunday, April 29. Regards, Garry.” You will get more information from Garry as we get closer to the 60<sup>th</sup>. Scribe’s intent now is for all classmates and widows to block the dates on your calendars for April next year – 25<sup>th</sup> (optional day) then 26-29 April 2018 – dates when you MUST, Scribe says again MUST, be there. Plan now to attend!

## **Scribe received an email from Tom Claffey**

3/10/2017

Scribe received an email from **Tom Claffey** (K-2) with the following info: “I had a terrific telephone visit with **Jim Bishop** (H-1) a few days ago. He mentioned that his grandson, James Logan Comer '18, will be enjoying the refurbished First Class Club next year as a Firstie and will graduate just days after our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion! I'm copying Jim as well as **Tony Smith** (I-1) (our FCC Man on Scene) with this note.” Thanks to Tom for sending the information about grandson James Comer to Tony Smith. And, congratulations to grandfather Jim and grandson James. Just think about it: James is graduating a mere 60 years after his grandfather Tom. How fortunate those two are!

## **Susan Sullinger Update**

3/10/2017

**Susan Sullinger** (L-2). In a phone call **Robert Higgins** (L-2) and your Scribe tried to reach Bob’s roommate **Carl Sullinger** (also L-2 in case you have not broken the code). We did not talk to Carl, but had a great chat with his wife Susan. She is fine and doing well in the California real estate business (San Jose area, if my memory is correct – just checked with Bob – San Jose is correct). You can refer to Garry Roosma’s comments above on aging memories). If you are looking for something modest in the \$2.5M and up category, give Bob a call on his cell 407-497-4594 to get info on how to reach Susan. Lost my notes on that but your Scribe is not in the market for a house in California. Not a house anywhere.

## **Critical Issues Roundtable**

3/10/2017

Scribe is in a luncheon group organized by **Alan Salisbury** (L-1) called Critical Issues Roundtable (CIRT for short): An email from Alan informed us that our luncheon speaker of 30 March will be Bridgett Serchak, daughter of our classmate Bill. “I'm pleased to announce that our next CIRT luncheon will be on Thursday, Mar 30, 12-2pm. Our special guests for this luncheon will be **Bridgett Serchak\***, current Director of Public Relations, and Alan Heil, former Deputy Director of the Voice of America. We all know the critical role that VOA played in the Cold War. This luncheon will give us a great opportunity to learn about the VOA today, its mission and role in the current administration. Please respond if you plan on attending so I can get a preliminary headcount. Thanks, Alan. \*Bridgett is the daughter of Bill Serchak, USMA '58. She moved to VOA from being the PIO for the DoD IG. The discussion can include her

tenure there as well.” Think about it – we have a class daughter as guest speaker at a lunch attended by classmates.

**Alan Salisbury** info continued: Another activity Alan is involved in is the Alumni Glee Club, recently on TV. Here is a comment from **Joe Schwar** (I-2): “I was a little disappointed in how much was shown -- at least in my area. But they really nailed the National Anthem. And Alan was right there in the front row--looking very serious. Joe.” **Pete Brintnall** and **Palmer McGrew** are two more classmates in the Alumni Glee Club. There may be more, but these three are the ones that come to mind.

## **Executive Committee**

3/10/2017

This edition of the Class Notes has provided the dates of our 60<sup>th</sup>. You should know that your Executive Committee (EC), chaired by **Dick Schonberger** (B-2), is busily working with Garry on the 60<sup>th</sup> and with others on various aspects of class business.

## **Phipps & May at the NASA Landing Strip**

3/10/2017

**Jack May** (B-2) from a recent email (text and attached photo): The picture (attached) is of Hubert Phipps and Jack May at the NASA landing strip where the space shuttles landed in Cape Canaveral. The runway, made of unusually hard and dense concrete and over three miles long, is used on occasion for private high-speed automotive events. We are standing by the Ford GT40 that holds the world's record for a "stock car" (lots of modifications permitted ... over 2000 horsepower) for a standing mile .... 282+ miles an hour. This car was attempting to break its own record, but during the high speed run some parts disintegrated, without harm to the driver, but failing to achieve a new record. We were invited to attend the private speed occasion, arriving in high style in Hubert's helicopter. There was quite an array of unusual and special cars and about 100 unusual and special car lovers. It was an altogether delightful and unique event for car aficionados. (Sorry, Scribe cannot remove the extra space between the lines of text – as I have said a number of times: I am digitally challenged).

# 1958 Class Notes

## Here we go again

2/7/2017

The class and I send hearty thanks to **Pete Penczer** for doing this task the past few years. I believe he did 40 issues without deadlines. For most of the time it required Assembly deadlines to keep my feet to the fire and get them done before handing the reins to Pete. We will see how I do without deadlines. I am going to check with our email guru **Dick Buckalew** to see if I can send these class note via the class email list. Despite former Scribe Pete Penczer's instructions along with web-page meister **Pete Trainor's** directions, your digitally-challenged former (before Pete) and current (back again) Scribe found it difficult to get to the class notes to read them. At least it was difficult for me to remember how to do it. Perhaps sending the verbiage via email may improve class comomo and readership. Worth a try, if Dick will so permit. No real info on hand for the first edition for this second time around Scribe other than thank you notes to Pete and welcome back comments to me. To those who sent them, sincere thanks from both Pete and me.

## Be Thou at Peace

2/7/2017

I will review the too long list of classmates (grads in 1958 or beyond and former cadets who spent formative years with us at our former Highland home) and wives who have died. Many know that my wife **Judy** joined the list in Oct 2016. Tough time for me. Again, sincere thanks to many of you who sent letters and emails to me about Judy's death.

Another reason your friendly Scribe is doing this Roll Call now is there will be no Mini Reunion in 2017. The class is waiting for April 2018 and our 60th back at West Point. You will hear more from **Garry Roosma** about the 60th. With no real news on hand this is an opportunity to catch-up via this substitute Roll Call (by cadet company) with full name and date of death for classmates. Wives have full name and date of death and husband's name added parenthetically. I have also provided class of graduation for turn-backs and class year of departure for classmates who did not graduate.

## A-1

2/7/2017

(12 total): William F Brown 25 Apr 16; Donald A DeJardin 16 Aug 11; Donald O Ellerthorpe (3Cl) 15 Aug 96; Margaret Ann (Marg) Garrett 5 Jan 2017 (our most recent deceased wife); Raymond F Hanson 15 Nov 12; Harry C Kirschner (4Cl) 25 Dec 00; George O Klotzbach 9 Dec 16 (our most recent classmate death); Mary Melnick (Bill) 12 Dec 09; William C Melnick 18 May 15; James M Ryan 18 Jun 15; John B Stone 12 Feb 08; J Barrie Williams 10 Aug 05.



## **B-1**

2/7/2017

(11 total): Robert J Bier (3Cl) 7 Jun 11; John B Cook 11 Sep 06; Lorin B Farr Jr 25 Apr 14; Turner D Griffin Jr 10 Sep 11; Gordon L Goodman 22 Apr 15; Floyd L Likins Jr (4Cl) 16 Dec 07; Alfred R Mason 1 Jun 67; John H McKillop 3 Sep 89; Ola R Nelson 28 Dec 92; John B Sampson 14 Nov 95; Theodore F Smith 4 Apr 80.

## **C-1**

2/7/2017

(13 total): Elaine Bons (Paul) 19 Dec 00; Joseph K Brown 26 Feb 88; Joan Collins (Sam) 21 Oct 07; Jane Evans (Sandy) 10 Dec 99; Hugh P Finley Jr (3Cl) 25 Jun 00; Ernest F Geipel 12 May 80; Joanna Gell (Rich) 24 Apr 91; Thomas J Kelly 8 Nov 97; James J Kernan 29 Dec 95; Glenn A Lane 14 Nov 15; James W Peck 7 Nov 16; Mary Ruth Peck (Jim) 9 Apr 13; John F Tierney 3 Jan 10.

## **D-1**

2/7/2017

(11 total): Edward J Burke 31 May 99; Johanna H Burke (Ted) 17 Jul 85; Mary Callaghan (Bill '59) 7 Mar 08; Mary Jo Crowley (Frank) 18 Oct 04; Douglass S Detlie 31 Jan 09; Joseph A Evans 23 Jun 79; Jack W Lowe (2Cl) 10 Apr 13; Charles A Normington 18 Nov 66; Richard D Osborn 5 Sep 00; Robert H Prater (3Cl) 21 Mar 01; Craig H Shaver Jr 1995 (4Cl -- help with his actual date of death would be appreciated).

## **E-1**

2/7/2017

(9 total): John C Burke 6 Dec 92; Pat Burke (Jack) 8 May 16; Rosalyn Evans (John) 19 Jan 16; Thomas H Harvey Jr 9 Nov 13; Richard H Manning (3Cl) 26 Nov 03; Davies R Powers 16 Nov 12; Charles W Profilet 13 Nov 04; John A Raymond 1 Dec 16; Stanley A Slater 5 Aug 01.

## **F-1**

2/7/2017

(15 total): James H C Ballard 24 Oct 96; Richard E Bauchspies 16 Mar 09; Betty Lee Bean (George) 29 Aug 09; George M Bean 31 Jan 04; Robert A Bethmann 2 May 72; Ben G Crosby Jr 21 Oct 16; Robert F Durkin 14 Nov 04; James A Frick 8 Mar 02; Cookie Hamilton 3 Sep 93; Harvey R Jahn Jr 5 Feb 11; Edward J Jasaitis 3 Apr 00; Richard S Johnson 17 Jan 65; Billie Nadal 21 May 03; Millard L Pedersen 27 May 14; Paul T Schonberger 26 Aug 11.

## **G-1**

2/7/2017

(17 total): John S Andrusko (2Cl) 12 Sep 05; Jerry L Burton 22 Jan 60; Sammy H Cardwell 22 Feb 61; Suzanne Cardwell Meehan (Sammy) 26 Jun 92; Becky Davenport (Bruce) 23 Oct 12; Bruce B Davenport 21 Oct 11; William H Dunning 3 Aug 13; Patricia Garlick (Dick) 3 Nov 11; Lee A J Gaughan 30 Jun 87; Michael W Luck (3Cl) 21 Oct 14; Albert D MacLeod 29 Jun 12; Kathryn Miller (Charlie) 26 May 04; Connie Morrill (Mel) 9 Jan 85; Merwin L Morrill 21 Aug 67; Roderic E Ordway 24 Sep 10; Linda Sedgwick (Doug) 8 Feb 75; Mary Trainor (Pete) 27 Jul 00.

## **H-1**

2/7/2017

(12 total): Gloria Betts (Jerry) 20 Jun 96; William G Ganey 1 Sep 15; Nelle Hall (Glenn) 17 Apr 16; Joseph V Hornyak (3Cl) 13 Jul 00; Willie J Marshall 5 Dec 02; Stanley A Maxson Jr 5 Jan 85; Robert L T Munger 10 Jul 12; Claudia Parker (Bill) 9 Jan 10; Gerald T Rudolph 14 Dec 82; Dennis A Rupprecht 7 Oct 10; Clifford D Victorine Jr 31 Jul 07; Ralph R Wensinger ('59) 21 Oct 68.

## **I-1**

2/7/2017

(11 total): Ronald S Brunner 20 Nov 98; John W Carson 12 Jul 79; Lincoln Jones III (16 Jan 13); Charles E LeMere 2 Sep 12; Earnest Lenart Jr 15 Arp 11; Richard T Lynch 10 Sep 64; Lon A Spurlock II 28 Mar 69; Clifford B Trott 23 Sep 88; George G Wees 12 Feb 95; James R Wessel 2 Jul 15.

## **K-1**

2/7/2017

(16 total): Jo Ann Barker (Bob); Robert T Barker 13 May 13; Frank M Brown 14 Dec 07; John D Buchanan 21 May 09; Gerald C Capelle 1 Apr 65; William A Denson 23 Oct 75; Melville A Drisko 23 Jun 05; James E Emmons Jr 29 May 06; Margaret Groves 15 Oct 16 (Dick); Richard N Groves 6 Mar 06; Peter D Hidalgo 15 Dec 08; Hervette Mason (Tom) 29 Aug 01; Luis M Mirasol Jr 4 Dec 98; Cecil L Shrader 3 May 16; Ronald D Turner 29 Apr 13; Sue Turner (Ron) 6 Dec 13.

## **L-1**

2/7/2017

(14 total): Vivian Boling (Chuck 4Cl); Thomas F Cartwright 6 Aug 02; Ellie Mahler (Mike) 6 Dec 13; Robert J Matsumoto 4 Feb 09; Robert H Miller 11 Nov 14; Joseph A Paes 21 Jun 16; Jeanne Peters (Jack) 22 Sep 15; John W Peters 21 Jan 14; Joseph A Shea 31 Aug 16; Joan

Shimerda (John) 7 Oct 15; Joseph C Tirre Jr 29 Dec 14; Marlene Young (Pete); Peter J Young 1 Sep 99; Barry M Zwick 16 Jun 10.

## **M-1**

2/7/2017

(12 total): Edwin N Dodd Jr 22 Mar 15; Karen Kittelson (Dick) 10 Aug 15; Richard D Kittelson 4 Dec 79; David S Kyle 5 Apr 13; JoAnne Lynne (Jack) 28 Jan 01; Gerald W Noga ('59) 20 May 08; Sue Patterson (Walt) 18 Apr 09; Joseph A Scherffius (2Cl) 29 Oct 98; Fran Schneider (John) 27 Jun 08; John W Schneider Jr (25 Mar 75); Frank M Smith 7 Nov 09.

## **A-2**

2/7/2017

(17 total): Hugh A Bauer 10 Jan 71; David G Coury 1 Jan 00; George E Ellis 12 Jan 01; G John Faiola 21 Jan 80; Theodora Faiola Priest (Fi) 9 Aug 96; Leslie Gibbings 11 Dec 06; Gary L Kosmider 26 Apr 05; Mary Kosmider (Gary) 18 Jan 06; George N Lancaster 10 Apr 96; Ingrid Lancaster (Gin) 17 Sep 11; Donald J McCullough 9 Jul 07; Richard H McManigell 6 Oct 15; Glenn K Phillips 4 Dec 14; Donald J Roberts 6 Jul 05; Albert L Sasserville (4Cl) 19 May 11; Willis A Smith 3 Feb 08; Joan Toney (Stan) 4 Feb 92.

## **B-2**

2/7/2017

(13 total): Dan A Brookhart 12 Nov 63; Alan B Claflin 21 Nov 00; Cynthia Claflin (Alan) 9 Nov 03; Joe M Davis 4 Aug 63; Paul D Dean (1Cl) 2 Mar 08; Stanley E Dus 6 Oct 02; Thomas A Forster 12 Jun 07; Antonia Giallourakis (Bill) 12 Apr 04; Robert W Giuliano 2 Nov 71; Patricia Johnson (Don) 22 Oct 13; Walter M Plaue 30 Jul 16; Raymond B Riggan 1 Dec 08; Floyd B Spencer Jr 31 Jan 68.

## **C-2**

2/7/2017

(10 total): Kathleen Bahnsen (Pete) 11 Apr 96; Adam Benjamin Jr 7 Sep 82; Earnest S Collins (4Cl) 6 Jul 02; Patrick J Green Jr (4Cl) 6 Feb 90; Victor J Gongola 13 Apr 13; Alexander J Pensiero 17 May 07; Dianne LeTowt (Jody) 16 May 02; James L Massey Jr ('59) 8 Dec 92; Eugene J Scales 31 Jan 96; Martha Stritzinger (Fred) 10 Jul 12.

## **D-2**

2/7/2017

(19 total): Clark J Bailey II 5 Jul 10; Anne Bowen (Frank) 30 Sep 92; Frank S Bowen 27 Sep 00; Patricia Bowen (Frank) 1 Nov 09; Robert Degen 8 Jan 71; Sylvia Degen (Bob) 15 Sep 06; Fred W Hall Jr 30 Jun 12; Katie McCann (Bob) 15 Jan 09; Burton T Miller 5 Mar 07; Dianne Miller

(Burt) 16 May 97; Norma Miller (Ray) 28 Nov 09; William R Miller 18 Aug 09; Robert E Olson 5 Feb 69; Ronald C Olson 27 Sep 02; Sharon Olson (Ron) 19 Feb 05; Garth H Payne Jr 4 Jul 00; Donald R Williams 27 May 14; Evelyn Willis (Stew) 28 Oct 15; Daniel J Yarr 3 May 98.

## **E-2**

2/7/2017

(12 total): William N Bicher 17 Jun 97; Arlene (Peggy) Coleman (Ron) 14 Apr 08; Ronald T Coleman 17 May 03; Donald M G Forney 21 Feb 94; Elizabeth H Gietzen (Roger) 21 Sep 78; Roger C Gietzen 11 Mar 14; Charles T Hatcher 9 Mar 07; Emma Jane Phillips 1 May 96; Franklin D Phillips 16 Jul 81; Edward J Timberlake III 9 Jan 00; William J Wafer 5 Nov 10; James H Weis 5 Jan 15.

## **F-2**

2/7/2017

(16 total): James C Castle 11 Nov 15; Raymond I Coffey 5 Jun 09; Adrienne DiTommaso (Joe) 31 Oct 07; Joseph M DiTommaso 20 Mar 01; Arvid S Doucette 19 May 08; Claude E Fernandez Jr 24 Mar 15; Thomas H Fletcher ('59) 22 Sep 98; James A Godbey 7 Sep 78; David A Hettinger 6 Feb 94; Mary Ann Klemptow 1959 (need help with date of death); Paul Klemptow 19 Apr 13; John A Nowak 16 May 94; Martha Palladino (Don) 25 Mar 09; Karl F Prunitsch 10 Dec 08; Frederick J Schluter 12 Jul 60; Leo E Sheehan 26 Jul 02.

## **G-2**

2/7/2017

(13 total): Robert F Bowers ('59) 25 Jan 93; Virginia Day (Wayne) 21 May 10; Wayne D Day 11 Mar 66; Claude B Donovan 4 Oct 92; Michael F Easley 1 Apr 07; Barry P Eveleth 14 Nov 07; Alice Wakefield Forman (Tom) 15 Nov 91; Thomas A Forman 13 Nov 93; Carol Ann McCauley 29 Feb 92; Hugh W Morgan 10 Aug 16; Peter Shunk 29 Nov 15; Robert E Tierney 17 Oct 08; Kay Wright (Frank) 19 Sep 97.

## **H-2**

2/7/2017

(18 total): Robert E Baker 6 Feb 92; Clyde O Brown 29 Dec 06; Ethel Merle Brown (Clyde) 19 Feb 02; Catherine Clements (Rich) 25 Sep 97; Thai DeChant (Joe) 11 Dec 07; James B Hall 22 Aug 15; George E Hussey 4 May 70; Esther Jackson (Strube) 24 Feb 09; Strube J Jackson 30 Sep 83; Marilyn Linkiewicz (Ed) 10 Mar 12; John J Madigan III 8 Jan 99; William P Marshall 24 Apr 60; Michael W Riordan Jr 27 Oct 09; William A Roosma 29 Apr 11; Fred M Ruffner (3Cl) 5 Mar 08; Judith Cleary Sibert (George) 30 Oct 16; Robert T Stinson (3Cl) 14 May 58; George W P Walker 31 Jan 59.

## **I-2**

2/7/2017

(19 total): Olen A Brown 24 Oct 64; Bernard R Card 1 Jun 89; John M Dykes 3 May 12; Roger Q Gaines ('59) 24 May 14; Charles W Glover Jr 12 Oct 02; Gudrun Glover (Charley) 21 Nov 94; Robert R Huskinson 17 Jun 07; Michael S Jones 16 Jan 10; James B Morgan 1 Feb 16; Peggy Morgan (Jim) 3 May 07; James H Ramsden 13 Aug 98; Rae Ramsden (Jim) 5 Sep 08; Warren Rubel 31 Oct 83; Pat Schwar (Joe) 17 Mar 97; R Frederick Seiler Jr 20 Mar 13; Richard E Warner 7 Nov 02; Richard B Webb 7 Dec 98; Barbara Zimmer (Wick) 4 Feb 02; Gerald W Zimmer Jr 21 Jan 10.

## **K-2**

2/7/2017

(14 total): Joseph W Brandl 2 Oct 12; John R Deely 1 Mar 10; Jerry Dunn 6 Sep 97; Jackie Howard (Terry) 14 Mar 85; Terrence Howard 13 Dec 13; Daniel L Johnson 2 May 02; Lorna Kirkpatrick Forgit (Roy); Roy S Kirkpatrick 26 Aug 91; Robert L Kirtley 8 May 94; Sue Meyer (Art) 17 Aug 09; Loren D Reid 8 Nov 08; James L Rossetto 22 Dec 08; Richard A Simmers 2 Dec 05; Milton R Wofford 6 Jul 13.

## **L-2**

2/7/2017

(18 total): Gary G Durkee 1 Oct 93; Ann Gracy Eliot (Jack) 30 Apr 78; John H Eliot 25 Dec 95; Edward G Hale Jr 8 Jun 66; Hugh P Johnson 20 May 07; Paul Makowski 11 Oct 06; Maria Martin (Cary) 26 Jan 02; James P Mellin 27 Oct 08; Linda Beal Mellin (Pat) 1 Mar 98; John N Meloy ('59) 11 Aug 02; Dewitt T Monroe Jr ('59) 31 Jul 81; Charles S Moore 25 Apr 67; David F Nidever 30 Mar 71; Roland B Peck (2Cl) 21 Nov 11; John R Ream Jr (3Cl) 11 Apr 88; William M Reynolds 20 Oct 14; Carol Snipes (Stan) 4 Mar 98; James D Stanton 22 Nov 09.

## **M-2**

2/7/2017

(13 total): Larry E Burchell ('59) 15 Sep 98; Emily Babb Carpenter (Tom) 3 Apr 15; Kenneth W Clark 3 Apr 83; Bill O Mackey (4Cl) 21 Jul 05; Joyce Malone Del Re (Larry) 4 Oct 01; Lawrence M Malone 7 Jan 68; William J McCaffrey 14 May 08; George R Michael 10 Nov 12; John S Rave 13 Nov 95; Libby Schroeder (John) 21 Sep 08; Robert N Tredway 10 Mar 09; Julie Van Fleet (Van) 18 Dec 13; Neil S Williamson 17 Sep 07.

## **I need your help to insure the list above is correct**

2/7/2017

Also, I need some help with dates of death. CCQs please look it over carefully and help with dates of death. Thus far 214 have died from the 573 of us who graduated in June of 1958 (37.4%). There are another 9 who spent time with us before graduating with '59. And we have

23 former cadets and **Chaplain George Bean** for a total of 247 classmates. And we have lost 88 wives which brings the Roll Call total to 335. The company totals are shown above and these add up to same number -- 335.

We lost 12 classmates and 5 wives in 2016 and have already lost one wife in 2017. Our numbers above the grass are going south big time – another reason to attend the 60th Reunion -- while you still can. Come to thank **Garry Roosma** for his work on the 60th Reunion. And, thank him for all the five-year reunions he has managed beginning with the 30th – Garry had done this for THIRTY YEARS! Come check on **Tony Smith's** stewardship of the First Class Club (FCC) which we are turning over to the Class of '83. Tony has not quite done this for 30 years, but close enough. Come see if your company barracks are still extant. Come check on the status of drill and ceremonies in the Corps. Too few cadets marched in the Inaugural Parade. However, they did not compare to '57 and '58 marching in President Eisenhower's parade – was it really in 1957? Come to check the weather at West Point in April. Come to let the class EC know whether you want to continue Mini Reunions after 2018 – simpler, as they were in our distant youth at Palm Springs, Bar Harbor and South Padre Island. Come to check on the Hotel Thayer. Come up with your own reasons to attend the 60th and share them with classmates to drum up attendance. COME!

# 1958 Class Notes

## From Pearl Harbor

1/19/2017

**Gary Roosma '58** went to Pearl Harbor for its 2016 Remembrance Day Commemoration. He wrote, "I attended the 75th Anniversary National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration in Hawaii this past December 7, 2016.

*Photo Right: me alone was taken at FT DeRussy on December 7, 2016 during the 25th ID 75th anniversary commemoration of the attack*



The main commemoration took place at Pearl Harbor early in the morning on December 7th to coincide with the 1941 attack. I received an invitation to attend as a military dependent survivor as I lived at Schofield Barracks when my



father was a battalion commander with the 21st Infantry Regiment. Later that day I attended the 25th ID commemoration at Ft DeRussy."

*Photo Left: includes Dave Swanson '58 and Lenny Katsarsky '59 who accompanied me throughout the day to the events*

## West Point Radio Club Honors Hugh Morgan '58

1/19/2017

**John Ulmer '62** sent me a pdf of an article about the West Point Radio Club and **Hugh Morgan '58** who it honored in thanks for a contribution from his estate. Here's what John wrote, "Hugh and I have been friends for over 50 years, having met while he was a young captain at Ft. Campbell, KY. By some twist of fate, we both ended up in Knoxville, TN after leaving the Army.

When Hugh died back in August, his family asked me to assist them with liquidating and disposing of his ham gear. This has turned out to be a daunting task since he had over 60 years of collected valuable items, together with lots of parts and supplies that only a ham could love. In sorting through all of this, I found boxes and boxes of old QST magazines some going back to 1929. None of these are collectors items and thus do not have much value. I was ready to haul them to the dump, but decided to take a shot at finding them a good home. I got in touch with the West Point Radio Club and got an immediate response. Yes, they were in the process of setting up a new "ham shack" and would welcome the magazines to begin building their library.



Important for your class is the fact that they are proposing to name the library in honor of Hugh. I have 375 pounds of QST magazines sitting on a pallet in my garage awaiting shipment to West Point next week. CPT Matthew Sherburne is the OIC of the club and has asked the family to provide photos of Hugh along with his obituary which they will post above the book case(es). Hugh obtained his ham radio license at age 14 and was assigned the call sign W4VAB. He was vice president of the West Point Radio Club his first year. It is fitting that Hugh should be honored this way.” I can’t figure out how to imbed the PDF here.

## **The Symphony at the Mini**

1/19/2017

The highlight of the mini reunion in Carmel was the Symphony performance by the Monterey Symphony Orchestra, particularly its rendering of the West Point Graduation March. **Jody LeTowt '58** not only organized the whole mini reunion with the assistance of his friend, Sherry St. Clair, but he had also sponsored the Symphony performance which was also attended by, and appreciated by, a large number of people from the local community. Jody had found that the West Point Army Band had music scores available for a symphony rendering of the Graduation March which they could email to the Monterey Symphony Orchestra. Their rendering of it was beautiful and memorable.



## **The Big Sur and The Monterey Aquarium**

1/19/2017



The Mini included an enjoyable bus trip to the Big Sur with views that are spectacular and a very pleasant picnic lunch. We also had a visit to the Monterey Aquarium that was extremely interesting, a stop no one should miss if they are visiting the area..

## The Tuck Box

1/19/2017

The Tuck Box in the center of Carmel proved to be a great place to get lunch during our stay there. The Tuck Box was started, and owned and operated for many years by **Jody LeTowt '58** who organized the mini.



## From Grand Cayman

1/19/2017



We, **Pete & Lynne Penczer '58** went to the Kaibo Club at Rum Point in Grand Cayman with **Mike & Marcia York '58** where we said "Happy Birthday" to the wives.

# 1958 Class Notes

## Mini Reunion in Carmel

1/9/2017

[Jody LeTowt '58](#) organized a really wonderful Mini Reunion in Carmel, CA. It added to a string of great Mini Reunions for our Class and was reminiscent of the one done by Jody about twenty years ago in Carmel.

*Photo Right: Class Dinner*



There won't be one next year, a Class Ex Comm decision, so our next reunion will be the 60th back at West Point. Finally, we'll get to use the Thayer Hotel.

*Photo Left: Memorial Service, Singing the Alma Mater*

## Jay Raymond's assumption of command

1/9/2017

**Pete Kusek '58** sent along a picture with the note "Air Force Chief of Staff David Goldfein passes the guidon of the Air Force Space Command to newly promoted General John (Jay) Raymond at Peterson AFB on October 25 2016." **John & Barbara Raymond '58** must be over the top proud.

*Photo: Air Force Chief of Staff David Goldfein and General John (Jay) Raymond*





## First Class Club

1/9/2017

The renovated First Class Club, our class gift originally to our school, is now almost finished with its latest complete renovation necessitated by structural problem found a little while back that closed the club. I won't try to tell the story of the renovation, but a soft reopening is expected now for next March. The class got a full report following a couple of days with a lot of work by **Dale Hruby '58, Munge Moore '58, Brad Johnson '58 and Tony Smith '58** reviewing progress and helping sort pictures that had been in the Club before it was closed. Tony has been the point man on this, has done a terrific job with it and has kept us well informed.

## A Charleston Gala

1/9/2017



**Chuck & Celia Hansult '58**, got through the annual Charleston Symphony Gala that Celia ran that was a big success. Chuck wrote, "The CSO gala is now history, thank goodness, and we are making plans for the trip north to family weddings... On the subject of the gala, I am attaching a photo from the event. The CSO Maestro, Ken Lam, Celia and I are posing by the cake celebrating the 80th anniversary season of the orchestra. There is a story about the cake. Ken Lam is the resident conductor for the Brevard NC Music Festival which is held every summer over seven weeks. Students from high school level through college and

graduate schools from all over the world compete for slots at the music center. Two or three orchestral performances a day are offered to the public. It is very intense for the students and great for the aficionados of classical music. Celia and I spent three days at the home of one of my high school classmates who lives in Brevard and attend a concert each day.

*Photo: Ken Liam, Celia Kramer Hansult & Chuck Hansult*

By coincidence, it was also the 80th anniversary of the festival. When we first got there, we saw this cake on the lawn in front of the amphitheater. As co-chair of the CSO gala, Celia immediately said, "We have to have that cake!" So she arranged with the good offices of Ken and our friend who lives there to acquire the cake after the festival closed. It required a considerable amount of refurbishment which was performed in our parlor before we had it ready for the event, but it turned out very well."

## Army Notre Dame Tailgate

1/9/2017

**Dick Buckalew '58** sent me this picture from the Army Notre Dame Tailgate party.

*Photo: L-R John Willauer '60, Chuck Densford '58, Phil Regan '58 and Dick Buckalew '58*



## On a Cruise after the 2008 Mini

1/9/2017



**Herb Johnson '58** sent me this old picture of not so old people from after the 2008 Mini.

## D-2 at the Carmel Mini

1/9/2017

**Paul Ruud '58** sent me this picture of the D-2 contingent at the Carmel Mini.

*Photo: L-R Bill and Nancy Gillette '58, Patty and Paul Ruud '58 and Stew Willis '58*

Bill and Nancy Gillette'58, Patty and Paul Ruud'58 and Stew Willis'58



**From Paris**

1/9/2017



**Jack May '58** and Iris were in Paris in October. Here they are at the Club Cercle.

**At the Carmel Mini**

1/9/2017

**Chuck Densford '58** took this very good picture of **Pete & Lana Bahnsen '58** at the Carmel Mini. C-2 was well represented.





## More From Charleston

1/9/2017



neighborhood.

**Chuck and Celia Hansult '58** visited us, **Pete and Lynne Penczer '58**, here in Fairfield, CT, shortly after the Carmel Mini Reunion and between family weddings here in the Northeast. Shortly before that they had had storm and flooding in Charleston with evacuation being in order. Chuck wrote: "Celia and I evacuated to Charlotte where the weather was fine with the exception of one day of heavy rain. We headed back to Charleston on Monday to find that everything was fine there too. We had no damage. The power did not go off in our

*Photo: L-R I. Chuck Hansult, Sally Tilley, Celia Hansult and Jim Tilley*

There were lots of leaves and small branches on the ground that took a day of clean up, but we were really lucky. as it turned out, the upstate in SC and NC fared worse later on as the rivers began to overflow because of the heavy rains inland. Most of the damage on the coast was caused by wind and the storm surge. By the time it got to Charleston the storm was a category one so the winds were not too severe and the surge was reduced from what it might have been. Water on our street did not come up over the curb. Just a few hundred feet away it was over 3 feet deep." They also visited with **Jim Tilly and Sally '58** during that time.

## An Annual Gathering

1/9/2017

**Frank Waskowicz '58** sent me a picture taken at the Annual Gathering of Washington, D.C., Contingent hosted by **Alan & Florence Salisbury '58** and provided by **Chuck Toftoy '58**





## Class Lunch in D.C.

1/9/2017

Alan Salisury '58 sent a quick note about the class lunch in D.C. with **Sandy Cohn '68** as the speaker.:" For those who missed this weekend's C-Span Book TV coverage of our class luncheon with Sandy Cohn, '68 speaking about his two most recent books (The Presidents First Year, and World War IV), here's a link to that video: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?414121-1/presidents-first-year-world-war-4>

## From San Mateo

1/9/2017



CA Jerry & Barbara Lewis '58 met Harry & Karolyn Kramp '58 for a visit and lunch by thr lagoon in San Mateo.

*Photo: Karolyn Kramp, Barbara & Jerry Lewis '58, & Harry Kramp '58*

## K-1 Company Reunion, San Diego, 1999

1/9/2017

Bill Serchak '58 sent another old picture of not so old people, the K-1 company reunion in San Diego in 1999.



## Normandy

1/9/2017



**Dick Schonberger '58** sent me a very interesting story of his recent trip to Normandy and to Bastogne. He wrote, "Have been to Normandy several times highlighted by leading the 101st Abn Div contingent for the 50th Anniversary of D-Day. A group of about 140 pax from the staging areas and departure airfields in England, then Normandy for the D-Day activities, to Holland and Market Garden AOR with the Dutch, to Bastogne and the Mardasson Monument where they dedicated the Boix de Paix, highlighted by a tree planting ceremony where a tree was dedicated to each veteran.

A few weeks before our departure, I was contacted by the Bastogne people who asked that we provide a brass plaque for each of our

veterans that would eventually be placed on their tree (then a sapling) in the Forest of Peace. Although most of our vets were WW II, we had a few VN vets on the tour. When I asked about them, I was told they are vets too, so they said to make plaques for them. Working with our Assn Secretary, it was real scramble, but we got the job done in time.

Some time ago, I was surprised to receive the photo collage from Bastogne. I was back again in 2004 and pleased to see my tree, a birch (I believe) was thriving after several years of drought. The forest design is supposed to be modeled after the UNESCO Mother and Child symbol.

As you can imagine I am pleased and humbled to have my name among the 101 vets in that hallowed ground of Bastogne."