

1958 Class Notes

Classmates, Wives, Widows--

10/2/2018

Time to get started. From a recent email: **Tuesday, 11 September, 6:30-8:30 PM, Wounded Warrior Mentor Program New Mentor Training**, mentor training and refresher training for the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program at Booz Allen, McLean (Tyson Corner). Contact Lee Miller at cell (240)620.5019 if you have any questions. The Mission of the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program (WWMP) is to assist Wounded/Ill and Injured including Spouses to transition to a new productive life and profession using education, internships and jobs as the mantle to accomplish this. The WWMP matches volunteer Mentors with Wounded/Ill and Injured at Walter Reed NMMC and Ft Belvoir as well as other locations around the U.S. Scribe's addition -- Lee began this program and has been involved for many years -- KUDOS to Lee!

Many/most know, especially his cadet company A1, that Lee recently suffered a stroke. He is doing well, but his left side is not up to par. He is in a hospital in northern Virginia. Best wishes to Lee for a speedy recovery.

Began early, but now late -- 30 September

10/2/2018

First, must report another death among our widows: Judy Moore (L2) Schubert died at her daughter's home in Colorado yesterday morning. This was reported to **Jack Downing** by **Ray Tomlinson**. Judy was **Kay Lou Tomlinson's** sister. No plans for internment have been made. You may contact their daughter, Jackie Bolton, email: jbolton825@gmail.com

And now a few funerals of classmates

10/2/2018

There was one on Friday 28 Sep at Arlington National Cemetery for **Ben Crosby** followed by a reception at Ft Myer Club, Patton Hall. I attended but have a very sketchy idea of who else was there. I do know that **Tony & Gay Nadal** were there from Williamsburg (a company-mate of Ben's). I had something to discuss with Tony, but bear of little brain similar to Winnie-the-Pooh the opportunity was missed. **Bob Rhodes** was there and he brought the class flag. There was a reception at Ft Myer club afterwards.

From an email by **Alan Salisbury**: "As all should know by now, **Pete Brintnall** will be buried at Arlington with a funeral mass at the Old Post Chapel at 10:45 am on Thursday Oct 4th. With only a 25-minute service, there will be no eulogies or remarks made at these services. Interment will follow the funeral mass and a reception at Patton Hall (Ft Myer Officers Club) will follow that.

"The WP Alumni Glee Club will be singing 'Mansions of the Lord' and the 'Alma Mater' at the services, and then additional songs at the reception. Since Pete was a beloved member of the glee club, there should be a good turnout on the 4th and you can expect heartfelt singing in his honor.

"We are unlimited re remarks and eulogies at the reception. This is a call for anyone who plans on saying a few, or more than a few, words at the reception to let me know in advance so I can add you to the list. I understand that **Jack Gordon** will be making some remarks as a stand-in for **Lee Miller** who (some of you may not have heard) recently had a stroke. One of Pete's "mentees" (form the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program) is also expected to speak. I will be

very flexible, so even if you have not indicated your plans to speak in advance, you will be given the opportunity if the spirit moves you at the time. (Added by Scribe: you may contact Alan via phone 703-821-1660 or email AlanBS58@aol.com). Looking forward to good turnout from '58 for the final roll call for another of our own."

Next event

10/2/2018

There will be a class luncheon at Army-Navy Club in Arlington at 1130 on Thursday, 18 October. Please let **Andy Andreson** know if you can make it. His email is [<randreson@cox.net>](mailto:randreson@cox.net). Partial list of attendees includes (somewhere I will find the list -- not found, sorry about that).

New Commander in Afghanistan

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10/2/2018

The new commander in Afghanistan is LTG Austin Scott Miller, USMA 1983 (#40473). Scott is connected to myriad grads, including one of our classmates:

- he is the grandson of Austin Andrew Miller, USMA 1933 (#9858).
- he is the son of Austin Eugene Miller, USMA 1957 (#21510).
- he is the son-in-law of our David G Coury, USMA 1958 (#22132) and Dave's first wife.

On Sunday, 2 September, the Washington Post had a long article about Scott: "The arc of Miller's career reflects the evolution of U.S. Special Operations in the past quarter century. His actions as a Delta Force captain are described in the book 'Black Hawk Down,' which details the Battle of Mogadishu in Somalia... He was wounded in Somalia and Iraq." No doubt Scott has been promoted by now.

I have more info...

10/2/2018

but it is late and I will launch this so that one and all have the information about Pete Brintnall's funeral (4 Oct) and the class lunch (18 Oct). More later. George as in your friendly Scribe...

Classmates —

9/12/2018

I am late getting started on Class Notes, no excuse, sir. I will begin with info on our three classmates who did the grad March Back in August: **Ed Weckel** D1, **Wally Ward** M1 and **Will Collett** L1. They were all mentioned at the end of July (Part 2) class notes, but I am taking the time to remind you now that they have completed the "hike." They all reported problems this year. Will did the shorter version of 2 miles while both Ed and Wally gutted out the full 12 miles. Their problems all began shortly before the August event. Congratulations to all three hikers. This was the 19th March Back for Ed and Wally and the 18th for Will. Talk about harrassment, Ed and Wally give Will a hard time because he missed the first grad March Back. The 20th grad March Back next year will be 11-12 August 2019. Our classmates could use some support in their effort -- hope some other classmates to join them. Scribe would love to be there with them, but time will tell.

Deaths of classmates since the last notes

9/12/2018

John G Evans E1 died 29 July 2018. He resigned from the Army on 5 June 1961. He had branched Infantry. John came to many class events in the DC area over the years. His first wife

Rosalyn died on 19 Jan 2016 and he remarried **Patricia Hoy Muth Albert**. Sadly she is now his widow. Our condolences go to Patricia and all John's company-mates. Margie Downing found this obit for John:

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/obituaries/bs-md-ob-john-evans-20180731-story.html>

Our second death was **John D George Jr** A1 on 21 Aug 2018. John and **Judy** were the fourth couple married by Chaplain George Bean in the Cadet Chapel at 3:00pm on graduation day, 4 June 1958. John enjoyed three careers, the final one working for Dr Jerry Falwell at Liberty University. In his 50-year book write up John used the word "GRATEFUL" often. Scribe can say that we are grateful that John was our classmate. And our condolences go to his widow Judy and his company-mates. An obit for John can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/yscrslwn>.

In an earlier column Scribe reported the death of **Butch Saint** I1 on 7 May 2018. I can now provide additional info via an email from our EC Chairman, **Andy Andreson** G1: Butch will be honored at West Point! USMA is naming the Equestrian Center for him -- The General Crosbie Saint Equestrian Center has a nice ring to it. It is well named to honor Butch!

We had an EXCOM meeting on 21 Aug at Andy Andreson's house. Someone is going to report on this, therefore, this mention will suffice to wet your appetites.

From an email from **John Brinson** C2: "Jim Brown was indestructible. I watched him play against Army at West Point in 1955 when I was a cadet. Unstoppable. By the way, the Syracuse cheerleaders stole the Army flag and dragged it through the mud on their side of the field. At that moment, a cadet in uniform crossed the field and knocked them to the ground, rescued the flag, and returned to the Army stands trying to be anonymous. But no such luck, he was recognized and charged with misbehavior, but the charge was dropped. I was that cadet, a 3rd Classman."

Retirements

9/12/2018

-- This used to cover classmates, now it is children of classmates. **MG Patty Jones Frost** will retire at the end of August. **Dick Reynard** I1 forwarded an email with this information. Patty is a Rutgers graduate and will join her brother **Peter** '85 who retired recently as a BG. The parents, **Linc** (died 16 Jan 13) and **Ann** can certainly be proud of their children. While stationed at Ft Carson many years ago, Linc and Ann were near-neighbors of Judy and me in Colorado Springs.

A birthday to mention here: **Pichitra Kullavanijaya**, better known to us as **Pete**, celebrated number 86 on 22 July. Pete, born on 22 July 1932, had his 22d birthday the day we entered as Plebes in 1954. If you will remember, 22 was the limit on entry age. He just made it and proceeded to do very well, retiring as a four-star and serving on the Privy Council. Our other Thai classmate and four-star, **Sam Sookmark**, was a year younger, born on 10 June 1933. Our Thai classmates are an amazing pair!

Class Event 20 Sep -- Picnic organized by **Palmer McGrew** I2. "We will soon have our second "class picnic", the former being decades ago. We have reserved an area at Burke Lake Park, a wonderful place with lots to do besides eat. Our area is the closest to the lake and handy to rest room facilities.

"This will occur on September 20 beginning at about 10 AM and continuing to about 2 PM. We will have grills going for you to cook anything you would like. The idea is: you bring your choice of meat to grill, a bag of chips or whatever you would like, and non-alcoholic beverages. There will be lots of other food and goodies for you to eat or snack on as the spirit moves. We will provide plates, cups etc.

"Burke Lake Park is a great park, in case you don't know it. The lake is large. You can rent row boats, walk around the lake, fish -- lots to do. Or, you can sit with classmates and have a good

time chatting in a quiet environment. We have rented an area with overhead cover in case of rain, so come whatever the weather.

We have paid for the use of the site, so we have to ask you to toss in \$10/head to cover the rental cost and some food we will provide. It's a deal!

"Please put this on your calendar now if you haven't already.

"See you at Burke Lake! Palmer"

Meanwhile... Class Luncheon

9/12/2018

We had a class luncheon on 9 Aug. 33 attendees included: **Jerry and Maria Mitchell C1, John Nun A2, Nels Conner A2, Dusty Rhodes F1, Pete Kusek E2, Angela Ganey H1, Phil Gibbs I2, Joe and Peggy Luman H2, Lee Miller A1, John Schaffer C1, Andy and Artie Andreson G1, Jack Gordan A1, Brad Johnson K1, Alan and Florence Salisbury L1, Bill Giallourakis B2, Church Hutton L2, Pete Byrne D2, Jack and Margie Downing H2, Merrilyn Saint I1, Bill and Mary Jane Parks H2, Herb and Betty Puscheck A1, George and Gale Robertson H1, Jim and Miyuki Wade A1.** Hope Scribe did not miss anyone.

A comment after my July classnotes: "Thanks George-Your mention of Wilbur and Orville Wright triggered a bit of trivia- my father was an Army doctor from 1915 until WWI ended. He was the first medical officer at Wright Field (Now Wright Patterson) and he knew Orville Wright." **Will MerrillC1.**

John McCain USNA 1958

9/12/2018

We were all saddened by the death of **John McCain USNA 1958** today. Here is info from an email from **Andy Andreson**:

"Our Class will be honoring our Navy '58 classmate Senator John McCain at his funeral at the United States Naval Academy.

In coordination with Navy '58 leadership, both Navy '58 and Army '58 will convey sentiments with similar floral wreaths which will be present at the Naval Academy Main Chapel for the funeral service, and then at the grave site at the Academy Cemetery for Senator McCain's interment.

"The Navy wreath will feature blue and gold flowers and the ribbon inscription "The Moral Compass of the Great USNA Class of 1958". Our wreath will feature West Point's black, gray and gold colors and the ribbon inscription "Well Done Fellow Warrior, West Point '58".

All the best."

Good place to stop. Well done, Senator John McCain!

1958 Class Notes

Classmates and Wives/Widows

7/13/2018

I arrived at Judy's summer cottage (sadly, now mine), Crow's Nest, in Ludington, Michigan on Saturday, 9 June. Last year was the first time I had been here without Judy. Not really any easier for me this year than last without her. Too many memories. I have found that it really does not get better with the passage of time. Call me lonely...

I believe the only classmate and wife who have visited here in Ludington were **Terry & Harriett Connell F-1** with their children. Please do not ask me when they visited, but I do recall that all our children (Connell's four and our three) were far younger then than they are now. The Connells are both from Muskegon, Michigan. In fact, they will be there later this summer, but not until after I have returned to Virginia about 13 July. Sorry to miss them. Over time Judy and I saw Terry and Harriett in Michigan many times during various summers because Muskegon is only about 60 miles south of Ludington. Terry and I have exchanged a few emails about the Engineers or Fort Carson or Michigan or whatever. Most recently the topic was the death of **Don Palladino F-2** on 27 May (pretty sure I mentioned this loss in our May Class Notes). Terry provided a link to Don's obit which I will add here:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/wellfleet-ma/donald-palladino-7862918>. Truly sad to have lost Don. I saw Don quite often over our time as Soldiers. We began in the Engineers together day before yesterday. As I recall his father was a general officer in the National Guard or USAR from Massachusetts and was the speaker at our graduation from Airborne training way back in December of 1958 at Ft Benning. We attended Airborne with many classmates who were Infantry files. And Collin Powell was in the class. The only time in my service that I did anything with our future JCS Chairman. Truly long ago and far away. Attached are two photos: (1) Don and his grandchildren and (2) and classmates after Don's memorial service. Hope I can find the photos... cannot find them. Sorry.

Betty Donovan widow of Claude (Pat) Donovan G-2

7/13/2018

Now to really get started on this edition of our Class Notes. Sadly, I must begin again with another loss. **Betty Donovan** died on 1 June 2018. She was the widow of **Claude B Donovan G-2**, better known to us as **Pat**. He transitioned to the Ghostly Assemblage too long ago on 4 October 2002. Betty and Pat lived in Ouray, Colorado in retirement. They were the proud parents of Michael Donovan '81 and proud grandparents of Jake Link '14. No doubt they had other children and grandchildren as well, but I do not have that information. I do know, however, that Betty was a June Lady. And, I also know that son Michael was an Army colonel. You can find him in the Register at Cullum #38305. You can find their grandson Jake in the Register as well with a little research because I do not have a Register with me and do not know Jake's Cullum number. I pray that Betty may rest in peace now that she has rejoined Pat. I hate to begin with our losses, but it prevents me from the sin of omission.

Edna Mae Serchak

7/13/2018

And another class loss, sadly another wife. **Edna Mae Serchak** died 22 June. She and **Bill** had been married 57 years. They had three children, but Bridget is the only one Scribe knew. Bridget is a faithful attendee of class events with her father. As I replied via email to Bill, in my experience, losing a wife does not get any easier the passage of time. There will be a Memorial

Service at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Arlington on Saturday 11 August at 2:00 pm (1400).

Other losses

7/13/2018

Other losses include names that were read/added during Memorial Service on 27 April at 60th but were not printed in the service bulletin nor mentioned in these Class Notes thus far. These three include: **Charlotte Griffin B-1** 12 Jan 2015 (sorry for late notification), **Arlene Capelle Komathy K-1** 14 Apr 2018 and **Anita Beth Davall K-2** 21 Apr 2018.

Just in via email is that our AF classmate **Mac Williams E-2** died 25 June. I have no details. And do not know much about Mac since our graduation. I do know that he had an MS in Aerospace from AFIT and that he was an early selectee for Major and retired as a MG in 1986. No doubt those details were mentioned in Class Notes at the time. We will see what his CCQ **Chuck Toftoy** can add. I believe that Mac is the 235th of our 576 grads to join the Ghostly Assemblage. Our condolences go to his wife **Pat**. Rest in peace, Mac. The month of June has not been kind to the Class of 1958.

Now another day and here we go again

7/13/2018

Already added the loss of Edna Mae Serchak earlier. I had a photo of younger **Chaplain George Bean** which I sent to **Garry Roosma H-2** for confirmation. Here is Garry's reply: "You have caught me at a busy time as Jill and I have a buyer for our house and will be moving to Kimball farms in Massachusetts early August. As look at the picture you sent, that is a young George W. Bean. His last wedding performed at West Point was ours on July 3, 1959. He left WP to be the rector of St Luke's in Montclair. My father had been on the search committee and was instrumental in selecting George as the new rector. George served at St Luke's for 10 years and left for Lynchburg, VA. I remember Jill and I speaking with George at one of our reunions and he told us that he kept a record of all the weddings he performed and said a prayer for each of them on their respective wedding day. Thanks for passing the picture and write up on to us." If your Scribe can locate the photo I will include it. No -- the photo made message too long. You all remember Chaplain Bean, so no photo is necessary.

A number saw Zoe, trained therapy dog of **Chuck & Patti Toftoy E-2**, perform at our 60th. Here is a link to see her again or for the first time for those who missed Zoe at during the 60th: <https://youtu.be/SbSc7NXLLe4>

And now back to my email files...

7/13/2018

Sign of the times, I have no snail-mail (USPS mail) from classmates. The following information is without order, let's call random order. The first item is Happy Birthday to US Army which is 243 years old. The Army was born on 14 June 1775, merely 243 years ago. And, the First World War

There have been some interesting posts on the Class Forum – the political ones I do not cover while trying to keep the Class Notes apolitical. But, I do recommend the Class Forum to you all. If the email traffic is overwhelming, the delete function on your computer is easy. One of the subject was Army Uniforms. Apparently, the Army is close to returning to "Pinks and Greens." This was a WW2 (and beyond) uniform that predated us. Pretty sure we Army files graduated into the Army green uniform. We were spared the expense incurred by 1957 of having to buy older OD uniforms, maybe including Pinks and Greens, and almost immediately having to buy new uniforms, the Army Greens. If you want further information about Army uniform changes, contact **Jim Seltzer E-1** via email at <jseltzer@nbn.net>. He can provide internet sources. A

great uniform is coming, but I am not sorry to be retired and spared the expense. It is late – will stop for now and continue when a bit more rested.

From Palmer McGrew I-2, our new DC area social guru

7/13/2018

“On September 20 we will have our second DC-area picnic. It will be at Burke Lake, a wonderful facility. Of course, you always need to have a weather plan and we do, we have a shelter. Not as much fun as great weather, sunshine and warm weather, but there is no way on earth to predict that. So please come no matter what.” Scribe attended the first picnic, years ago, and even put a photo in the notes at the time. Cannot remember when and I do not have the photo with me in Michigan. And, we are having a class luncheon at ANCC Fairfax on 9 August. Locals, here is your chance to mingle with classmates and wives. Out-of-towners, here is your excuse to make a visit or two to DC area.

From an email Scribe sent to **John Brinson C-2** on the subject of ground pounders, tread heads and flyboys: “a friend of my grandfather’s from Destin Florida came to my graduation from Flight School at Ft Rucker along with my grandfather back in Sep 1959 or so. Mr Frazier was the inventor of first Coca Cola vending machine. At the time, he was wearing a white panama suit and was speaking to MG Easterbrook, CG of Ft Rucker. Easterbrook looked bored as Mr Frazier said that he long was interested in aviation. Frazier’s father had taken him to Kitty Hawk for Wilber and Orville’s first flight! That story got the CG’s attention big time. As I recall, MG Easterbrook was a son-in-law of GEN Stillwell and my grandfather worked for Stillwell twice, neither time very happily but that is a long story.

Our class even has a wine pickers email list with moderator **Paul Vanture B-2**. Here are his latest recommendations, posted to the class forum (wider audience than class wine pickers, but my source is AWOL: might be either list because, desperate for news, I am on both the forum and wine-pickers lists): “I have a puny belly-ache for not corresponding earlier, but I will dispense with that. Having some problems with our original site, I thought I would provide you with some wines I have tasted to pass along for you wine sippers:

- Castello Chianti (Italy) \$15
- Fattora di Petro-Lonzi Chianti (Italy) \$16
- Domaine do Petit Coteau (Vouvray) (France) \$18
- Domaine do Couran Cotes du Rhone (France) \$11
- Apex Catalyst (Washington State) \$14
- Greenstone Point (New Zealand, I think) \$10

Paul concludes with “I have never had a less than excellent wine from Washington. Italian is becoming my favorite choice.” Your Scribe is a confirmed beer drinker, but I am always happy to pass along wine information.

Andy Andreson Attending the annual West Point Leaders Conference

7/13/2018

Andy Andreson G-1, our EC Chairman and longtime company CCQ, will be attending the annual West Point Leaders Conference at our “rock bound Highland home” 15-17 August. If you have anything for him to mention or simply any concerns, please let Andy know. His email is <randreson@cox.net>. Scribe has attended prior meetings, but not this time. I did attend the local DC meeting organized by **Palmer McGrew**, held at Ft Myer or somewhere local, before coming to Michigan. Pretty sure I mentioned the local DC meeting in last class notes. In fact, I am not sure of that, but now you know. And, there will be a class luncheon at ANCC Fairfax at

1130 on Thursday 9 August before Andy goes to West Point. Come to lunch and give him something to talk about at the Leaders Conference the next week.

New Supe

7/13/2018

From the moderator of 1977, Allen Light, I learned that we have a new Supe. Here is some info: <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2018/06/24/west-point-superintendent-calls-it-career-after-43-years-army.html> President Donald Trump has nominated Gen. Darryl Williams to succeed him. Williams was a 1983 West Point graduate. Welcome General Williams, sir!!! Godspeed U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen, the 59th superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy!!! Aj, Moderator '77, Carlisle, PA”

March Back

7/13/2018

March Back will be 13 August. Of course, this event will be at West Point. **Ed Weckel D-2**, **Wally Ward M-1** and **Will Collett L-1** will be marching. If you need further info, please contact any of them!

Until Next Time

7/13/2018

I have had problems with my email, but they seem to have been resolved. I intended to launch these notes a week or more ago, but will do it now at the beginning of July. Let's call this one July and forget June. Sorry about that! The prior edition was sent in May. The only photo this time is Chaplain George Bean. I will attack the issue of Don Palladino photos next time. Till then, take care and please be in touch. George

Classmates and wives—May Class Notes

6/1/2018

We should have all returned from the 60th Reunion, even those taking a major detour. Sadly, we have lost two classmates and a wife since the reunion.

Crosbie E Saint, better known to us as **Butch**, died on 7 May 2018. Our prayers are with his widow, **Merrilyn**. She is hosting an open house in honor of Butch at their farm on Sunday 3 June. The address is Hidden Fox Farm, 36036 Jeb Stuart Road, Philomont VA.

Butch was one of our two Army four stars, the other being **Bill Tuttle**. We had one in the Air Force, **Mike Dugan**, and as you all recall, two in the Royal Thai Army, **Sam Sookmark** and **Pete Kullavanijaya**. Your Scribe was in tall cotton for the class photo at 60th, sitting between two four stars: Bill Tuttle and Sam Sookmark.

Potential SPAM included here because it pertains to Butch. There is email going around with the return address blackhorse6@aol.com This is bogus! Butch's email we are warned by **Tony Smith** was blkhorse6@aol.com Please note the difference is in spelling of blackhorse (SPAM) versus abbreviated blkhorse (the real deal).

Next, **Sue Oelke** was the wife we lost since 60th Reunion. She died on 22 May. Sue and Karl were married on graduation day, 4 June 1958. They produced our class godson, Karl E Oelke III in December 2018. Our prayers are with both Karl “the elder” and Karl “the younger” in this difficult time. I am especially sympathetic to class godson Karl because I am the class godson of USMA 36.

Terry Connell added about Sue: “Afraid we'll see many more. Sue was a sweetheart. They

were good friends with **Vantures**. Sorry the 'sharing time' at the reunion was all too short for most everyone -- but the reunion was fabulous..." Yes, it was fabulous. Pop your chest way up **Garry Roosma**. For the record, I classmated Garry into doing the 30th and he has done all the five-year reunions since then.

And our third loss was **Don Palladino** who died days ago (27 May). Don will be buried at West Point, joining **Marty** who died on 25 March 2009)

I am having trouble typing this. It keeps erasing itself. Wish I knew what I am doing wrong. I need **Pete Trainor**. My intent is to finish before we have any more deaths!

Now to try importing some more cheerful information from emails stored for these Class Notes since the last edition before the 60th Reunion. PLEASE NOTE THE SOCIAL EVENT IN DC AREA AT THE END OF THESE NOTES.

Jack Downing Presents the Ramsden Award at West Point

6/1/2018

The first cheerful note is from **Jack Downing**: "I have returned from West Point where I presented the **Ramsden Award** in Chemistry. I also spoke with Mr. David Reel, Executive Director of the USMA Museum about our Time Capsule and the possibility that some of the items may be offered to the museum in 2058 when it is opened (or after another 50 years if it is reburied). He has started a file on it and I hope that the PEB will remind the then-director of it at that time. As an aside, he showed me the situation map used by Gen Pershing in WWI. It is quite large and detailed and was rolled up by Gen Pershing and presented to USMA. (It's on the second floor just outside his museum office). From interacting with several cadets, my evaluation of them is the highest."

Perpetual Endowment Fund (PEF) Board Vacancy

6/1/2018

Continuing with cheerful info, the next is from **George Lawton**: "Classmates, we have a vacancy on the Perpetual Endowment Fund (PEF) Board. IAW the Article IV Section 2 of the PEF By-Laws, I am nominating **Frank Harlem** to fill that position and request your vote for him. Frank had a very successful 26-year career with Caldwell Banker Commercial selling and leasing land to shopping center developers, leasing to-be-built space to users, and selling the finished retail product to institutional and individual investors. He ended his career with them as a senior VP. Frank is a serious investor in the stock market and a well-versed contributor on the Stockpickers, our email net for classmates who are interested in keeping up with the market. I believe he will be a great asset to the PEFB and highly recommend him. He has read our By-Laws and has agreed to sign the required statement that he will abide by them and support the intention of the fund, if voted on the board. Please send me your vote NLT 30 May 2018."

Hugh Trumbull Presents the Capelle Award at USMAPS

6/1/2018

Hugh Trumbull again presented the Capelle Award on behalf of the class at the USMAPS ceremony on 18 May. Hugh's report follows: "Well drilled, with well shined brass glinting in a hazy sun, the Prep School Candidates for the West Point Class of 2022 marched in their Final Review. 205 of the 240 who had entered in the Fall showed that they were ready to move on to become Cadets. This is a very impressive, very diverse group of young Americans. The Preparatory School continues to fulfill its mission!



Photo Right: Awards announced

"Selected to receive "The Capelle" this year, was Cadet Candidate Holden S. Quinn from Anchorage Alaska. CC Quinn is a scholar athlete who has already decided on Infantry and Special Forces. He is motivated! We had a chance to chat with Holden and his mother. We learned that his mother's father was a Naval officer on the deck when McArthur signed the Japanese surrender. But, she says she is all Army now and ready to support her son in four years of beating Navy.



"In the context of the Award, I was able to give a short speech covering Gerry Capelle's Prep School background, his death in combat and the history and future of the Capelle Trophy. Alpha Company enjoyed their Pizza Party on the Tuesday evening prior to their graduation, organized by their Company TAC, CPT(P) Chris Mattos. Interestingly, MAJ Rob Newbill, Deputy Commandant, was a Cadet Candidate at Ft. Belvoir in 1972 when the Capelle Trophy was established, so we had a lot of history to discuss. MAJ Newbill will be the POC for the Trophy going forward in the transition year. These fine young men and women passing through the Prep School, some of which have had time in combat, continue to impress

us year after year. They will do well as young leaders and they appear to have the "right stuff" to give our country what it needs in the future."

Photo Left: Capelle Trophy presented to CC Holden S. Quinn

[CC Holden S. Quinn in formation as Awards are announced](#)

Andy Andreson added via an email to Hugh, repeated here for everyone's benefit: "Thanks so much for representing the Class at the Capelle award event. And congratulations to Cadet Candidate Quinn!"

Generals of '58

6/1/2018

There has been a great deal of email traffic on the Supe's remarks at the 60th. Much of it focused on his slide which reflected some 15 generals in 1958 – those on the slide were the fifteen signed up to attend the reunion. Sadly, Butch Saint did not make it to 60th. This partial list of generals has caused a great deal of confusion and myriad emails with additional names of generals as classmates remembered them. To make it easier for all, as well as a reminder for all, I will list our general officers in alpha order with their cadet company indicated. I will also include the date of death for the 13 who have died:

MG Andy Andreson G1

BG USAF Dick Beyea B1

MG Jack Bradshaw M2

BG Pete Brintnall M2 (died 16 Sep 2017)

MG Bob Bunker D1

BG USAF Chuck Cabell E1

BG Tom Carpenter M2

BG Pat Donovan G2

GEN Mike Dugan USAF I2

MG Bob Durkin F1 (died 14 Nov 2004)

MG USAF Jud Ellis A2 (died 12 Jan 2001)

BG Claude Fernandez F2 (died 24 Mar 2015)

BG Bill Ganey H1 (died 20 Jan 2016)

LTG Dick Graves M1

MG Mike Harvey E1 (died 9 Nov 2013)

BG Pete Hidalgo K1 (died 15 Dec 2008)

MG Linc Jones I1 (died 16 Jan 2013)

BG USAF Bob Kirtley (died 8 May 1994)

GEN Pete Kullavanijaya B2 Royal Thai Army

BG USAF Bob McCann D2

MG Tim McLean F1

BG Don Palladino F2 (died 27 May 2018)

BG Ben Pellegrini F2

BG Bob Pointer G2

BG Jim Ramsden I2 (died 13 Aug 1998)

BG Dick Reynard I1

MG George Robertson H1

MG Will Roosma H2 (died 29 Apr 2011)

GEN Butch Saint I1 (died 7 May 2018)

MG Alan Salisbury L1

MG Tom Sands K1

MG John Sewall F2

BG Tony Smith I1

LTG USAF Leo Smith G1

GEN Sam Sookmark M1 Royal Thai Army

BG John Soper H2

MG Chuck Teeter L1

GEN Bill Tuttle E2

MG USAF Mac Williams E2

Thirty-nine total general officers by my count. There are two from the Royal Thai Army, 8 from the USAF and 29 from the US Army. Very sadly, 13 of the 39 have transitioned to the ghostly assemblage as indicated by date of death.

DC Social Event

6/1/2018

“The social baton has passed from **Jack Gordon** to me (email from new social guru, **Palmer McGrew**) for our DC area class functions. I have asked several folks to assist me in this enterprise. I am away for several months in the summer, for one thing. I could use some more help, so let me know if you are willing to help. Our next event is 14 June at the ANCC in Fairfax. It will be a buffet lunch. **John Schaffer** is providing an excellent speaker, Steve Moore, who is well-connected to the administration and promises to be very interesting.

“The cost per person is \$25. Drinks can be purchased as usual. I presume that golfers may add a round with their class buddies. Golfers please contact **Andy Andreson**. Please reply to **Palmer McGrew** if you will attend. We will need a good idea of how many are coming. Hope to see you then, Palmer”

In Closing

6/1/2018

I have more, but I will save it for my next installment in June. Again, I am using the unrestricted senders class list. CCQs may send this to company-mates who are on the restricted senders list, the one used by **Jack Downing** for death notifications. I have no clue who is on the unrestricted list as opposed to the restricted senders list. I trust the CCQs know who gets this directly from me (unrestricted senders) and to whom they need to forward this message (restricted senders). When in doubt, check with our death notifier Jack Downing.

George as in your friendly Scribe

1958 Class Notes

Classmates--

4/13/2018

Sorry, recently launched the March version and realized I had not included the names of classmates and wives who attended the DC area luncheon on 10 March. Good place to begin this April edition (not in alfa order, rather random instead): **Audrey Webb, Alan & Diane Chase, Alan Salisbury, George & Mary Jane Lawton, Jerry & Maria Mitchell, Angela Ganey, Bill Parks, John Herren, Phil Gibbs, Jack & Henrietta Gordon, Joe & Peggy Luman, Dick Reidy, Dick Schonberger, Bill Tuttle, Jim & Miyuki Wade, Lee & Betty Miller, John Nun, John Shaffer, Church Hutton** and myself (notetaker). With some luck this totals 27 attendees. I had to check my list with our social organizer Jack Gordon. Hope that between us, Jack and I did not miss anyone. And, this is a good place for me to say that the luncheon was Jack's last event as our social guru. We will miss him – he has done great work on our behalf here in the DC area. We used **Andy Andreson's** ANCC membership – Andy was there, but all too briefly, then he had to depart for some other event for some other organization that was paying for his time. Our class cannot afford to pay Andy, but we do appreciate using his ANCC membership at the Fairfax and Arlington clubs!

Our 60th Reunion

4/13/2018

Our next class gathering will be at West Point for our 60th Reunion, 25-29 April. With some luck, you will have these Class Notes before the reunion. **Bob Higgins** is flying up from Orlando to DC and we will drive up to the reunion together. This will a repeat of the trip we made together in July 1954 when we flew north from Raleigh-Durham to NJ (my father was stationed at Ft Bragg and Bob's father had recently been transferred from Bragg, where he commanded the 82d Airborne Division, to Japan). My mother's youngest sister then drove us to West Point. Talk about long ago and far away. 60 years, where did the time go? Where have all the flowers gone? Long time passing. Marriages (and divorces), children, grand-children, even great-grand-children, too many deaths among classmates & wives and offspring generations. Some died far too young, some older, but all are missed. Too much life. Some joy, some grief – where have all those flowers gone? A few more items before stopping.

From the WP Society of DC

4/13/2018

Remembering **Ron Turner** and the Ring Melt program he started with assistance from WPAOG. Sadly, Ron died 29 April 2013, but his idea and impact live on and on. I think you can get the full story by accessing the WPSDC web site. If you have trouble, contact our web guru **Pete Trainor**. The photo came with the article.

Class of 2019 Ring Melt: The Legacy Continues

4/13/2018

The 18th Annual West Point Class Ring Memorial Melt

took place on February 26, 2018. To date, 520 West Point class rings have been donated to the program, including the 69 rings that were donated this year for the Class of 2019 Ring Melt.

Each year, gold from donated rings worn by past West Point graduates has been melted and mixed into the gold for



the rings of the Academy's next graduating class. LTC (R) Ron Turner '58 developed the idea for the "Ring Melt" in 1999, believing such an endeavor would provide a tangible link between members of the Long Gray Line. Your support of the [Long Gray Line Fund](#) supports programs such as the Ring Melt, keeping you connected to West Point and the Corps of Cadets and perpetuating the events, the awards, the traditions. [Full story](#) and [photos](#) are a click away. This does not say that gold from prior melts is saved each year and mixed with the gold from rings donated that year. Therefore, gold from all 520 rings donated is included in the 18th Annual Class Ring Melt. Our own Ron has had a significant impact by starting a new tradition, now 18 years old. Thanks, Ron!

OBE

4/13/2018

I will not include much info this time because most of the information will all be OBE (overtaken by events) by the 60th. You can check the class web site for current attendees. I am looking forward to the reunion and seeing who, in fact, makes the scene. I still have back taxes to finish and am getting nasty letters from the Commonwealth of Virginia. My goal is to get caught on taxes up before the Reunion. Not likely.

Cannonball Jack

4/13/2018

I have a card which reads "35 HOURS 53 MINUTES IS THE WORLD RECORD TIME FROM NEW YORK CITY TO LOS ANGELES. THE CANNONBALL BREAKER SEA-TO-SHINING-SEA MEMORIAL TROPHY DASH" The card has a photo of a Ferrari Dino 246 GTS car. On the reverse it reads "JACK MAY www.cannonballjack.com jack@cannonballjack.com"

The card will be mailed to WPAOG for **Jack May's** file. I believe his record still stands.

COME TO THE 60TH REUNION

4/13/2018

Time to wrap-up this edition and launch it with the reminder: COME TO THE 60TH REUNION! Any the news not used will be OBE (overtaken by events) by the reunion. We have a good number of widows and/or daughters signed up to attend (listed without CAPS and Underlining): Barbara Bauschspies, Earldean Dean, Lois, Deely, Betsy Hall, Margaret Mary "The Missionary" McCullough (ask her about the nickname at 60th), Ruth Spencer Sisson,

Annie Stanton-Moncure, Mary Kay Olson, Audrey Webb, Bette Williams, Roxie Yarr. If widows can come, you can also! And, of course, we have wives attending with their husbands.

George Sibert

Classmates--March Notes

4/13/2018

I am dispensing with showing cadet companies. Information most do not need. However, if you need help with this, send me an email with NEWS about yourself and I will respond.

Administrivia Factoids

4/13/2018

Some administrivia about the class for those who may have forgotten these factoids. We had 573 who graduated in June 1958 on three different days – 4 June (570), 5 June (one – **Bruce Davenport**, who died 21 Oct 2011) and 7 June (two -- **Jack Tierney**, who died 3 Jan 2010) and **Mark Sigurski**). An observation, the First Regiment did not do well with respect to graduating late, after 4 June. All three were First Regiment files. Scribe remembers well Jack Tierney's remark that "I was the first man in my class." Of course, the last man to graduate on 7 June 1958 was Mark Sigurski. If Jack was first man in his class, Mark was the second man. I believe that Mark also was our first battery commander in the class. His was an Air Defense battery in the Baltimore area. And, Mark was also among the first to resign on 31 Aug 1961 according to the Army Times of 6 Sep 1961 and the 1962 Register of Graduates and Former Cadets. Scribe is simply trying to impress you all with my years-old data.

In fact, our last man in by his class standing was **Bill Kelley** who graduated on 4 June 1958 before Bruce (5 June) and before Jack and Mark (both on 7 June). Bill Kelley went into the Air Force and later resigned as a captain in 1965 before going on to become a Captain with Continental Airlines. The bottom man to serve a full career was **Buck Griffin** (who died 10 Sep 2011). Buck resigned in 1964 as a captain and then returned to active duty and served a full career, retiring as a colonel in 1985. Too many of those who graduated at the bottom have left us too soon. We are fortunate that Bill Kelley and Mark Sigurski are still with us.

We all know the first man in the class was **George Walker**. Sadly, George died in an aircraft accident on 31 Jan 1959 after Ranger School. He was enroute to West Point for the wedding of **Dodie & Dale Hruby**. As you can imagine, the accident was hard on the wedding. Meanwhile, another three of the top five men in the class also left us too soon. In addition to George Walker, we have lost **Dan Brookhart** (second man: who died 12 Nov 1963), **Jim Hall** (fourth man and my roommate First Class year: who died 22 Aug 2015) and **Dick Groves** (fifth man, who died 6 Mar 2006). I am happy to report that **Tony Smith** (third man) is still vertical. He is a regular at DC social gatherings with his lovely wife, Bonnie. Bottom line, we have one of the top five and two of the bottom five still with us. Only three of ten. Not good. Time to be thankful that you (we) were not among the very top (lost four of five) or very bottom (lost three of five) of the class.

As well as graduating over three days in 1958, we graduated over three years or three classes as well: 1958 - 573, 1959 - 29 and 1960 - one). And, we also entered over three years. The first who entered in 1952 was **Bud Davenport**, a turn-back from 1956. Bud was our first six-year man ('56, '57 and '58). I am happy to report that Bud is still with us. There were 21 turn-backs who joined us from 1957 (not sure I can name them all, therefore, Scribe will not even try) who entered in 1953. Another six-year man was **Tom Fletcher**, a turn-back from 1957 who then graduated in 1959. The mathematically gifted realize that Tom was in three classes ('57, '58 and '59). Sadly, Tom died on 22 Sep 98. We entered 752 in July 1954 and graduated 551 in June

1958 (plus Bud from '56 and the other 21 turn-backs from '57) which makes 573 total grads in June 1958. We had a total of 29 classmates, including Tom Fletcher, who graduated on 3 June 1959 (see the 50-year book) and one, **Tom Taylor**, who graduated on 8 June 1960 ('58, '59 and '60), our third six-year man. Sadly, Tom Taylor joined the Ghostly Assemblage on 1 Oct 2017. Therefore, we have lost two of our three six-year men. Bud must hang in for many more years; he is our one and only remaining six-year man. For the record, Bud and I were neighbors at Ft Leavenworth as kids in 1947-48 or so. Bud was in 9th grade and I was in 6th grade and we lived in Artillery Barracks while our fathers were students. Long ago and far away...

Founders Day for West Point Society of DC

4/13/2018

We had six classmates and three wives and one daughter attend on 10 March the WPSDC affair. The classmates were **Andy Andreson, Dick Reynard, Alan Salisbury, John Schaffer, Bill Serchak** and your Scribe. Think this may be the last one for me. The wives were **Artie Andreson, Bibs Reynard, and Florence Salisbury**. The one daughter was **Bridgett Serchak**. With some luck this adds up to ten attendees for 1958. Fortunately, Alan and former Choir and Glee Club members led us in singing the Alma Mater. Another Founder's Day had the West Point Alumni Glee Club singers and **Palmer McGrew** – oops, cannot find it. Anyway, Palmer did attend Founder's Day dinner somewhere else where the Alumni Glee Club was invited to sing. We could have used Palmer and the Alumni Glee Club at our affair. Good think Alan Salisbury and pick-up group of singers was there to lead the rest of us.

George Lawton Email

4/13/2018



Here is an email from **George Lawton** (which I can find): "Do I have a good deal for you all! We have a large (41X33) framed picture of West Point taken in the '60s that we are donating to whomever might want it. I'm giving classmates in the area first crack at it. If you're interested, please contact me."

Wrap Up

4/13/2018

Time to wrap this up and launch it. I have more, but that will have to wait till next month.

George as in your friendly Class Scribe.

Classmates—

2/22/2018

Time to get started. Last year I produced 11 editions of Class Notes: monthly February through December. If you missed any, send me an email with news and I will send you the missing notes. There are different inventory techniques from LIFO to FISH. LIFO is “last in, first out.” FISH is “first in, still here.” Hope I am not guilty of FISH.

In Dec 2017 Class Notes

2/22/2018

In Dec 2017 Class Notes, I recorded the deaths of classmates **Vince DeBoesser E1** (17 Nov 17) and **Tom Orr II** (11 Dec 17) and one widow **Martha Meals K2** (23 Nov 17). Good news is that I have no one to mention in this regard in these notes. Keep it up! As I have written in prior notes, the Roll Call at 60th Reunion in April will be our final Roll Call with all the names of departed classmates and wives. Future reunions (Mini Reunions, if they continue, and the Five-Year variety at West Point) will cover only those who died since the last reunion. As of Tom Orr our numbers total 230 graduated classmates, nine more who graduated in 1959 and one more in 1960. We had 22 former cadets for a total of 262 classmates. As of Martha Meals our deceased wives number 93.

From the Class Forum and Other Emails

2/22/2018

And now from the class forum and other emails and sources. First, from **Betsy Hall H2** via an email addressed to “Dear Wives and Widows: This is a reminder to submit your memories to **Sue Kernan** (58wivesmemories@gmail.com) no later than March 10th. The stories will be compiled in a booklet to be given to everyone who attends the reunion in their registration packet. We will send a copy to those who submitted a special memory but could not come to the reunion, and we will also post it on the class web site. While the primary focus of this booklet will be the women writing their own first-person account of their special memories, we will also be delighted to accept any article that has been written by a widower who would like to share his special memories of his wife.” Your Scribe will pass on this opportunity to write about my Judy – too soon, too difficult, too sad and painful for me. I do look forward to reading the booklet as I did with Sue’s prior effort.

A classmate writing about another classmate who “lettered on our undefeated, untied, Navy-beatin', national championship 150-lb football team and chairs our class Executive Committee, got annoyed with the Washington Post a couple of weeks ago for never covering Army football and wrote a letter to the editor berating the newspaper for this shortcoming. The WaPo published the letter. This week the Post sent one of their leading sports writers to West Point to write this story that covered 2/3 of the front page of today's Sports section.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/sports/wp/2017/11/10/army-football-almost-never-passes-and-almost-always-wins/?nid&utm_term=.a241b7b81c51 Bravo, Dick! Go, Army! Beat Duke and Navy!” Good words from **Tony Smith I1** about our EC Chairman **Dick Schonberger B2**.

Kyle Rector L2

2/22/2018

Kyle Rector L2 and I have exchanged a few emails recently. He provided a list of classmates buried at Fort Sam Houston Military Cemetery. They are **Gary Durkee L2**, **Buck Griffin B1**, **George Klotzbach A1**, **Mike Riordan H2**, and **Gene Scales C2**. Kyle went on to say that his

grandson and daughter visited each grave. Thanks to Kyle and his family. He also went on to say that he will not attend the 60th – we will miss him.

Ken Herberger L1

2/22/2018

And from **Ken Herberger L1** the following: “Will send you input before the end of Feb (still waiting, but only Feb 10th). We just got back from Park City Utah. A beautiful place. **Mungy Moore C1** has a place there and he is a good skier. Hope all is well. Will see you at the reunion.” Ken’s writing that he is coming to 60th is better than other news.

Bob Shellenberger L2

2/22/2018

Bob Shellenberger L2 recently wrote me “While I have you on the line, do you still have a contact at the Cadet Chapel who could arrange for me to play the chimes after our Memorial Service. Of course, that depends on my being able to climb the stairs as I did ten years ago! Might be good to have a current cadet chimer (if there are still such) to escort me. I think Margaret would go along as she did last time to take pictures.” I know that Bob played the chimes as a cadet and at 30th and 50th Reunions. I look forward to listening again at the 60th. Now must find out how to make it happen in April. With luck **Garry** and WPAOG can help with arrangements.

Playing Catch-Up

2/22/2018

“I am trying to catch up on old email after an ‘upgrade’ to AOL Gold that has resulted in opening an email taking 15 plus seconds and composing an email having many uncommanded things happening. I opened an email from **Norm Gustitis K1** from around the 16th that said you needed my email address. We have had the same one since our first computer in 1997. Rube” Rube, of course, is **Roger Waddell A1**.

FYI

2/22/2018

While we were cadets the class sizes were a bit smaller than later/after us and a lot smaller than classes now. ’55 graduated 470, ’56 grads 480, ’57 grads 546, we were 573, ’59 grads 499, ’60 grads 550 and ’61 grads 534 (data from 2015 Register of Graduates and Former Cadets). Ours was the largest class of our days. But now much larger classes. The class of 2014 graduated 1,114 while 2015 graduated 1,009. Nearly twice our size.

Another FYI item for you all

2/22/2018

No doubt you have heard the line “what if they gave a war and no one came” often used by anti-war or anti-military-service types. A Radio Free Europe researcher looked it up and the complete poem which puts a very different light on the subject. It appeared in March 9th, 1984 *National Review* and reads, “What if they gave a war and no one came then the war will come to you. He who stays home when the fight begins and lets others fight his cause should take care: He who does not take part in the battle will share in the defeat. Even avoiding battle does not avoid battle, since not to fight for your cause really means fighting on behalf of your enemy’s cause.” I ran across this in a Northeastern University magazine and thought you might find it interesting. The short quote, taken out of context provides a far different meaning than the whole thing. You can see why the “peaceniks” use only the shorter quotation. I sent the complete quote to **John Brinson C2** and got a good reaction from him.

Back to class info.

2/22/2018

An email from **Edgie Waller G2** had a great photo and great idea. My reply to Edgie was who can make it happen for 60th? Will try to copy the photo here:

I will call this Part 1 and launch it. On to Part 2 of February 2018 Class Notes.

George



Classmates—

2/22/2018

Getting started on Part 2 of February 2018 edition of Class Notes. With some luck this will not be long.

A class lunch at LeRefuge Restaurant

2/22/2018



Anyway, we did have a class lunch on 15 Feb in Alexandria. Twenty-one attended and about 17 made the two photos by **John Schaffer C1**. Three were at another table and your Scribe was cutoff on both photos. John is smarter than you think.

Terry Connell F1

2/22/2018

Email from me to class about Audie Murphy's wife prompted a reply from **Terry Connell F1** (added here): "George, Mighty sweet! Good on ya, mate. You also don't provide a year, so I'll assume it was '53, or perhaps '54 --- with Korea going hot, Truman in the WH, and Murphy's war - WWII - still very much in the American mind. I'm also going to assume that a sizable percentage of the students were "brats", as you were. I'm sorry along with all that this occurred - - and wonder if it would have in my HS in Mich. I'm also going to guess that because Murphy was already a Hollywood celeb added to the psychology... It's a blessing that today's HS kids generally have a very positive sensing for all vets... Happy Valentine's Day. Terry" Scribe adds

that Terry is correct, it was April or May of 1954 at Fayetteville High School, shortly before entering West Point.

Bill Shepard F1

2/22/2018

Terry's email then prompted a reply from **Bill Shepard F1** of San Diego (added here): "Terry, And a jolly fat Wednesday to you. The official Mardi Gras party in downtown San Diego was cancelled as a precaution but will be celebrated anyway. You and George were on the money with comments on Murphy. A nitpick is that Eisenhower was elected 1952. Also, thanks for the rain that almost made it today. Also, I pledge my vote to you on any class matters in April as I am reluctantly not attending the 60th but will be at the 70th."

A political ad from George Lawton G2

2/22/2018

A political ad from **George Lawton G2**: "A bit of information for our grads living in Virginia. At a major gun show at the Dulles Expo Center yesterday, there were several republican potential candidates seeking signature petitions to be on the Primary Ballot on June 12th. The most impressive was retired Major General Bert Mizusawa (born in Hawaii). He graduated first in his West Point Class of 1979, and after doing research this morning, he is 'the real deal.' He was awarded a Silver Star for valor leading a counterattack against 30-40 North Korean soldiers who were firing their AK-47's at a defector and at American soldiers led by then Captain Mizusawa in the same area where Art Bonifas was killed. General Mizusawa is very personable, and is very knowledgeable about our class, the heroism of Art Bonifas, and has read 'The Long Gray Line.' His resume is extremely impressive." Scribe normally avoids political emails, however, I am including this one with information about another grad.

A March-Back reminder from Ed Weckel D1

2/22/2018

A March-Back reminder from **Ed Weckel D1**: "Just a reminder – the Grad March Back will be held on 12 – 13 August. If you have a grandson/daughter in the incoming plebe Class, you might want to consider participating in the MB with them. Many of our classmates already have taken advantage of this opportunity. Details are at www.usma.edu/daa." Please note the March Back is a about four months after 60th Reunion. Plenty of time to recover from the reunion and join Ed, **Will Collett L1** and oldest marcher **Wally Ward M1** for the March Back. Scribe will not make it this year – think I will be in Ludington, Michigan.

A Class Endowment reminder, also Ed Weckel: "George Lawton recently put out a message re our Class Endowment. I'd like to emphasize what he wrote. Whatever we give now has 40 years to grow before we make our first gift to the Academy. Why not consider a gift of \$58 (or any amount) to help our endowment grow. Make your check out to: 'Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund' and send it to **Russell Robertson '82** (son of **George and Gale H1**), 8606 Cross View, Fairfax Station, VA 22038. Only two more months until our 60th. 58 is GREAT"

PC List reminder. "Gentlemen, No changes (for Feb 2018). The list stands at 131 subscribers and 45 Badgers. Let's be really careful out there." Everyone knows this reminder about class PC list and comes from **Stan Bacon I2**.

Now a theater reminder from Betty and Herb Puscheck A1

2/22/2018

Now a theater reminder from **Betty and Herb Puscheck A1**: "LTA THEATER NIGHT (A FUNDRAISER FOR MT. VERNON KIWANIS): It's time again for a lovely evening with friends at The Little Theater of Alexandria: THE PLAY: DATE: Tuesday, 27 February 2018 TIME: Doors open at 7 P.M. and Play starts at 8 P.M. PRICE: \$30.00 includes Food, Refreshments, Raffles and Door Prizes Written by Playwright Peter Morgan who takes you behind the scenes of Buckingham Palace. For the past 60 years, Queen Elizabeth I has met with each of her 12 prime ministers in private, weekly meetings. Both parties agree to never repeat what is said in these private audiences. From Winston Churchill to Margaret Thatcher to David Cameron, Morgan imagines what these meetings would be like as they span decades of the Queen's reign. Join us as we peer into the woman behind the crown and the moments that have formed this modern monarchy. Call: Herb or Betty Puscheck at 703-768 2380 or email hbpuscheck@g.mail.com for tickets and information. Should be a fun and interesting evening."

Memorial Articles

2/22/2018

Paul Vanture B2 is the tracker of these important contributions to WPAOG and Class history. Paul was seeking information and got this email: "Paul, I remember **Doug MacCleod G1** from our cadet days. He was in G-1. He's in the Howitzer and the 50-Year book. Maybe **Andy Andreson G1** can help you. **Tom Claffey K2**. And a thank you email from Chairman Dick: "Thanks PD, you've brought real drive and progress to this process!" 50-Year Book question repeated because responses have not been overwhelming: who has read it all other than **Bob Higgins L2**? Scribe must confess that I have not read it all, but I am working on it. Will have the 50th read before the 60th Reunion. We have three class books all done for reunions: 10th in 1968, 30th in 1988 and 50th in 2008. Has anyone read all three? I have read the 10th, 30th (put it out) and part of the 50th. As I said, working on the 50th. This is a good 60th Reunion project for all attendees.

Class web page and class notes reminder

2/22/2018

Go to <http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958/special/Scribe/2017/2017-December.html> and you can read all the last Class Notes and then find all prior class notes. Our class web page is maintained by **Pete Trainor G1**. Pete also maintains our WPAOG website, but I misplaced the name of this one. Think you just go WPAOG and do a bit of searching. Good luck. If you have any problems, contact Pete via telephone 757-345-3564 (from **John Nun's A2** snail mail roster) or email PBTainor@cox.net (from **Dick Buckalew's** monthly email roster). Great fun advertising classmates who do so much work on our behalf to help keep us in touch with one another: Dick Buckalew, Pete Trainor, Ed Weckel, Jack Downing (next item), Herb & Betty Puscheck, George Lawton, Russ Robertson '82 (Class Endowment), Garry Roosma and many others. Sorry I did not mention them all, but similar to Winnie the Pooh, I am a bear of little brain.

Founder's Day reminder for DC area

2/22/2018

It is coming up on Saturday 10 March. WPADC website is <http://wpsdc.hivebrite.com> or contact Felisa (Sally) Lewis '90, LTC (Retired), Executive Director West Point Society of DC and National Capital Region at email execdirector@wpsda.org. Our '58 attendance has not been great, but I hope to see YOU there.

FYI

2/22/2018

I am going to stop and send these Class Notes via Dick Buckalew's unrestricted senders email address usma1958@west-point.org. The unrestricted list is for any of us to write about the class.

There is also a restricted senders list/address mostly used for Death Notifications by **Jack Downing H2**. It has few more classmate email addresses, but you cannot use it. It is restricted to certain senders (Dick Buckalew, Jack Downing and Jack Bradshaw and perhaps a few more). You can always contact Jack Downing (or Margie) via email address ejdowning@cox.net.

We have many other class email lists/addresses which I provided in an earlier version of these Class Notes. Contact your Scribe via phone 703-671-1415 or email gsibert@comcast.net with some news or questions and I will be happy to provide the addresses again.

Until next time...

1958 Class Notes

December 2017 Notes

12/9/2017

Classmates—

Not much left of December and year 2017 – however, we do have 12 days of Christmas and there are (were when I had to split Part 1) 7 remaining. And, Christmas is a good place to start these notes. Merry Christmas to all and best wishes for the New Year. And, the New Year will include our 60th Reunion: 26-29 April 2018. BE THERE FOR THE 60TH. I still find it difficult to believe that we graduated almost 60 years ago. Allow me to repeat: BE THERE FOR THE 60TH.

Our Losses

Of course, deaths of classmates and wives make the passage of time all too real. Sadly, I must begin with death of another classmate: **Edward Vincent DeBoesser Jr E1** -- Vince to all of us. Reality creeps into these notes all too often. Vince died on 17 Nov 2017. His widow, **Anne**, was one of our June Ladies. According to my class roster, they lived in Gettysburg PA. Vince was an artilleryman who retired as a colonel in 1988. You can look up his Register entry by his Cullum #21911. Our paths did not cross over our time in the Army as soldiers. Vince left the Pentagon as I entered in 1976. Close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades. I hope the E1 CCQ was able to provide more information to their company-mates.

This is a good place to mention that we classmates should communicate information about deaths with **Jack Downing H2**, our CINC for death information. You can always copy me on emails to Jack about the death of a classmate (or wife). And, of course, we should be in touch with CCQs and company-mates. Jack will then communicate the information to the class and the West Point Association of Graduates (WPAOG).

Sadly, we lost another class wife: **Martha Meals**. Martha died early Thanksgiving morning, 23 November, joining husband **Bob Meals K2**, who died on 22 July this year. I believe that Martha and Bob are the 49th couple from our class to transition to the ghostly assemblage. My roster shows they were living in St Helena, California.

2017 has not been kind to the class. During this year we lost seven wives, fifteen classmates who graduated in June 1958, one who graduated in June 1960 and three former cadets. For those of us who live in DC area and subscribe to the Washington Post, **Dick Schonberger B2**, our esteemed Chairman of the Executive Committee has been working with the paper to improve the coverage of our Army athletics, especially football. Navy is a “local” team and gets good coverage. Here is a response from Ava Wallace of the Post: “Hi Richard, Thanks much for your feedback. I just recently switched onto the Navy beat and this is the first I’m hearing of fans’ displeasure with our coverage of the Army-Navy game. We cover Navy throughout the season as a part of our local college coverage, therefore, I covered this weekend’s game from Navy’s point of view, as I’m their beat writer. That being said, I think you have a good point, especially with Army’s recent upturn under Coach Monken. I will speak to my editor about our coverage going forward. Best, Ava” Now, if the coverage improves, let Dick know about it!

Army-Navy game

I know that all were thrilled with the Army 14-13 victory. We were fortunate that Navy penalties back them up and their field goal attempt went wide – closer without the penalties and it might have been good. Many of us enjoyed the game at the annual party hosted by **Florence & Alan Salisbury L1**. Cannot remember when they first hosted this event, but thanks to them both and myriad helpers for a wonderful afternoon and evening. And, thanks to all who brought food! And, thanks to those who helped clean-up. And, thanks to **Jack Gordon A1** for his email reminding us all about the party: “I aim to reinforce the gracious invitation from Salisbury’s since in my limited experience, we do need reminders. December 9, please contact them directly. Social Chair (but not for long).” Good place for me to thank Jack for his handling the DC social events for a number of years.

From the left coast, **Terry Connell F1** writes: “Turning again to MAJ Howard T Wickert '43, our treasured English ‘P’ (and may he rest in peace): ‘The deed is done...’ ‘The die is cast...’ ‘Nevermore, quoth the raven...’ Terry closed with “Merry Christmas to all!”

John Schroeder M2



John Schroeder M2 was in DC recently and some of us met him for lunch: **Alan Chase C1, Jerry Mitchell C1, Bob Rhodes F1, Van Van Fleet M2**, and your Scribe. The subject of marching at the opening ceremonies for the AFA, temporarily established at Lowrey Field near Denver, came up. I reminisced that 5th Company from Camp Buckner

was sent there along with our color guard (John was in the color guard). Anyway, Bob sent us all the following photo via email. Bob, Alan and I were on the trip section to AFA at Lowrey AFB along with John and the rest of our Color Guard. And, of course, all the other classmates from 5th Company.

Quoting from Bob’s (Dusty’s) email: “John, Alan, George, Jerry and Van; I believe the ceremonies were held during the summer of 1955. Note two Constellations and one F-86 on the tarmac. Dusty aka Bob. PS: I enjoyed our lunch together today. Thanks for setting it up.” In the opinion of your Scribe, John Schroeder needs to come north from Atlanta area more often!

More on the AFA trip in the summer of 1955

Note the cadets in upper right of photo in FD over white trou. The Middies were behind us. They were class of 1957 and tried to pull rank on us. No way, Jose! However, in those days the Middies were truly senior to us – strange, but true! Let me explain. Cadets USMA were then the junior warrant officers in the Army. Meanwhile, the Midshipmen USNA were the senior

warrant officers in Navy. Therefore, in fact they were senior to us. My father class of '36 pointed this out to me. I wrote the Com a letter about this injustice. No reply from then-BG Messinger. This Scribe has no clue where cadets actually rank today. I have always preferred the ranking from our Plebe Knowledge: What do plebes rank? "Sir, the Superintendent's dog, the Commandant's cat, the waiters in the Mess Hall, the Hell Cats, and all the Admirals in the whole blamed Navy" (pretty sure that in H2 plebes said "whole damned Navy"). Dusty aka Bob came up with this photo immediately after lunch. Amazing.

Buckner 5th Co had a grand trip to Colorado, but making up the missed training took its toll. Our Tac was a miserable USAF officer (not a grad). He was later relieved from being Tac of a lettered company (E2? I think. Cannot remember.) Anyway, we had an inspection on first Saturday after returning to Buckner the AFA ceremonies. We looked terrible. Dirty gear, rifles, etc. Out outgoing Tac praised us for our work to prepare for the inspection along with making up the missed training. Then, after the incoming USAF Tac took over, he told us how sorry we were. My '56 platoon leader, Jack Woodmansee, as I recall, kept telling us he wanted to take the first weekend to NYC. He lost it due to demerits from the miserable USAF Tac. The Tac kept using honor to give the Firsties a difficult time at Buckner and back at West Point. I was not sorry he was relieved of his duties. Memories...

Class Ring Melt. As you all know, the class ring melt wherein gold from earlier class rings is incorporated into the gold for new class rings is a program begun by our own **Ron Turner K1** (he wrote an article for Assembly originating the idea). I think that gold from prior rings was used first for the class rings for class of 2002. A "lump" of gold is saved each year to be used in the gold for the next year's class. Net effect is that rings include gold from all the prior rings donated. Anyway, here is an email from WPAOG to our President **Jack Bradshaw M2** about rings melted this year for the class of 2019:

"I am writing to you today to let you know that your class will have seven rings in the upcoming Ring Melt for the Class of 2019. Those rings belonged to **Donald Johnson B2**, **Daniel Carter H1**, **William Ganey H1**, **Gordon Goodman B1**, **Robert Meals K2**, **Joseph Shea L1** and **William Dunning G1** (cadet companies added by Scribe).

"You can click here to see a list of all rings donors by class year:

<https://www.westpointaog.org/file/ListofAllRingDonorsbyclassyear.pdf>

"Our office prepares a bio on each ring donor that we publish into a booklet that is handed out at the Ring Melt. The biography is also framed and used at the melt as the place holder for the ring before it placed in the crucible. Please see attached photo. **William Dunning** does have a memorial article, but we are writing to you (Class President, **Jack Bradshaw M2**) because the other five individuals do not have memorial articles. We often will use the memorial articles as an additional resource when preparing their Ring Melt bios. Attached is some preliminary information that we have gathered on each individual.

"You can click here for information on the memorial writing process:

<https://www.westpointaog.org/memorials>. Please let us know if you would be willing to assist us in this worthwhile endeavor.

Respectfully, Cathy Kilner '90 Director Class Services"

Memorial Articles

We have a number of classmates who have died and need Memorial Articles written. Five are mentioned above, but **PD Vanture B2** is the keeper of this flame. He needs your input wherever possible. Please help! All of us living classmates can help by writing a Memorial

Article for YOURSELF and submitting it to WPAOG. I have been working on my draft and should submit it soon/early in 2018 well before our 60th Reunion. Good project for each of us: write your Memorial Article prior to the 60th and let PD Vanture know you have done it.

As you all will remember, the originator of the class ring melt program was our own **Ron Turner K1**. He wrote an article, published in Assembly which initiated the program. His ring is one donated long ago to be incorporated into the ring melt program. Sadly, Ron joined the ghostly assemblage on 29 April 2013. The gold from his ring is in the blob used each year.

Wearing class rings: left hand or right?.

I was asked by a classmate recently which hand is the one normally used for wearing the ring. So, I am now asking you all: left or right hand? I believe that most of our class wears our class rings on the left hand (as I do). But, more recent photos of grads reflect the ring moving to the right hand. When did the practice change? And, why did it change? Does it have to do with wearing wedding rings? Any comments or answers? Send your friendly Scribe an email or send one to the class forum.

Class Forum. I recently received an email via the Class Forum from deaconwpc@earthlink.net. I had no clue who that was. The address was not on our class email list. So, I tried to respond and then received an email with copious instructions to complete to have my response received. Far too much trouble. Especially for someone I could not identify. Therefore, I wrote our lists moderator, **Dick Buckalew A2**. His reply: "George, I have no idea who deaconwpc@earthlink.net is. That address isn't on any west-point.org list. Apparently, some of our classmates are sharing forum postings with non-classmates. I have warned against that in the past but have come under fire for censorship. Dick"

Censorship on class lists. My reply to Dick was that some censorship is warranted. Let me add my admonition not to share our forum or other class emails with non-classmates. The contents may be OK, but do not share the class addresses of the Forum or other lists. You can share emails but delete the addresses and keep us all safe from the likes of deaconwpc. Thanks.

More Sad News

Scribe just checked my email traffic and received the sad news of another classmate's death -- **Tom Orr I1**. "Classmates, I hope that you all received the email from Marilee Meyer, AOG announcing the death of Tom Orr. Very little is known except that he died on Dec 11. I fly out tomorrow morning to have Christmas with the **Gary Graves C1** in Florida. **George Lawton G2** will act as CINC Obits until I can relieve him. **Jack Downing H2** Cinc Obits"

Tom Orr is another classmate with whom your Scribe did not cross paths in the Army. He retired in 1976, blessed with enlisted time before West Point, including time at USMAPS (photos of the Prep School are in the 30th Reunion Book).

Info on the web for Tom provided by West-Point.org: "We have prepared the graduate's eulogy page at. <http://defender.west-point.org/service/eulogies.mhtml?&u=22123> The graduate's homepage is located at <http://www.west-point.org/users/usma1958/22123/> Sincerely, WP-ORG Operations"

An email from **Joe Shea I2** had further info about Tom: "I remember '**Tiger**' Orr from USMAPS '53/54. As I recall Tom had been in combat during the Korean War. He had a friend who was at USMAPS with us but didn't get into West Point. I believe they had served together. The friend always joshed Tom about being in 'Graves Registration.' I believe it was he who

gave Tom the moniker! At that time Tom was a shy man of few words. **Brad Eliot G2** may remember more.”

Scribe’s addition to the foregoing: Joe is the second Joe Shea in our class. He is one of our class who loved West Point so much that he extended for fifth year and graduated in 1959. As you will remember, the other **Joe Shea L1** who graduated in June 1958, departed our ranks on 31 Aug 2016.

An email from **Palmer McGrew I2** provided further info about Tiger Tom: “Plebe year, when we had early morning PE, and used gym lockers assigned to us, I came in one morning to find ‘my locker’ all decorated for my apparent locker mate, Tom Orr. I had never met Tom, I had no idea that guys from the other regiment also used “our lockers”, and what is it with this locker decorating, anyway? Though I hadn’t met Tom Orr I was impressed that our classmates would go to the trouble of decorating his locker and calling him ‘Tiger Tom Orr.’ I did meet him at the Bar Harbor mini and had long conversations with him. Never saw him again. If his company mates who decorated his locker are still around, please post an obit for him on the obit web site. RIP Tiger Tom.”

More on the funeral of Vince DeBoesser

More on the funeral of **Vince DeBoesser** via an email to Scribe from attendee **Joe Schwar I2**. “According to **Anne DeBoesser**, Vince had been ill for about six months. In and out of hospitals with a number of unexplained complaints which, again according to Anne, just wore his system down until it just quit. Neither **Kathy** nor I had much time to talk to Anne so this will be skimpy and much of it second or third hand. Vince died on November 17th. The service was held at St Mary’s Catholic Church in Fairfield, PA, a very small town about eight miles west of Gettysburg, on November 25th. He will be cremated (according to the funeral director). Burial will be at Arlington at some time in the future. As an aside, Fairfield was the site of some skirmishing as Lee retreated from the battle at Gettysburg.

“I didn’t know, until the priest talked about it, how religious Vince was and how active he was in the small catholic community in Fairfield. Last I knew their mailing address was Gettysburg so was surprised at the location of the service, but his obit stated they lived in Gettysburg. There were four classmates in attendance. In addition to Kathy and me, there were **George & Barbara Yurick A1**, **Bob & Ann Marie Donovan E1**, **Bill Serchak K1** and his daughter (Bridget: spelling?). There were at least two other West Pointers (classes in the mid-80s) from Northern Virginia who had presumably served with Vince at some point, but don’t quote me on that. The priest seemed to be impressed that classmates attended the service and commented on that as being representative of the bonds existing among members of the military. Ironically the priest’s name was DiTommaso. I meant to follow up with him to see if there was a connection, but, alas, I did not.

“The mass was followed by a short ceremony outside the church by a local color guard. Did the folding of the flag and presentation to Anne. Even had a firing party. Nothing like Arlington but surprising that it all got pulled together in such a small town. Reminded me of something out of a Norman Rockwell painting -- and I don’t mean that as a put down. People who were there and participated in any way because they knew and respected Vince and Anne. About what I’ve come to expect in small town Pennsylvania. We classmates all talked about the fact that the class flag was not present. No one knew what had happened or why it was missing. I doubt that anyone but us would have known enough to even miss it.

“Now a little history. **Anne DeBoeser** was one of the 'girls' that traveled from Philadelphia to West Point frequently when we were cadets. Among the group, in addition to Pat, were **Lois Deely**, **Barbara Bellows**, and **Peggy Hankee** (all their married names). Seems that there may have been one more, but... I always admired how that group of women hung in there with such a bunch of reprobates. Undoubtedly, we were better men because of them. I've got to quit before I get too melancholy and forget what my purpose in this note is. Hope this is helpful. Joe”

Scribe's additional information: **Pat Schwar**, mentioned in the email, was Joe's first wife who was a cancer victim in March 1997. Joe subsequently married **Kathy Stevens (Schwar)**.

Scribe Exchanging Emails

Scribe was exchanging emails with **George Lawton G2**, one was about the **H1 Robertsons, George & Gale**. Lawton wrote: “George & Gale are at the Fairfax near Belvoir. I saw son Russ Robertson Tuesday nite at the PEF board meeting and he'd been with his parents all day at the Fairfax. They moved there this past summer. **John & Carol Devens (also H1)** live just across the courtyard from the Robertsons.” Company-mates as neighbors – is this a great life, or what? In the process I got the younger George Robertson's '82 email

Scribe is in a lunch group with some veterans of our Pentagon war years circa 1976-1980 or so. There are only a few classmates in this group (**Van Van Fleet M2** and **Andy Andreson G1** come to mind). One member of the group sent me an email about some parasite that VN veterans are having problems with. I dutifully sent it to the Class Forum and received this reply from **Tom Morgan A2**: “Perhaps we are too old to die from this VN disease? I have been back several times and have not caught anything that I can attribute to that.” All veteran stories should end with this sort of good news. This also gives me the chance to ask classmates who have been back to VN to let me know via email. I know that, in addition to Tom, **Dick Schonberger B2**, has been back many times with his involvement in 82d or is it 101st Airborne activities. Others?

An email from Jack Gordon A1

Our esteemed social chairman (he thinks “not for long”) reminded the DC gang of the annual **Alan & Florence Salisbury L1 Beat Navy Party**. Jack did this because he has discovered at our age we need to be reminded. Great party. Great game. And an opportunity to say thank you to Alan & Florence for another wonderful evening. They have done this for many, many years – not always with the same game result we enjoyed the last two years. No matter the game result, the evening at their home is always wonderful. And, the potluck food is always great – thanks to the cooks (mostly ladies) of our class. Their party was first held at the home before the present one. As I said, they have been doing this a long, long time.

Beer Survey

On the subject of thanking classmates for doing things on behalf of all of us, time to thank **Chuck Toftoy E2** for two things he does for all of us. First is **Tof's Tips**, mostly for a healthier life style. I will let you all respond to Chuck on this subject. Second is **BEER**. It may not be healthier, but when I was four years old my pediatrician put me on a beer diet to encourage a little weight gain. Back to Chuck who has arranged for free beer at class reunions for ever and ever. As a beer drinker myself, your Scribe wants to let Chuck know how much the class and his Scribe appreciate his efforts. And, thank in advance for FREE BEER at the 60th coming up

26-29 April 2018. I hope YOU responded to Chuck's email. Not too late. Regular or Light beer is the question. State your preference.

Chuck wrote: "I received 43 responses. Wow! That's got to be a record! Right now the results are: 63 regular, 21 light. So, for you math hives, that means I'll order Samuel Adams free cases in the ratio of 3:1. Remember, I'm only the beer guy. **Garry Roosma H2** stated that the Thayer will set up a cash bar for wine and other beverages. They won't allow free wine to be brought into the Benny Havens Tavern (The Pershing Room). This is the first time in the Thayer's long history that they are allowing free beer to be brought in. That took some negotiating.

"It's not too late to put in your request for either regular or light Samuel Adams. Email me at casb@gwu.edu with the words, either reg (regular) or lgt (light). Do not reply using Class email. Thanks. You guys are great. Happy Thanksgiving. Hang in there. Chuck, E-2 CCQ"

And, here is an opportunity to thank the CCQs again, and again, and again. Do you and your CCQ exchange emails? Hope so!

And, thanks to Garry Roosma

Thanks to **Garry Roosma H2** for organizing another West Point Reunion. He has been doing this since I classmated him into doing our 30th Reunion. Of course, he reciprocated by classmating me into doing the 30th Reunion Book. He put it in his first letter about the 30th Reunion. Actually, the book was a natural follow-on to being the Class Scribe. Have done that since about 1986 or so. Except, of course, when **Pete Penczer C2** took on the job while I was committed full-time to taking care of Judy. I got it back to scribing for the notes in Feb 2017. I will continue as long as health and mind hold out. And, as long as you all can stand it. 30th Year Book time flies. Now we have a wonderful 50th Year Book who main force was **Alan Salisbury**, he of the Beat Navy Party fame. Our class is truly blessed to have Alan and Florence doing so much for us all.

Classmates who actually attended the Army-Navy Game. From **Andy Andreson G1**: "We will not be with Alan and Florence because we will be at the game – which Artie and I almost always attend." Were there others at the game? Send an email to your friendly Scribe to let me know.

From Norm Monson

And from **Norm Monson K2** in response to my message about the Salisburys game party: "As much as I'd like to join in the festivities, I think it's a bit too far afield to be making it from SoCal. But I thank you for the invitation anyway. So, enjoy yourselves and hopefully every bit as much as you did last year!! ☺"

And from **Edgie Waller G2**, another response: "George, I expect that you will be our oldest living graduate." My reply: "Edgie—you are kind, but **George Lawton G2** has already expressed his intent to be the oldest grad. Of course, I am younger than Lawton, therefore, technically we could both do it. George-the-younger"

Social Security for our cadet years

The expert on this subject is **Bill Serchak K1**. There have been a number of emails to/from Bill on this subject. For those not on the Class Forum or other class lists or lists from Bill, if you have any questions or need help getting Social Security credit for our cadet time contact Bill directly. His email is wserchak@comcast.net and do it so you get the credit you are entitled to. I

am including this admonition in the Class Notes because the subject keeps coming up on the Class Forum, but not everyone is on that email address list. Getting credit is not difficult, but it is important. Contact Bill. Do it if you have not done it earlier. Many classmates have followed Bill's advice and have gotten significant checks from Social Security for back time and pay increases since then. Not all qualify because of earnings since working after the service, but many have benefited from Serchak's info.

A mid-Nov email from Pete Groh I2:

"Carol and I have moved to Indiana and I want to let **Jack Bradshaw** know that I am nearby and get in with the West Point Society here. But I've lost all my email contacts. Would you please send his email to me so I can contact him? Thanks, Pete Groh 11139 Lincoln Trails Circle, Indianapolis IN 46236" Pete provided his telephone number 317-855-7732 and Scribe was able to give him contact info for Jack. Loop closed. Time to quit and launch this version while it is still 2017. My next one will not be until February 2018. I have done them monthly during 2017: February through December. If you did not get them all, send me an email with some news for future Class Notes and I will cheerfully send you the missing notes for 2017. I am sending them all to **Karen & Mark Sigurski C1** (but have to call them again because I cannot find Karen's email). Again, my thanks to Pete Penczer for taking over for me while I was taking care of Judy. And, thanks to Pete for relinquishing the job after she died. I miss her terribly, but am glad to have a class function to fill up my lonely time. And, glad that Judy moved us to Goodwin House Alexandria in August 2008 – a CCRC is just the place for me these days.

In Closing

I will close with my normal request for CCQs to send these notes to classmates not on the unrestricted senders class list. When in doubt, just send them to everyone in your company. If you wait a few days before sending the notes, they can read them twice. At our age it cannot hurt to read them twice. Smile. George Sibert Merry Fifth Day of Christmas, but without the five golden rings. And, Happy New Year which includes our 60th Reunion. BE THERE! It will not be the same without YOU!

George Sibert

November Notes

11/8/2017

Classmates and wives—

Highly disorganized this month. Have no clue what will show up in Class Notes, but here goes.

Our Losses

11/8/2017

Sadly, we lost two classmates and another wife since the last Class Notes in October.

Classmates deaths that I do not think have been recorded in our Class Notes begin with **Robert L Hultzen K2** who very recently transitioned to the Ghostly Assemblage. Our prayers are with his wife **Lisa**. Bob went Signal Corps at graduation in 1958. Our paths did not cross in the Army before he resigned in 1961 as a 1LT. Bob and Lisa lived in California. His entry in the 50-year book was taken from our 30-year book. Scribe highly recommends you read it. Most of this info

came via an email from **Bo Craddock K2**, which I will quote it here: “Just got off the phone with Lisa Hultzen, Bob’s wife for about the last 10 years. Bob died peacefully with what Lisa called an ‘aortic dissection’ on October 9th in a hospital in Las Vegas. His death was sudden. He was cremated and wanted no ceremonies. He had written his own memorial article (which is what motivated Lisa to call me). She will mail it to me and I will submit it. Her address is 6169 North Hwy 66, Kingman, AZ 86401. Lisa will send me the obit when it is available. Lisa was impressed with how much Bob loved USMA and what it meant to him. His diploma graced the wall of his law office. I plan to pass to **Dave Bourland K2 CCQ** any future correspondence I receive from Lisa.”

Dwain T Moentmann C1 followed all too quickly on 10 October. Most knew him as “Bud.” His is another good entry in 50-year book. Scribe loves the paragraph “I will always be indebted to **Jim and Peggy Morgan I2** for introducing me to **Holly**, a young widow with a four-year old daughter, Lane. We had our first date on the fourth of July 1972 and were married later that year. I adopted Lane soon after our marriage.” Lane became a step-sister to Bud’s two children from his first marriage: James (#38665) class 1981, a retired COL, and Jennifer. And, they have produced in Bud’s words “eight wonderful grandchildren. Life is good!” Two of his eight grandchildren are grads: Tommy (#66691, son of James) Class of 2010 and Grant Petersen (#71044, son of Jennifer, I think) Class of 2014. Our prayers are with Holly, their children and grandchildren. I have always been sympathetic for those who have lost a soul-mate, but it became far more personal with my loss of Judy year ago.

The wife who left us earlier this year was **Ann Henninger**, wife of **Corky E2**. Ann died on 17 Feb 2017. The Henningers were among the first of 1958 to marry on 5 June – the day after graduation! Sorry about the late notification of Ann’s death, but Scribe just received the email forwarded by **Chuck Toftoy E2 CCQ**. This explains why she was not mentioned in earlier Class Notes. Ann and Corky produced a son Kermit who graduated from USMA in 1981 (#38461). Corky’s entry in the 50-year book is an edited version from our 30-year book. They spent 7-plus years at West Point, which culminated with his working for then-LTG Goodpaster while the latter was Supe “during times of great change...”

Now to more cheerful news. I was then-MG Goodpaster’s aide (1961-62) some years before he became Supe while he commanded the 8th Infantry Division in Germany. The division had an Airborne Brigade which caused General Goodpaster to go through airborne training. A memorable event for me was completing five jumps in one day at Finthen Army Airfield when Gen Goodpaster became Airborne qualified. **Garry Roosma H2** was our Otter pilot. In my memory it was only “the day before yesterday.” Five jumps in one great day!

Football

11/8/2017

A recent email on the forum from **Tony Smith I1** had these football stats which are repeated here because (1) not all are on the Class Forum, (2) they are great stats and (3) I needed something to brighten up these notes. Tony wrote: “Army received votes in both the AP Top 25 and the Coaches Polls; Navy got none. Want to know why Army football is doing so well? The stats tell the story.

“Individual: Ahmad Bradshaw is #10 in the nation in rushing yards at 1132. Navy’s Zach Abey is #8 at 1202. Team (there are 129 teams in FBS football):

- Rushing Yards: Army #1 with 365.4/game; Navy #2 with 346.1; AF #6 at 324.8. (Air Force had been #2 until Army held them to 95 yards rushing Saturday!)

- Fumbles Lost: Army is #6 in fewest fumbles lost - 2 (that's huge!) (Navy not in top 25 in this)
- Penalties: Army is #8 in fewest penalties at 4.11/game; Navy is #14 at 4.38. Army ranks #5 in least amount of yardage lost to penalties
- Time of Possession: Army ranks #4; Navy is #2
- 3rd Down Conversions: Army is #2 with 59 out of 115 tries; Navy is #7 with 55 of 113.
- 4th Down Conversions: Army is #16 with 14 of 21 tries; Navy is #26 with 10 of 16
- Tackles for Loss Allowed: Army is #3 at 3.22/game; Navy is #17 with 4.38

“And here's my favorite! Sacks Allowed: Army leads the nation with fewest sacks allowed - a grand total of 1 in 9 games this season! (If you never throw a pass, you can truly eliminate the sacks.) Navy is #14 in this stat. Seriously, the stats tell a story. Army is playing disciplined football (few penalties) and minimizing miscues (fumbles lost, tackles for loss)). If you don't beat yourself, you can beat your opponents.

“Go Army, beat Duke and Navy!” **Hal Lyon C2** replied to Tony’s email “Tony, good report. And, Scribe can endorse both of Tony’s final thoughts re beating Duke and Navy and support Hal’s reply.

Class Stats

11/8/2017

Recently your Scribe sent an email to the class with stats on our losses/deaths. They are repeated here in case you missed them and info is always required to fill up these notes:

- 228 graduated classmates
- 9 who graduated in 1959
- one who graduated in 1960 (Tom Taylor, our last graduate from the class)
- one honorary classmate (Chaplain George Bean)
- 26 former cadets (did not graduate – these are difficult to track – there are probably more)
- 93 wives

The stats have prompted a few replies already. **Butch Saint I1** asked for the positive number: how many of us are alive from those who graduated in June 1958? The math is 573 grads minus 228 deaths. And, the answer is 345. Sadly, not all of us are doing well in the health department, therefore, stay in touch with your company CCQ and with one another. **Chuck Davis G1** wrote “Thanks for those stats, George. Much appreciated, even if the subject is one we all tend to push down the line of time. Man does, indeed, not know his time.” I will repeat Chuck’s final thought: “Man does, indeed, not know his time.” **Andy Andreson G1** commented “Thanks, George, for the information. **Pete Trainor’s** ‘Taps’ list at the website has both grads and some non-grads, but I was unaware until now how many classmates we have lost.” **Rich Gell C1** replied with a stat from Wikipedia which says “the latest life expectancy figure for the US male is 76.9, from 2015 WHO DATA. Looks like we are doing pretty well!” Rich then sent a follow-up message “P.S. A different website shows 79.1 for white males and also shows data for each state. FWIW.” Scribe likes the upgrade in life expectancy. Also, thinks the ending abbreviation FWIW means “for what it’s worth.” There are many different numbers for life expectancy, but those of us still standing seem to out-lasting them all. This is one stat to keep beating!

60th Reunion

11/8/2017

An exchange of emails between **Bill Serchak CCQ K1** and **George Lawton CCQ G2** provided info about **Josh & Noni Jaschen K1**. The Lawtons had visited the Jaschens in Naples, Florida. The latter are preparing to move to a CCRC (continuing care retirement community). Scribe

applauds the move. We Siberts made a similar move in August 2008 to Goodwin House Alexandria, a CCRC here in Northern Virginia. No yard, meals provided, plenty of neighbors, smaller “house” (Judy and I moved to a two-bedroom apartment with space for most of our furniture). The sad news provided in Lawton’s email was that the Jaschens are not planning on attending the 60th Reunion. Among other reasons, too far to travel. Not included in the emails, but reported earlier is that son Daryl (class of 1982 who resigned in 1990, I think) was selected for BG in VA Army National Guard in 2014. Another I think fits here. Unfortunately, I cannot find my old notes, so I hope this information about son Daryl is accurate. Enough of my lousy memory and back to emails between Serchak and Lawton. Mary Jane and George expect to see Noni and Josh again after Christmas when the Lawtons return to Florida.

Free Beer Again at 60th!

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Here is another reason to attend the 60th Reunion – **Chuck Toftoy E2** has done it again! Here is his email: “All: I’m really happy because we are getting free beer again, for our 60th from the Boston Brewery. Samuel Adams for Benny Havens Tavern. ☑ Please respond to me, casb@gwu.edu, as to whether you want regular(reg) or light(lgt). Do not reply to this email address (the Class one) because it will not count. You only need to send me one abbreviation, ie ‘reg’ or ‘lgt’. That keeps it simple. Thanks. Again, send your choice to me only at casb@gwu.edu. Thanks. Hang in there. Chuck, E2 CCQ Beat Navy! 🍷”.

Plebe Boxing

11/8/2017

Wally Ward M1 replied to an email from **Jack Downing H2** about this topic. Scribe quotes: “Palone was teaching us a boxing lesson. He had us lined up in straight line & requested each one to try & hit him. All failed & then it was my turn. I hit him with full face hit & he counter-punched me with a strong right to the jaw after I let my arms down at my side. He immediately hugged me to let me know he had made a mistake in hitting me. He did know that I was the runner-up champion in the First Army the year before I came to West Point. You may want to pass this on to our classmates.” At age 17 your Scribe was lousy in Plebe boxing. I am surprised that I am including this information, but Wally was most recently our leader in the Plebe March Back and looks like he can still box!

TOF’s TIPS #84

11/8/2017

Scribe is still on a roll. **TOF’s TIPS #84 re SLEEP** – How much is enough? “This tip and the last three, were topics suggested by several of you. I’m always open for topics.

“Bottom line -- for adults 65+ you need 7-8 hours of sleep per night. The National Sleep Foundation states that 35% of all adults get less than 7 hours. Their study showed an average of 6 hrs, 45 mins during the week.

“UNHEALTHY BEHAVIOR CAN OCCUR DUE TO HAVING JUST A LITTLE SLEEP. Examples are mood swings, grogginess, and weight gain.

“Take a test---by going to bed at the same time...do not set alarm clock. See how many hours you sleep. Try this for several days. After this test, you can determine your sleep cycle.

“If you are sleep deprived, a nap can be awesome to improve your mood, alertness, memory retention, and overall performance. A NASA study reveals that a 40 minute nap increases

alertness by 100%. They try this with astronauts. Even a 6-minute nap can improve your memory retention.

“I’ve never napped but ardent nappers were JFK, Churchill, Edison, and Napoleon. (Your Scribe is a napper!)

“An optimal nap according to experts is 90 minutes, taken between 1-3pm. For ways to get to sleep and sleep soundly see TIP# 79. (per Scribe, #79 is not included here)

“One additional suggestion is to not have caffeine or other sleep disruptive meds 6 hours before bedtime. Check with your Doc... some meds should be taken in the morning because a side effect could be sleep disturbance.

“All of this info I’ve provided is fine...but frankly, just make sure you get a minimum of 6 hours of sleep/night. Hang in there, **Chuck E2 CCQ**”

Memorial Service

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Jim Tilley D2 reported on the memorial service for **Joe Keyes D2** at West Point. “The memorial service was as perfect as is possible to be. Cloudless sky and bright sun. The process began with a mass at the Catholic chapel which was personal and inspiring finishing with everyone singing the third verse of the Alma Mater. Very emotional. Next was the ceremony at the cemetery which was, as usual, executed to perfection. As the actual internment was completed, a single Monarch butterfly flew over the urn. It literally took everyone’s breath away. The group eventually assembled at the West Point Club for lunch. Joe’s daughter Jennifer had orchestrated the entire weekend with dinners, a tour of the Academy, a cruise on the Hudson and myriad other activities. They had decided that Joe would have wanted happiness and celebration not sadness.

TOF’s TIPS #86

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TOF’s TIPS #86 is quoted here: “As we get older, we lose our sense of taste and we lack our appetite. Even our sense of smell diminishes. Some people only take small bites even if it’s their favorite food. Patty’s Mom ate 2 or 3 bites of food at the Assisted Living facility or when we took her out to a restaurant. She became frail and loss a lot of weight. It was hard to watch her deteriorate.

“Some of the reasons for this problem are: ulcers, dementia, thyroid disease, depression, ill-fitting dentures (causing difficulty in chewing). Swallowing can be a problem too. All of these issues impair a sense of hunger. Another consideration is that chemotherapy kills off most of the taste buds. And a person may have a touchy digestive system.

“Basically, you or whoever it is, needs a medical evaluation to ascertain what is causing the loss of interest in food. Also, your Doc needs to determine whether supplements you take interfere with your meds. If you are trying to get someone to buck up their eating ability, here are my suggestions:

- Go for a high-fat, high calories diet. This is based on my research. For the general population, a low-fat, low-calorie diet is recommended. But for seniors, becoming frail and/or losing weight...go for higher fat and calories.
- Eggs (7 grams protein per egg), peanut butter (2 tbls = 8 grams protein), cheese, fruits, dried fruits, nuts, raw veggies, hummus I love it), edamame, ice cream (an expert Doc recommends a

bowl of ice cream). Make sure it is the person's favorite (mine is butter pecan).

- Make healthy smoothies. Add nut butter, avocado slice, some spinach and wheat germ (a winner).

- Add lots of color to meals. Important. Make it look super. But very small portions, otherwise it is intimidating to the person which could be you. Eat the same meal right with the person. This is my brainstorm. Important. Smaller meals, more often is helpful. Gradually make changes.

- Try Boost or Ensure. These drinks are not a substitute for a meal and are not a complete source of nutrition. But, they do provide vitamins and minerals. I suggest Boost (I like the Chocolate Sensation with 15g of protein-Yes!). I take it daily with my vitamins. The vits seem to go down easier.

- Pump in protein and calcium...however you can do it. That person (maybe you) - will suddenly buck up. Don't forget protein is the main building block of our body. Needs: Men = 56g daily; women = 46g. DRI (Dietary Nutrition Intake) calls for 0.36g per pound of weight. More protein is needed if active,

- Exercise. If you have joint pains or using a power chair or wheelchair, water aerobics is best. Docs agree with this 100%.

“Hang in there, **Chuck E2 CCQ**”

TOF's TIPS #85

11/8/2017

Scribe is on a roll. Here is **TOF's TIPS #85**. “Pacemakers treat fatigue, light headedness, dizziness, and fainting. You might want one if you have an abnormal heart beat, congestive heart disease, or afib. It takes about 3 hours to insert a pacemaker. I have one and can't even remember the surgery...it was so simple. Outpatient. It's great because, in my case, my heart rate is not allowed to go below 70 beats/minute. If it does, the pacemaker kicks in.

“The pacemaker is composed of a small titanium encased pulse generator that contains a lithium battery. Batteries last from 5-15 years depending on how active the pacemaker is. Average battery life is 7-8 years. It only takes 1-2 hours to change the generator battery. Usually the original leads (connected to the heart) do not have to be replaced.

“You can exercise with no difficulty---walking, running, cycling, swimming. I still compete in the Senior Olympics. Nobody knows I have a pacemaker and I never even think about it.

“If you have a pacemaker and want to know symptoms of your pacemaker failure, here they are: dizziness, fainting, palpitations, shortness of breath, twitching of muscles in chest. Mine has never failed and I don't know of anyone who has had it fail. Keep in pace with the rest of us by getting a pacemaker (if you need it). Talk to your Doc. Hang in there. **Chuck E2 CCQ**”

And more from Paul Ruud D2 CCQ

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Paul provided the info from Jim Tilley and had this ending: “The family and class were represented by **Jan Keyes** and their daughter Jennifer, **Bob McCann D2** , **Bill Gillette/Nancy D2** , **Ed Ofgant/Marisa D2** , **Gary Roosma/Jill H2** and **Sally Kurtz and me** (Jim Tilley).

Prostate Cancer and the roles within 1958 on this subject for **John Brinson C2** and **Stan Bacon I2** from an exchange of emails between them and shared with class forum. Stan: “To view the latest updated PC Diagnosis Distribution Table posted for us by **Dale Cockle I2** on our PC Support website, go to <http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958-pc/>.”

“It shows the distribution over time of our 87 known diagnoses. While we remain below the national average and new cases have steadily declined since the latest peak in 2006, we continue to be assaulted—one more diagnosis so far this year, and the threat persists.

“That 87 total may be understated. We thought we had a fair handle on the number, but we continue to be surprised with ones we hadn't known about. Your help in our keeping stats accurate and our providing support where requested will be greatly appreciated and treated confidentially.

“The Class PC Support Group places emphasis on prevention up front and support after the fact in working through one's diagnosis, treatment selection and post treatment issues—all dealt with in confidence. Let's be really careful out there.”

John: “Great job. You have led the way for other Classes as well. All of us owe you a bunch of gratitude for helping so many West Pointers deal with prostate cancer.”

Stan: “Thanks for the kind words, John. But recall it was you who took me by the hand and taught me the difference between a DRE and a PSAT and what all the group needed in the way of support. ‘We who rise to new heights stand on the shoulders of giants.’”

John: “Thanks, but truth be known, you get all the credit for this great project, a project that has helped so many West Pointers deal with prostate cancer.”

Scribe: AMEN, AMEN, AMEN! And, thanks to you both for information on prostate cancer, its prevention and cure.

More on boxing

11/8/2017

“I read this article about boxing at WP in the WSJ but here is an alternative address that may not need a subscription to the paper. <http://tinyurl.com/y7e5q84f> It would make ‘Punchies’ Creighton and Palone proud.” Provided by **Jack Downing H2** .

Perpetual Endowment Fund (PEF)

11/8/2017

Info via **George Lawton G2**. “The PEFB has two members, **Gerry Mitchell** and Dale Hruby, Jr (USMA 83) who are completing their term of service on the board. IAW Art IV, Sec2(a) of the PEF By Laws, the board is nominating their replacements for your vote and confirmation. **Jack Downing** is nominated to fill Jerry Mitchell's position, and Dan Peck (USMA 83), Jim Peck's son is nominated to fill Dale Hruby, Jr's position. Please submit your vote on these two gentlemen to me NLT 16 Nov 2017 so we can reconstitute the board prior to our upcoming meeting. (Scribe: submit your vote via email to Lawton).

Alumni Glee Club concert

11/8/2017

This concert will be on 18 November at the Schlesinger Center (just off Beauregard in Alexandria). **Garry & Jill Roosma H2** will be attending with his brother John & Diane Roosma. John is a former cadet 1952 and retired USAF Colonel. Our own **Alan Salisbury L1** and **Palmer McGrew I2** will be singing with the glee club. Are there any other classmates singing? Your Scribe will be attending but not singing. Remember what Mr Mayer said to him during choir tryouts during Beast Barracks in July 1954: “Your grandfather could not sing; your father could not sing; and you cannot sing. Next.”

Memorial Articles

11/8/2017

Paul Vanture B2 has the unenviable task of getting Memorial Articles written and published. He has worked a miracle in that "We now have 47 classmates who have signed up to write living memorial articles. Many have already sent them to AOG." PD is collecting the remainder and will send them to WPAOG. If you have not written your own, please consider doing so and contacting Paul. Scribe has begun his own and will send it to Paul in due course. Far easier for YOU to do your own than for some other classmate to be stuck doing it for you. And, if you do it, the memorial article will say what you want, how you want to be remembered.

Mike Harvey. Brad Johnson K1 and Brad Eliot G2 and some other classmates were exchanging emails about **Mike Harvey E1**. Scribe did a little research and came up with the following: Mike Harvey served in 61st Avn Co during his first tour in VN (1963-64), as Troop Cdr in 1st Bn 9th Cav during his second tour (1966-67) and in 7th Bn 17th Cav during his third tour (1971-72). You can look him up in 2015 Register of Graduates: #22182-1958. He died 8 Nov 2013 and his memorial article was in 2014 TAPS.

The **Schroeders** and **Gretes** recently got together in Destin FL. Please see the photo of the four attached. My grandfather lived in Destin for many years and even has a street named for him there. He is responsible for the Infantry opening the Rest Camp there while he was a battalion commander at Ft Benning in 1930 or so. He then retired there after WW2. Judy and I visited him there often, as did **Garry & Jill Roosma** during flight school at Ft Rucker AL in 1959 or so. Sorry, the photo of them is in first part of November notes.

Time to end this effort launch it.

Veterans Day info

11/8/2017

Somehow, it beats me how this happened, but I wound up on an email list for 1969. The info from these younger grads is often interesting. From a recent email: "As we approach another Veterans Day, I thought I'd point out a site listing numerous freebies and discounts for veterans, with some deals starting immediately. <https://www.usveteransmagazine.com/2017/11/03/2017-freebies-discounts-veterans-day/> I hope you have a Happy Veterans Day. And, as we did with Air Force, let Army roll on to BEAT NAVY! Bill Bahr, USMA '69." These are coupled with more Veterans Day specials provided by the son (a retired colonel in his own right) of my battalion commander in Big Red One in VN:

[54th Street Grill](#) -- Veterans and active duty military get a free entree on November 11.

NEW [Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza](#) -- Veterans and active military get a complimentary small order of meatballs with ricotta cheese on November 11.

[Applebee's](#) -- Veterans and active duty military receive a free meal from a limited menu, on November 11.

[Arooga's](#) -- Veterans and active duty military get a free pretzel from a fixed menu on November 11.

[Back Yard Burgers](#) -- On November 11, active duty service members and veterans get a free Back Yard Classic Burger.

[Bakers Square](#) -- Veterans and active duty military get a free breakfast from a set menu on November 11.

[Bar Louie](#) -- On November 11, veterans and active military personnel get a free flatbread or burger.

[BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse](#) -- All service members can enjoy a complimentary entree up to \$12.95 by presenting a military ID or proof of service on November 10 and 11.

[Black Angus Steakhouse](#) -- Veterans and active duty military get an 8 oz. Top Sirloin steak

dinner with mashed potatoes and broccoli for a discounted price on November 11.

[Bob Evans](#) -- Veterans and active military personnel receive a free meal from a select menu on November 11.

[Bonanza Steakhouses](#) -- Veterans and active duty military get a free buffet on November 11.

[Bruegger's Bagels](#) -- Veterans and active duty military members get a free small drip coffee on November 11 at participating locations.

[Burntwood Tavern](#) -- Veterans and active military get a free lunch or dinner on November 11.

[Calhoun's](#) -- Veterans and active duty military get a free meal on November 11.

NEW [California Pizza Kitchen](#) -- Veterans and active military receive a free entrée from a special menu on November 11.

NEW [Cantina Laredo](#) -- Veterans and active duty military get a complimentary meal up to \$20 on November 11.

[Cattlemens](#) -- Active, inactive, and retired military personnel get a complimentary 8 oz. Sirloin Steak dinner on November 11.

[CentraArchy Restaurants](#) -- Veterans and active duty service members get a free entrée on November 12.

[Chevys Fresh Mex](#) -- On November 11 from 11am-10pm, veterans and active military personnel get a complimentary Fresh Mex 3-Item Combo.

[Chipotle](#)-- Active duty, National Guard, and retired military, military spouses with ID, and veterans get a buy-one-get-one (BOGO) deal from 5 p.m. to close on November 7.

[Chuck E. Cheese's](#) -- Military veterans get one free personal 1-topping pizza on November 11.

[Cicis Pizza](#) -- Get a free pizza buffet with Military ID on November 11.

[Cotton Patch Cafe](#) -- Veterans and active duty military get a free chicken fried steak or chicken fried chicken on November 11.

[Country Cookin](#) -- Veterans receive a free meal from 2 pm – 8 pm on Tuesday, November 14.

[Cracker Barrel](#) -- Veterans get a complimentary slice of Double Chocolate Fudge Coca-Cola Cake on November 11.

[Denny's](#) -- Active, inactive and retired military personnel get a free Build Your Own Grand Slam on November 10, from 5 a.m. to noon.

[Dunkin' Donuts](#) -- Veterans and active duty military get a free donut on November 11 at participating locations.

[Eat'n Park](#) -- All active and former military personnel will receive a 10% discount for the entire month of November at all locations.

[El Fenix](#) -- Active duty and retired military members get a free meal from a select menu on November 11.

[Famous Dave's](#) -- On November 11, former and current military personnel will receive a free Two Meat Salute.

[Farmer Boys](#) -- Veterans and active duty military receive a free Big Cheese cheeseburger on Friday, November 10.

NEW [Fazoli's](#) -- Active, inactive and retired military personnel get a free spaghetti with marinara or meat sauce from November 10 through 12.

[Firebirds Wood Fired Grill](#) -- Active duty military and veterans get a free lunch or dinner entrée on November 10 at participating locations.

[Friendly's](#) -- Friendly's is treating veterans and active military to a free breakfast, lunch or dinner from a limited menu on November 11.

[Gatti's Pizza](#) -- Veterans and active military members will receive a free buffet or a free medium 1-topping pizza for carryout on November 11.

NEW [Glory Days Grill](#) -- Veterans get a free appetizer or a regular order of boneless or grilled boneless wings on November 11.

[Golden Corral](#) -- Golden Corral Restaurants' Military Appreciation Night free dinner will be available on November 13, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Military retirees, veterans, active duty, National Guard and Reserves are all welcome.

[Green Mill Restaurant and Bar](#) -- Veterans and active duty military get a free meal on November 11.

NEW [Greene Turtle](#) -- Veterans and active duty military receive a free meal up to \$12 on November 11.

NEW [Hamburger Stand](#) -- Veterans and active duty military get a free hamburger, regular fries and a small Pepsi on November 11.

[Hickory Tavern](#) -- Veterans and active duty military get 50% off food and non-alcoholic beverages from a fixed menu on November 11.

[Hooters](#) -- Veterans and active duty military get a free meal from a select menu at participating locations on November 11.

NEW [Houlihan's](#) -- Active military and veterans receive one free entrée from a select menu on November 11.

[Hy-Vee](#) -- Veterans and active duty military members get a free breakfast buffet on November 11.

[IHOP](#) -- On November 10, participating restaurants offer veterans and active duty military free Red, White and Blue pancakes.

[JJ's Red Hots](#) -- Veterans and active duty get a free meal including unlimited hot dogs, sausages, sides and non-alcoholic drinks all day on November 11.

[Krystal](#) -- Participating locations will provide a free sausage biscuit to each person who presents a military ID from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on November 11.

[Little Caesars](#) -- Veterans and active military members receive a free \$5 Lunch Combo from 11:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. on November 11.

NEW [Logan's Roadhouse](#) -- Veterans and active duty military get a free entree from a special menu on November 11 from 11-4.

[Lucille's Smokehouse BBQ](#) -- During the month of November, active duty and veteran military personnel get 20% off. On Veterans Day, active duty military and veterans get a complimentary dessert on top of the 20%.

[Margaritas Mexican Restaurant](#) -- Veterans and active duty military will receive two complimentary entrees on November 11, one for themselves and one for their significant others at participating locations.

[Max & Erma's](#) -- On November 11, participating locations are offering veterans and active military personnel a free Best Cheeseburger in America.

[McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants](#) -- Veterans and Gold Star honorees (parents and spouse) can enjoy a free entrée from a special menu on November 5.

[Menchie's](#) -- Veterans and active military personnel get their first 6 ounces of frozen yogurt for free on November 11.

[Mimi's Cafe](#) -- Veterans or active duty military personnel can select from a special menu on November 11 for free. Drink purchase required.

[Mission BBQ](#) -- Veterans and active duty military get a free sandwich and a slice of cake on November 11.

NEW [Native Grill & Wings](#) -- Veterans and active duty service members receive any menu item up to \$11.99 for free on November 11.

[Ninety Nine Restaurant and Pub](#) -- On November 11 from 11 am to 4 pm, veterans and active military get a free meal with purchase of an entree.

NEW [O'Charley's](#) -- Veterans and active duty service members get a free \$9.99er entree on November 11.

[On the Border](#) -- Active and retired members of the military get a free combo meal on November 11.

[Outback Steakhouse](#) -- All active and retired service members a free Bloomin' Onion and a beverage on November 11. Additionally, November 12 through November 16, military members will receive 20% off their check and, beginning November 17, military will receive 10% off their check.

[Pancho's Mexican Restaurant](#) -- Veterans and active duty service members will receive a 25% discount on their bill, excluding alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages on Saturday, Nov. 11 and Monday, Nov. 13.

[Ponderosa Steakhouse](#) -- Veterans and active duty military get a free buffet on November 11.

NEW [Quaker Steak & Lube](#) -- On November 11, veterans and current service members can receive a complimentary or discounted meal of their choice.

NEW [Red Hot & Blue](#) -- Veterans receive a free entrée with the purchase of a second entrée and two drinks on November 11. Coupon required.

[Red Lobster](#) -- Veterans, active duty military and reservists get a free appetizer or dessert from a limited menu on November 11.

[Red Robin](#) -- Veterans and active duty military get a free Red's Tavern Double Burger with Bottomless Steak Fries on November 11.

[RibCrib](#) -- Veterans and active military personnel receive a free meal from a special menu on November 11.

[Rock & Brews](#) -- Veterans and active military personnel receive a complimentary meal on November 11.

[Ruby's Diner](#) -- Veterans and active duty military receive a free Ruby's adult entrée on November 11.

[Ruby Tuesday](#) -- Veterans, active duty and reserve service members get a free appetizer on November 11.

[Shari's Cafe and Pies](#) -- Current and former military get a free pancake breakfast all day on November 11.

[Shoney's](#) -- Veterans and active duty service members get a free All You Care To Eat breakfast from 6am – 11am on November 11.

[Sizzler](#) -- Sizzler offers active duty military and veterans a free lunch from a limited menu on November 11 until 4 p.m.

NEW [Spaghetti Warehouse](#) -- From November 10 through November 12 buy one entrée and get the second entrée free. Coupon required.

NEW [Tap House Grill](#) -- Active, inactive and retired military personnel get a complimentary meal on November 11.

[Texas Roadhouse](#) -- Texas Roadhouse locations nationwide will offer veterans a free lunch on November 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Offer is good for active duty, retired or former U.S. military.

[Village Inn](#) -- Veterans and active military personnel receive a free Inn-Credible V.I.B. Breakfast on November 11.

[White Castle](#) -- Veterans and active duty military receive a free combo meal on November 11.

[Wienerschnitzel](#) -- Veterans and active duty military receive a free Chili Dog, small fries and a small drink on November 11.

[Wild Wing Cafe](#) -- Veterans eat for free from select items on November 11 at participating locations.

[World of Beer](#) -- All veterans and current service members receive a free select draught beer or \$5 off your check on November 11.

NEW [Yard House](#) -- Veterans and active duty military receive a complimentary appetizer on November 11.

Good place to end this edition of Class Notes. Signing off until next month. Enjoy Veterans Day!